A Deep Dive Into Black Basta Ransomware

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Executive summary

Black Basta ransomware is a recent threat that compiled its first malware samples in February 2022. The ransomware deletes all Volume Shadow Copies, creates a new JPG image set as the Desktop Wallpaper and an ICO file representing the encrypted files. Unlike

other ransomware families, the malware doesn't skip files based on their extensions. However, it doesn't encrypt critical folders that would make the system inoperable.

The files are encrypted using the ChaCha20 algorithm, with the key and nonce being encrypted using the RSA public key that is hard-coded in the sample. The malware can fully or partially encrypt a file depending on its size. The extension of the encrypted files is changed to .basta by the ransomware.

Analysis and findings

SHA256: ae7c868713e1d02b4db60128c651eb1e3f6a33c02544cc4cb57c3aa6c6581b6e

The process displays "ENCRYPTION" in the program window using WriteFile:



Figure 2

The binary retrieves the process ID via a function call to GetCurrentProcessId:

SIP → 03520531 FF 15 3C 20 F9 00	<pre>call dword ptr ds:[<&GetCurrentProcessId>]</pre>	> ×	Default (stdcall)
dword ptr [00F9203C <malware.&getcurrentprocessid>]=<k< td=""><th>ernel32.GetCurrentProcessId></th><td></td><td>1: [esp] 21ECE138 2: [esp+4] 03045170 &"ALLUSERSPROFILE=C:\\Progra 3: [esp+4] 03045170 &"ALLUSERSPROFILE=C:\\Progra 4: [esp+C] 00CF9000 4: [esp+C] 00CF9000</td></k<></malware.&getcurrentprocessid>	ernel32.GetCurrentProcessId>		1: [esp] 21ECE138 2: [esp+4] 03045170 &"ALLUSERSPROFILE=C:\\Progra 3: [esp+4] 03045170 &"ALLUSERSPROFILE=C:\\Progra 4: [esp+C] 00CF9000 4: [esp+C] 00CF9000

Figure 3

The malicious process detaches itself from its console by calling the FreeConsole API:

BIC OOFBDEEC FF 15 5C 20 F9 00	call dword ptr ds: [<&FreeConsole>]	Default (stdcall)	▼ 5 🗘 🗆 Unlocke
dword ptr [00F9205C <malware.&freeconsole>]=<kernel3< th=""><td>2.FreeConsole></td><td>1: [esp] 21ECE13B 2: [esp+4] 03045170 d 3: [esp+8] 00FB5638 d 4: [esp+C] 00CF9000</td><td>&"ALLUSERSPROFILE=C:\\Progra malware.00FB5638</td></kernel3<></malware.&freeconsole>	2.FreeConsole>	1: [esp] 21ECE13B 2: [esp+4] 03045170 d 3: [esp+8] 00FB5638 d 4: [esp+C] 00CF9000	&"ALLUSERSPROFILE=C:\\Progra malware.00FB5638

Figure 4

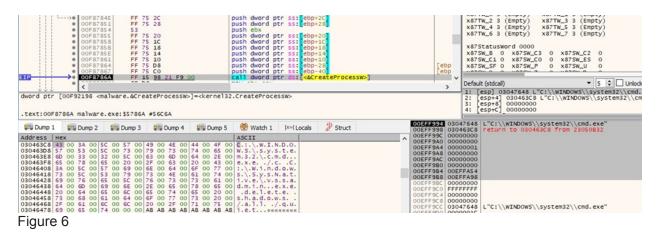
The executable obtains the "COMSPEC" environment variable value, which points to the command line:

					ASCIT							
Dump 1	Dump 2	Dump 3	Dump 4	Dump 5	💮 Watch 1	[x=] Locals	2 Struct	OOEFFAF OOEFFBO	00000			
nalware.00F	GAO7A malware.	exe:\$3A07A	#3947A						23	: [esp] 0 : [esp+4] : [esp+8] : [esp+C]	00000000 00FA00F8 '	"COMSPEC" nalware.00F85638
IP	OOF6A07 OOF6A07	75 53 76 50 77 89 50 A E8 0	8 0A 01 00		push malware push ebx push eax mov dword pt call malware	r ss: [ebp-1	.8] ,ebx		tupe 🗸 🗏		0 x87SW_C0 0 x87SW_P	0 x875W_C2 0 0 x875W_E5 0 0 x875W_U 0 - x875W_U 0



The ransomware deletes all Volume Shadow Copies by running the

"C:\Windows\SysNative\vssadmin.exe delete shadows /all /quiet" command, as highlighted below:



The sample waits until the spawned process finishes using the WaitForSingleObject routine:

EIP	• 00F7AE2D 00F7AE2E • 00F7AE2E	56 FF 15		00			itForSingleObject>]	> v	Defau	SW_SF 0 x875W_P	0	0 ▼ 5 € Unlock
	00F92190 <mal E2F malware.e</mal 			oject>]= <ker< td=""><td>nel32.WaitFo</td><td>rSingleObje</td><td>ct></td><td></td><td>2:</td><td>esp+4] FFFFFFF esp+8] 00000000 esp+C] 030481D3</td><td>"\\cmd.exe"</td><td></td></ker<>	nel32.WaitFo	rSingleObje	ct>		2:	esp+4] FFFFFFF esp+8] 00000000 esp+C] 030481D3	"\\cmd.exe"	
Dump 1	Dump 2	Dump 3	Dump 4	Dump 5	🛞 Watch 1	[x=] Locals	2 Struct	00EFFA40 000 00EFFA44 FFF				
Figure	7											

A similar process as above that deletes the Volume Shadow Copies is spawned:

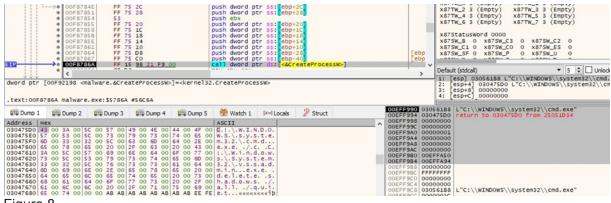


Figure 8

The binary extracts the path of the executable of the current process via a call to GetModuleFileNameW:

	 00F3D3A 00F3D3A 00F3D3A 	A 50 B 6A 0			oush 104 oush eax oush 0					x875W_C1 0 x875W_C0 x875W_SF 0 x875W_P	0 x87SW_ES 0 0 x87SW_U 0
EIP	OOF3D3A						tModuleFileNam	ew>]	> ×	Default (stdcall) 1: [esp] 00000000	🔻 💈 🗋 Unlock
	00F9204C <ma 3AD malware.</ma 			mew>]= <kerne< th=""><th>el32.GetModu</th><th>leFileNameW</th><th>></th><th></th><th></th><th>2: [esp+4] 00EFF910 3: [esp+8] 0000104 4: [esp+C] 21ECE1F7</th><th></th></kerne<>	el32.GetModu	leFileNameW	>			2: [esp+4] 00EFF910 3: [esp+8] 0000104 4: [esp+C] 21ECE1F7	
Dump 1	Dump 2	Dump 3	Dump 4	Dump 5	💮 Watch 1	[x=] Locals	3 Struct		68 000 6C 00E		
Address I Ve					ASCIT	1		. 00EFF7	70 000	000104	

Figure 9

The GetTempPathW API is utilized to retrieve the path of the Temp directory:

	 OOF486AF OOF486B0 OOF486BA OOF486BF OOF486C5 	68 FF 0 C7 07 0 C7 47 0	04 FB FF FF 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 04 30 35 FB		oush eax nov dword ptr oush 1FF nov dword ptr nov dword ptr	ds:[edi], ds:[edi+4	,malware.F	83530		x8 x8 x8	/statusword 0000 7SW_B 0 x87SW_C3 7SW_C1 0 x87SW_C0 7SW_SF 0 x87SW_P	5 0
ETF.	> 00F486CC	FF 15 4	L8 20 F9 00		all dword pt	In usel care	renpeatries	,	>	_	ault (stdcall)	5 🗘 🗌 Unlock
	OF92018 <malwa CC malware.exe</malwa 			kernel32.Ge	etTempPathW>					2:	[esp] 000001FF [esp+4] 00EFF538 [esp+8] 21ECE397 [esp+C] 0305690C	
Dump 1	Dump 2	Dump 3	Dump 4	Dump 5	🛞 Watch 1	[x=] Locals	2 Struct		00EFF504 00 00EFF508 00			
Figure 1	0											

A file called "dlaksjdoiwq.jpg" is created in the Temp directory (0x40 = **_SH_DENYNO**):

OOF51BA2 OOF51	(eax*4+i (ebp+8) wfsopen > x875%_C1 0 x875%_C0 0 x875%_E5 0 x875%_F0 0 x875%_U 0 Default (stdcall) 1: [esp] 030475D0 L*C: \\Users\\\\\AppData
.text:00F51BAF malware.exe:\$21BAF #20FAF #Dump 1 #Dump 2 #Dump 3 #Dump 4 #Dump 5 🛞 Watch 1 [x-]Locals 🌶 Struct	2: [csp+4] 000F9E708 L"wb" 3: [csp+6] 00000040 4: [csp+C] 00EFF96C 00EFF944 03047500 L"C:\\Users_\\AppData\\Local\\Temp\\d1 00EFF944 000040
Address Hex ASCII 030475D0 84 00 3A 00 5C 00 72 00 73 00 6 1.0 6 1.0 5C 00 72 00 70	<pre> OOEFF950 OOEFF96C OOEFF950 OOEFF96C OOEFF950 OOEFF96C OOEFF950 OOO00000 OOEFF950 OO000040 OOEFF950 OO000040 OOEFF950 OO000040 OOEFF950 OO000040 OOEFF950 OOEF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEF950 OOEFF950 OOEF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950 OOEFF950</pre>
Figure 11	

The process moves the file position indicator to the beginning of the file using the fsetpos function:

	7 4C push eax push dword	ptr_ds:[edi+4C] re.F6D596		x875W_SF 0 x875W_P 0 x875W_U 0		
	0 56 02 00 call malwa	re.F6D596		Default (stdcall)	🔻 5 💠 🗌 Unlock	
malware.00F6D596 .text:00F47EA1 malware.exe:\$17EA1	#172A1			1: [esp] 03058280 2: [esp+4] 00EFF938 3: [esp+8] 0000000 4: [esp+C] 0000000		
Dump 1 Dump 2 Dump 3	💷 Dump 4 🗱 Dump 5 👹 Watch 1	x= Locals 🖉 Struct	00EFF92C 03058280 00EFF930 00EFF938			
Address Hex 00EFF938 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	ASCII 68 F9 EF 00 64 63 F4 00h	uī.dc ō .	▲ 00EFF934 0000000 00EFF938 00000000			
Figure 12						

The WriteFile routine is used to populate the JPG file, which contains instructions from the threat actor:

	00F70775 00F70720 00F70721 00F70722 00F70725 00F70725 00F70725 00F70725 00F70720 € 00F70720 € 00F70720 € 00F70720 € 00F70720 € 00F70721 00F70721 00F70722 00F7072 00F7070 00F7072	re.&Write	F4 F8 <u>64 21 F9 0</u> eFile>]= <ke< th=""><th>0</th><th>push esi stosd lea eax,dwori push eax push dword p push ecx call dword p :eFile></th><th>tr ss: ebp-</th><th>C 8</th><th> ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~</th><th>X8 X8 X8 X8 X8 Def</th><th>75tatusword 0000 75w_B 0 x875w_C 75w_C1 0 x875w_C 75w_SF 0 x875w_P ault (stdcall) [esp+1] 00F922D0 [esp+4] 0000000</th><th>0 0 x87SW_ES 0 0 x87SW_U 0</th><th>)</th></ke<>	0	push esi stosd lea eax,dwori push eax push dword p push ecx call dword p :eFile>	tr ss: ebp-	C 8	 ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	X8 X8 X8 X8 X8 Def	75tatusword 0000 75w_B 0 x875w_C 75w_C1 0 x875w_C 75w_SF 0 x875w_P ault (stdcall) [esp+1] 00F922D0 [esp+4] 0000000	0 0 x87SW_ES 0 0 x87SW_U 0)
Dump 1	Dump 2	Dump 3	Dump 4	Dump 5	🛞 Watch 1	[x=] Locals	2 Struct	0EFF7C0 000 0EFF7C4 00F		C malware.00F922D	0	
Address He	ĸ				ASCII			0EFF7C8 000 0EFF7CC 00E				
00F922D0 FF	D8 FF E0 00 10	4A 46 4	9 46 00 01	01 01 01 20	yøyaJFIF.	10000		0EFF7D0 000				
Figure '	13											

Your network is encrypted by the Black Basta group. Instructions in the file readme.txt

Figure 14

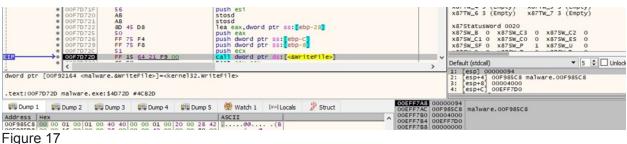
The newly created image is set as the Desktop Wallpaper using SystemParametersInfoW (0x14 = SPI SETDESKWALLPAPER, 0x1 = SPIF UPDATEINIFILE):

OOF3DF5 OOF3DF5 OOF3DF5 OOF3DF5 OOF3DF5 OOF3DF5 OOF3DF5 COF3DF4 C	2 OF 43 45 08 6 50 7 6A 00 9 6A 14 FF 15 E8 21 F9	push eax push 0 push 14	x,dword ptr ss:[d ptr ds:[<&Syst	ebp+8] emParametersInfow>]	[ebp eax:	x87 x87 x87 Defa	Statusmord 0000 Sw.B 0 x875w.C2 0 Sw.C1 0 x875w.C2 0 x875w.E2 0 Sw.SF 0 x875w.P 0 x875w.U 0 ut (stdcal) ▼ 5 € Unlock Fesp1 00000014
dword ptr [00F921E8 <ma .text:00F3DF5B malware.</ma 		ersInfoW>]= <user32.sys< th=""><th>temParametersInf</th><th>ow></th><th></th><th>2: 3:</th><th><pre>[csp+4] 00000000 [esp+8] 03056E18 L"C:\\Users\\ [esp+C] 00000001</pre></th></user32.sys<>	temParametersInf	ow>		2: 3:	<pre>[csp+4] 00000000 [esp+8] 03056E18 L"C:\\Users\\ [esp+C] 00000001</pre>
Dump 1 Dump 2	Dump 3 Dump 4		1 [x=] Locals	Struct	00EFFAF4 000 00EFFAF8 000	00000	
Address Hex 03056E18 43 00 3A 00 50 03056E28 5C 00 03056E38 44 00 61 00 7 03056E48 61 00 6C 00 50	5C 00 41 0 4 00 61 00 5C 00 4C 0 5 00 54 00 65 00 6D 0	0 6F 00 63 00 D.a.t.a.	\.A.p.p. \.L.o.c. e.m.p.\.		00EFFB00 000 00EFFB04 21E0 00EFFB08 00E	CE1CE FFBD8 SEAED	Pointer to SEH_Record[1] malware.00F8EAED

The executable creates an ICO file called "fkdjsadasd.ico" in the Temp directory:

00F51BA2 00F51BA2 00F51BA2 00F51BA2 malware.00F72CFF FF 75 10 FF 75 85 88 E6 F9 00 00551BA5 E8 45 11 02 00 C151BA5 E8 45 11 02 00 C151BA5 E8 45 11 02 00 C151BA5 E8 45 11 02 00 C151BA5 E8 45 12 00F51BA5 E8 4	(eax*4+ (ebp+8) wfsopen x875w_C1 0 x875w_C0 0 x875w_E5 0 x875w_SF 0 x875w_P 1 x875w_U 0 befault (stdcal) > > > (esp+8) 2: [esp+8] 00059E708 "wb" 3: [esp+6] 0005E708 "wb" 3: [esp+6] 0005E708 "wb"
## Dump 1 ## Dump 2 ## Dump 3 ## Dump 4 ## Dump 5	00EFF93C 03059178 L"C:\\Users\\\\AppData\\Loca\\Temp\\fk 00EFF933 00F9E708 L"wb" 00EFF934 0000040
Address HeX	<pre></pre>
Figure 16	

The ransomware writes content to the ICO file, which will represent the icon of the encrypted files:







Black Basta ransomware creates the ".basta\DefaultIcon" registry key using RegCreateKeyExW (0x80000000 = HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT, 0x103 = KEY_WOW64_64KEY | KEY_SET_VALUE | KEY_QUERY_VALUE):

	Jush ecx cmovae eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-F0] lea ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-F4] push oc push 0 push 103 push 103 push 0 push 0	eax:1	x87TW_O 3 (Empty) x87TW_1 3 (Empty) x87TW_2 3 (Empty) x87TW_8 3 (Empty) x87TW_6 3 (Empty) x87TW_8 2 (Empty) x87TW_6 3 (Empty) x87TW_7 3 (Empty) x87Su_6 0 x87SW_7 3 (Empty) x87TW_8 3 (Empty) x87Su_6 0 x87SW_7 3 (Empty) x87SW_8 0 x87SW_7 3 (Empty) x87SW_8 0 x87SW_7 0 x87SW_8 0 x87SW_9 0 x87SW_8 0 x87SW_9 0 x87SW_9 0 x87SW_9 0 x87SW_9 1 x87SW_9 0 x87SW_9 0 x87SW_9 0 Default (stdcall) * 5 1 Unlock 11 (esp1 30000000 : esp+6 00000000 12 (esp+6 00000000 : esp+6 00000000 13 (esp-5 00000000 : esp+6 00000000
Jump 1 Jump 2 Jump 3 Jump 4 Jump 4 Jump 5 Address Hex 000 935C6 000 00 01 00 40 00 00 01 00<	Watch 1 IP-el Locals Ø' Struct ODEFI ASCII	5954 8000 5958 0305 595C 0000 5400 0000 5404 0000 5408 0000 5408 0000 5408 0000 5404 0000 5410 0005 5414 0005	9208 L".basta\\DefaultIcon" 00000 00000 00000 190000 192000

The "(Default)" value of the above key is set to the path of the ICO file:

OOF3DE8F 51 OOF3DE90 6A 01 OOF3DE92 6A 00 OOF3DE92 6A 00 OOF3DE94 68 <u>5C D0 F9 00</u> OOF3DE99 FF B5 0C FF FF F OOF3DE99 FF B5 0C FF FF FF OOF3DE99 FF B5 00 0F 90 00	Jush eax Jush 1 Jush 1 Jush 1 Jush daware.F9DOSC Jush daward ptr 5s:[ebp-F4] Jush dword ptr ds:[<&RegSetValueExw>] .RegSetValueExw>	x875w_B x875w_C x875w_C x875w_S Default (str 1: [esp] 2: [esp] 3: [esp- 3: [esp-	
Ump 1 Ump 2 Ump 3 Ump 4 Ump 5	🛞 Watch 1 🛛 🕼 🖉 Struct	ODEFFA00 000001EE 00EFFA04 00F9D05C mal	ware.00F9D05C
Address Hex	ASCII	00EFFA08 00000000	
03056E18 43 00 3A 00 5C 00 55 00 73 00 65 00 72 00 73 00 03056E28 5C 00 5C 00 5C 00 41 00 70 00 70 00	C.:.\.U.s.e.r.s. \.A.p.p.		://Users// /\AppData//Local//Temp//fk
03056E38 44 00 61 00 74 00 61 00 5C 00 4C 00 6F 00 63 00	D.a.t.a.\.L.o.c.	00EFFA14 0000005C 00EFFA18 21ECE1CB	
03056E38 44 00 61 00 74 00 61 00 52 00 47 00 67 00 53 00 03056E48 64 00 65 00 55 00 54 00 65 00 60 00 70 00 55 00 03056E58 65 00 65 00 64 00 64 00 73 00 61 00 64 00 61 00	a.l.\.T.e.m.p.\.	00EFFA1C 00000001	
03056668173 00 64 0012E 00 69 00163 00 6F 00100 00 AD BA	s.di.c.o	00EFFA20 000001EE	hastal \ DofaultTroot
Figure 20			
Computer\HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\.basta\DefaultIcon			
au .au	^ Name	Type	Data
> .au3	ab (Default)	REG_SZ	C:\Users\\AppData\Local\Temp\fkdjsadasd.ico
> 🔜 .avi		neo_oz	
> bas			
V basta			
- Defaulticon			
Figure 21			

The malicious binary notifies the system that the icon has been changed by calling the SHChangeNotify function (0x08000000 = SHCNE_ASSOCCHANGED, 0x3000 = SHCNF_FLUSHNOWAIT):

Address H			0 DC C4 351		ASCII					FA10 0000 FA14 0000				
Dump 1		Dump 3	Dump 4	Ump 5	💮 Watch 1	[x=] Locals	Struct	t	OOEF	FA08 0800 FA0C 0000	00000			
	[OOF921E0 <ma] DEBO malware.e</ma]]= <she1132.5< th=""><th>HChangeNotify</th><th>/></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th>2: es 3: es</th><th>p] 08000000 p+4] 0000000 p+8] 0000000 p+C] 0000000</th><th>0</th><th></th></she1132.5<>	HChangeNotify	/>					2: es 3: es	p] 08000000 p+4] 0000000 p+8] 0000000 p+C] 0000000	0	
EIP 	00F3DEA5 00F3DEA7 00F3DEA9 00F3DEA8 00F3DEB6 00F3DEB8 00F3DEB8 00F3DEB8 00F3DEB7 00F3DEB7 00F3DEF7	6A 00 6A 00 68 00 FF 15 6A 00 6A 00 68 00 68 00 FF 15	00 00 08 E0 21 F9 0 30 00 00 00 00 08 E0 21 F9 0	0 C	ush 0 ush 0 ush 0 ush 8000000 all dword ptr ush 0 ush 0 ush 3000 ush 8000000 all dword ptr				_	, ·	x87TW x87Sta x87SW x87SW x87SW x87SW Default (C3 0 x87SW_C2 C0 0 x87SW_ES P 1 x87SW_U	pty) pty)

Figure 22

The malware starts scanning for volumes on the system using FindFirstVolumeW:

ere of spore	FF 15 80 20 F9 0		ptr_ds:[<&FindFirstVolume	>]	x875w_C1 0 x875w_E5 0 x875w_SF 0 x875w_E5 0 Default (stdcall) 1 x875w_U 0 12 csp-1 csp-1 csp-1 csp-1 2 csp-1 csp-1 csp-1 csp-1 csp-1 2 csp-1 csp-1 csp-1 csp-1 csp-1 csp-1 2 csp-1 csp-1
.text:00F3D048 malware.exe	:\$D048 #C448				3: [esp+8] 21ECE13F 4: [esp+C] 03045170 &"ALLUSERSPROFILE=C:\\Progr
Figure 23	Dump 3 🔛 Dump 4	🕮 Dump 5 🛛 🛞 Watch 1	[x=] Locals 🖉 Struct	00EFEF8C 00Ef 00EFEF90 0000	

GetVolumePathNamesForVolumeNameW is utilized to obtain the list of drive letters and mounted folder paths for the volume:



For each drive found, the process performs a call to the GetVolumeInformationW API (see figure 25). As opposed to other ransomware families, Black Basta only targets the mounted volumes and doesn't mount the hidden volumes.

	6A 00 6A 00 8D 85 00 F3 FF FF 50 6A 00 6A 00 6A 00 80 85 F0 F3 FF FF 5F 15 14 20 F9 00	push 0 push eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-C30] push eax push 0 push 0 push 0 push 0 push 0 lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-C10] push eax. call dword ptr ds:[<dgetvolumeinformationw>]</dgetvolumeinformationw>		eax:1	Default (stdcall) 👻 5 🕏 🗋 Unlock
dword ptr [00F92014 <malware .text:00F3D0A2 malware.exe:\$#</malware 		= <kernel32.getvolumeinformationw></kernel32.getvolumeinformationw>			1: [esp] 00EFEFD0 L"C:\\" 2: [esp+4] 00000000 3: [esp+8] 00000000 4: [esp+6] 00000000
Dump 1 Dump 2	ump 3 👹 Dump 4 👹 Dump	5 👹 Watch 1 🛛 🗐 Locals 🖉 Struct	OOEFEI	78 000	
Address Hex 00EFEFD0 43 00 3A 00 5C 00 0 00EFEFE0 14 F0 EF 00 30 F0 E 00FEFEF0 00 00 00 00 24 E1 E		00 .01.0010101.	00EFEI 00EFEI 00EFEI	7C 000 80 000 84 000 88 00E 88 00E	00000 00000 FEFB0

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The volume's enumeration continues by calling the FindNextVolumeW routine:

dword ptr [00F92078 <malware.&findnextvolumew>]=<kernel32.findnextvolumew></kernel32.findnextvolumew></malware.&findnextvolumew>									>	1: [6		EFF7D0 L"\		
										3: [6	sp+4] 00 sp+8] 00 sp+C] 21	000200	((())()))	unicitu/ e4/ 62

Figure 26

The ransomware extracts a standard set of attribute information from the drives found via a function call to GetFileAttributesExW (0x0 = **GetFileExInfoStandard**):

•	00F48298 50 00F48299 FF	00		ush ecx ush 0 ush eax all dword p	tr ds:[<mark><&Ge</mark>	tFileAttribut	esExW>]	eax	> V Def	7 SW_SF 0		1 x875W_	
dword ptr [00F92 .text:00F48299 m			esExW>]= <ker< th=""><th>nel32.GetFi</th><th>leAttribute</th><th>SEXW></th><th></th><th></th><th>2:</th><th>[esp+4] [esp+8]</th><th>EFFB68 L"C: 00000000 00EFF8C4 21ECE3CB</th><th></th><th></th></ker<>	nel32.GetFi	leAttribute	SEXW>			2:	[esp+4] [esp+8]	EFFB68 L"C: 00000000 00EFF8C4 21ECE3CB		
Dump 1	ump 2 🚺 Dump	3 💭 Dump 4	Ump 5	💮 Watch 1	[x=] Locals	3 Struct		00EFF884 00EFF888	0000000	D			
Address yey				ASCTT				00EFF88C	00EFF8C	4			

Figure 27

The ransomware creates a ransom note called "readme.txt" in every directory that is traversed, as highlighted in figure 28:

EIP	00F518 00F518 00F518 00F518	AS FF 3	5 10 4 85 <u>B8 E6</u> 5 08 8 11 02 00	F9 00	push dword push dword push dword call malware	otr ds:[eax	4+F9E6B8]	_	[eax*4+F [ebp+8]: wfsopen	Def	arsw_sr_0)	1	×875W_U	0 Unlock
malware.00F		exe:\$21BAF	#20FAF							2:	[esp+4] [esp+8]	00F9E708 00000040 00EFF810	L"wb"		
Dump 1	Dump 2	Dump 3	Dump 4	Dump 5	💮 Watch 1	[x=] Locals	2 Struct	OOEFF	ES 030481 EC 00F9E7	08 L'		me.txt"			
Address He	v				ASCTT	1		, OOEFF	F0 000000	10					

Figure 28

WriteFile is used to populate the ransom note:

	 00F7D725 00F7D726 00F7D726 FF 00F7D729 FF 00F7D72C 51 		0	push esi stosd lea eax,dwor push eax push dword p push ecx call dword p esFile>	tr ss: ebp- tr ss: ebp-	C 8		[ebp-	×87 ×87 ×87 ×87 ×87 ×87 ×87 ×87 ×87 ×87	Tw_6 3 Statusw Sw_B 0 Sw_C1 0 Sw_SF 0 Sw_SF 0 ult (stdcall [esp] 0 [esp+4] [esp+8]	0000204	x87TW_3 3 0 xi 0 0 xi 1 xi	875W_E5 875W_U	0
Dump 1	Dump 2 Dump 3	Dump 4	Ump 5	🛞 Watch 1	[x=] Locals	2 Struct		DEFF6F0 00 DEFF6F4 03		"Your	data are	stolen	and encr	ypted\r\nThe
Address He	x 6F 75 72 20 64 61 74	C1 20 C1 72		ASCII				DEFF6F8 00						
📄 readr	me.txt 🗵													
1	Your data	are st	olen	and en	crypt	ed								
2	The data w	ill be	publ	ished	on TO	R websi	te if y	you d	o n	ot 1	pay th	he 1	rans	om
3	You can co	ntact	us an	d decr	ypt o	ne file	for fr	ree o	n ti	his	TOR	site	2	
4	(you shoul	d down	load	and in	stall	TOR br	owser t	first	ht	tps	://to	rpro	ojec	t.org)
5	https://						v	olt33	s77	xypi	i7nyp	xyd.	.oni	on:80/
6														
7	Your compa	ny id	for 1	og in:					5-d	602	9110	361		
Figure	30													

The binary retrieves information about the current system by calling the GetNativeSystemInfo function:

(00F400E2] 50 (c) 1 50 (c) 150 (c) 150	> Default	(stdcall)
<pre>dword ptr [00F920A4 <malware.&getnativesysteminfo>]=<kernel32.getnativesysteminfo> .text:00F4D0E3 malware.exe:\$1D0E3 #1C4E3</kernel32.getnativesysteminfo></malware.&getnativesysteminfo></pre>	2: [e:	sp+4] 00EFFBC0 sp+8] 00F8E400 malware.00F8E400
Figure 31	SDS 00EFFSDC	

The malware creates multiple threads that will handle the file encryption. The function responsible for encryption is sub_F33DA0 and not the starting address of the thread:

OOF3248F 57 push edi OOF3249D 6A 00 push o OOF32492 52 OOF32492 52 push edx OOF32493 6A 00 push edx OOF32493 6A 00 push 0 OOF3249A 6A 00 push 0 OOF3249A 6A 00 call malware.F66904	x87StatusWord 0020 x87SW_B 0 x87SW_C3 0 x87SW_C2 0 x87SW_C1 0 x87SW_C0 0 x87SW_E5 0 x87SW_5 0 x87SW_P 1 x87SW_U 0 Default (stdcall) ▼ 5 ↓ Unlock
malware.00F6E904 .text:00F3249C malware.exe:\$249C #189C	2: [esp+4] 00000000 3: [esp+8] 00F33DA0 malware.00F33DA0 4: [esp+C] 03047AB8
00F3C480 55 88 EC 6A FF 68 3A E8 F8 00 64 A1 00 00 00 00 U.1jyhte.d 00F3C480 50 81 EC 88 03 00 00 A1 <u>84 35 F8 00</u> 33 C5 89 45 P.1j 50 3A E 00EFF900 0	0000000 0F33DA0 malware.00F33DA0 3047A88 0000000
Figure 32	
• 00F6E33D 51 push eck • 00F6E33E FF 75 18 push dword ptr ss: [ebp+18] • 00F6E341 50 push dword ptr ss: [ebp+18] • 00F6E342 68 AB E7 F6 00 push dword ptr ss: [ebp+18] • 00F6E343 FF 75 06 push dword ptr ss: [ebp+1] • 00F6E344 FF 75 06 push dword ptr ss: [ebp+2] • 00F6E345 FF 15 4C 21 F9 00 call dword ptr ss: [ebp+2] • 00F6E340 FF 15 4C 21 F9 00 call dword ptr ss: [ebp+2]	x87StatusWord 0020 x87SW_B 0 x87SW_C3 0 x87SW_C2 0 x87SW_C1 0 x87SW_C0 0 x87SW_E5 0 x87SW_5F 0 x87SW_P 1 x87SW_U 0 version 1 x
dword ptr [00F9214C <malware.&createthread>]=<kernel32.createthread> .text:00F6E94D malware.exe:\$3E94D #30D4D</kernel32.createthread></malware.&createthread>	2: [esp+4] 00000000 3: [esp+8] 00F6E7A8 malware.00F6E7A8 4: [esp+6] 03059208
00F3C480 SS 88 EC 6A FF 68 3A ES FS 00 04 00 00 00 01 111 00 00 00 01 111 00 00 00 01 111 00 00 00 01 111 00 00 00 01 111 00 00 00 01 111 00 00 00 01 111 00 00 00 00 01 111 00 00 00 01 111 00 00 00 01 111 00 00 00 01 111 00 00 00 01 111 00 00 00 111 00 00 00 111 00 00 00 111 00 00 00 111 00 00 111 00 00 111 00 00 111 111 00 <	0000000 0F6E7A8 malware.00F6E7A8 3059208 0000000
Figure 33	

The malicious process starts enumerating the files on the drive using FindFirstFileW:

OOF37A51 56 OOF37A52 0F 43 45 D4 OOF37A56 50 OOF37A55 50 OOF37A57 F 15 84 20 F9 00	push esi cmovae eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-2C] push eax call dword ptr ds:[<&FindFirstFilew>]	eax:1	75w_C1 0 x875w_C0 0 x875w_ES 0 75w_SF 0 x875w_P 1 x875w_U 0 ault (stdcal) ▼ 5 € Unlock [esp] 005FF910 L"C:*"
<pre>dword ptr [00F92084 <malware.&findfirstfilew>]=<kernel #6e57<="" .text:00f37a57="" malware.exe:\$7a57="" pre=""></kernel></malware.&findfirstfilew></pre>	32.FindFirstFilew>	2: 3: 4:	[esp+4] 03056898 [esp+4] 21ECE3E3 [esp+C]_00EFFA40 &"C:\\"
Imp 1 Imp 2 Imp 3 Imp 4 Imp 2 Figure 34	5 👹 Watch 1 🛛 🕅 Locals 🖉 Struct	00EFF8A4 00EFF910 00EFF8A8 03056898	D L"C:*"

As shown in figure 35, the following files/directories will be skipped:

- \$Recycle.Bin
- Windows
- boot
- readme.txt
- dlaksjdoiwq.jpg
- NTUSER.DAT
- fkdjsadasd.ico

.rdata:00F9D0A8	text "UTF-16LE",	'\$Recycle.Bin',0
.rdata:00F9D0C2	align 4	
.rdata:00F9D0C4 aWindows:	-	; DATA XREF: sub F3BBE0:loc F3BF44†o
.rdata:00F9D0C4	text "UTF-16LE",	'Windows',0
.rdata:00F9D0D4 aBoot:		; DATA XREF: sub F3BBE0:loc F3BF8Bto
.rdata:00F9D0D4	text "UTF-16LE",	'boot',0
.rdata:00F9D0DE	align 10h	
.rdata:00F9D0E0 aReadmeTxt:		; DATA XREF: sub F3B3D0+3Cto
.rdata:00F9D0E0		; sub F3BBE0:loc F3BFD5to
.rdata:00F9D0E0	text "UTF-16LE",	'readme.txt'.0
.rdata:00F9D0F6	align 4	
.rdata:00F9D0F8 aDlaksjdoiwgJp		; DATA XREF: sub_F3BBE0:loc_F3C01Fto
.rdata:00F9D0F8		; sub F3DCA0+5Cto
.rdata:00F9D0F8	text "UTF-16LE".	'dlaksjdoiwg.jpg',0
.rdata:00F9D118 aNtuserDat:	,	; DATA XREF: sub_F3BBE0:loc_F3C069to
.rdata:00F9D118	text "UTF-16LE",	
.rdata:00F9D12E	align 10h	,-
.rdata:00F9D130 aError755		,0 ; DATA XREF: sub_F3BBE0:loc_F3C29Dto
.rdata:00F9D13C aFkdjsadasdIco		; DATA XREF: sub_F3DB50+5Cto
.rdata:00F9D13C		'fkdjsadasd.ico',0
.rdata:00F9D15A	align 4	
Figure 35		

The FindNextFileW routine is utilized to continue the files enumeration:



Black Basta ransomware calls the GetFullPathNameW API with a targeted file as a parameter:

00F3FB27 6A 00 00F3FB29 FF 75 80 00F3FB2C FF 75 80 00F3FB2C FF 75 90 00F3FB2C FF 75 90 00F3FB2C FF 15 10 20 F9 00 00F3FB2F FF 15 10 20 F9 00	push 0 push dword ptr ss:[ebp-80] push dword ptr ss:[ebp-70] push eax call dword ptr ds:[<&GetFullPathNamew>]	eax1 eax1 befault (stdcall) ↓ 5 0 unlock
<pre>dword ptr [00F92010 <malware.&getfullpathnamew>]=<ker .text:00F3FB30 malware.exe:\$FB30 #EF30</ker </malware.&getfullpathnamew></pre>	ne132.GetFullPathNameW>	1: [esp] 03056850 L"C:\\\$WINRE_BACKUP_PARTITIO 2: [esp+4] 00000022 3: [esp+8] 03046430 4: [esp+C] 00000000
Ump 1 Ump 2 Ump 3 Ump 4 Um Dump 4	5 🛞 Watch 1 🛛 🕸 Locals 🖉 Struct	002FF590 03056850 L"C:\\\$WINRE_BACKUP_PARTITION.MARKER" 00EFF894 00000022
Address Hex	ASCII	00EFF898 03046430 00EFF89C 00000000
Figure 37		

The process obtains a standard set of attribute information for the file via a call to GetFileAttributesExW:

	 00F4829 00F4829 00F4829 	6A 00			push ecx push 0 push eax				ea	x:L		x875W_C0 x875W_P	0 x87SW_E 1 x87SW_U	
EIP	→• <u>00F482</u>		0C 20 F9 0	0	call dword p	tr ds:[<&Ge	EFTTEATTIO	itesexw>j		> 00	ault (stdcall)	046430 1 "0		▼ 5 ÷ Unlock
	[00F9200C <ma< th=""><th></th><th></th><th>esExW>]=<ke< th=""><th>rnel32.GetFi</th><th>leAttribute</th><th>ESEXW></th><th></th><th></th><th>2: 3: 4:</th><th>[esp+4] [esp+8]</th><th>000000000 00EFF978 21ECE317</th><th></th><th></th></ke<></th></ma<>			esExW>]= <ke< th=""><th>rnel32.GetFi</th><th>leAttribute</th><th>ESEXW></th><th></th><th></th><th>2: 3: 4:</th><th>[esp+4] [esp+8]</th><th>000000000 00EFF978 21ECE317</th><th></th><th></th></ke<>	rnel32.GetFi	leAttribute	ESEXW>			2: 3: 4:	[esp+4] [esp+8]	000000000 00EFF978 21ECE317		
Dump 1	Dump 2	Dump 3	Dump 4	Dump 5	💮 Watch 1	[x=] Locals	2 Struct		00EFF93C	0000000	0	WINRE_BAC	KUP_PARTITIO	N.MARKER"
Figure					ACCTT	1			00EFF940	00EFF97	8			

The ransomware has embedded a list of extensions (.exe, .cmd, .bat, and .com) in a section; however, it still encrypts these file extensions.

The executable retrieves the thread identifier of the calling thread using GetCurrentThreadId:

EIP 00F450F9 E8 F0 7F 00 00	call <malware.getcurrentthreadid></malware.getcurrentthreadid>	> Default (stdcall)	▼ 5 🗘 🗌 Unlocke
<malware.getcurrentthreadid></malware.getcurrentthreadid>		2: [esp+4] 00F3C29A	malware.00F3C29A
		3: [esp+8] 21ECE113 4: [esp+C] 00EFFBD4	"C:\\"
Figure 30			

Figure 39

The malicious process blocks the main thread until all encryption threads finish execution (see figure 40).

	 00F45 00F45 00F45 	105 FF 108 FF	76 04 86	push dword p push dword p	tr ds:[esi	+4]]				x87SW_C1 0 x87SW_SF 0		0 x875W_ 1 x875W_	
malware.00F45	4DOF4		#1450A	call malware	. F 4D 0F 4			Th	rd_join ∨ >	Default (stdcall) 1: [esp] 00 2: [esp+4] 3: [esp+8]	000204 00000FD8 00000000 00000000	• 5	🕈 🗌 Unlock
Dump 1	Dump 2	Dump 3	Dump 4	🕮 Dump 5 🛛 👹 Watch 1	[x=] Locals	2 Struct	00E	FF9F8	00000204 00000FD8	-			
Figure				ASCTT			. 00E	FF9FC	00000000				

Thread activity – sub_F33DA0 function

The GetFileAttributesW API is utilized to retrieve file system attributes for a targeted file:

Correct 50 Fr 15 44 20 F9 00 Call dword ptr ds:[< <sgetfileattributesw>] Call dword ptr ds:[<<sgetfileattributesw>]</sgetfileattributesw></sgetfileattributesw>	eax:1 Default (stdcal)
<pre>dword ptr [00F92044 <malware.&getfileattributesw>]=<kernel32.getfileattributesw> .text:00F3C9CD malware.exe:\$C9CD #BDCD</kernel32.getfileattributesw></malware.&getfileattributesw></pre>	2: [ssh+1] 1477502C 3: [ssh+1] 03053810 4: [ssh+2] 0305820 4: [ssh+2] 03045928
Figure 41	OSSSEDER 03050830 L"\\\?\C:\\\$WINRE_BACKUP_PARTITION.MARKEP

The malicious process opens a file for reading using wfsopen:

00F51BA2 00F51BA2 00F51BA2 00F51BA2 00F51BAC 00F51BAC 00F51BAC 00F51BAC	FF 75 10 FF 34 85 <u>B8 E6 F9 00</u> FF 75 08 E8 48 11 02 00	push dword ptr ss: [ebp+] push dword ptr ds: [eax*4 push dword ptr ss: [ebp+8 call malware.F72CFF	+F9E6B8]	[eax*4+f [ebp+8]: wfsopen v	x875W_SF 0 x875W_P 0 Default (stdcall)	x875W_U 0
malware.00F72CFF .text:00F51BAF malware.exe:\$	21BAF #20FAF				1: [esp] 03051C80 L"\\\\? 2: [esp+4] 00F9E730 L"r+b' 3: [esp+8] 00000040 4: [esp+C] 0555F88C	\\C:\\\$WINRE_BACKUP
How Dump 1 How Dump 2 How D Address Likey Figure 42	ump 3 🛛 🕮 Dump 4 💭 Dump 5	Watch 1 [x=] Locals [ascTT [2 Struct	0555F864 03051C80 0555F868 00F9E730 0555F86C 00000040		UP_PARTITION.MARKEF

The ransomware moves the file pointer to the position of the last 4 bytes. Whether the file would be encrypted, these would represent the length of the encrypted ChaCha20 key and nonce, as we'll see later on:

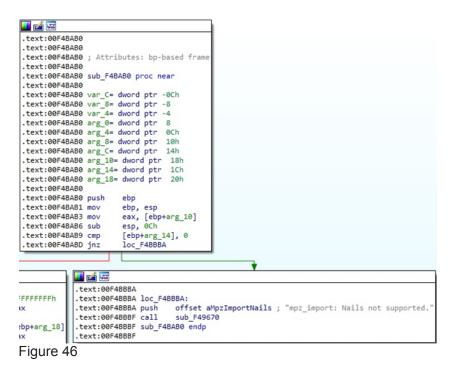
00F7F069 00F7F06A 00F7F06D 00F7F06D 00F7F07D 00F7F07D	51 FF 75 10 FF 75 0C 50 FF 15 <u>B4 21 F9 00</u>	push dword ptr ss:[ebp+10] push dword ptr ss:[ebp+C] push eax call dword ptr ds:[<&SetFilePointerEx>]	~	x875wL2 0 x875wL2 0 x875wL2 0 x875wL2 0 x875wL0 0 x875wL5 0 x875wL9 0 x875wL9 0 x875wL9 0 x875wL9 0 Default (stdcall) ▼ 5 □ Unode			
	> >						
Dump 1 Dump 2 Dump 2 Address Hex 0555F794 FC FF FF FC FF F	ump 3 💭 Dump 4 💭 Dump 5	ASCII	0555F778 0000 0555F77C 0000 0555F780 0000 0555F784 0555 0555F784 0555	00000 00000 57794			

Figure 43

Black Basta ransomware generates 32 random bytes representing the ChaCha20 key and then 8 bytes representing the nonce using rand_s:

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.text:00F3D690				
.text:00F3D690 loc_F3D				
.text:00F3D690 lea	eax, [ebp+arg_0]			
.text:00F3D693 push	eax			
.text:00F3D694 call	rand_s			
.text:00F3D699 mov	al, byte ptr [ebp+arg 0]			
.text:00F3D69C add	esp, 4			
.text:00F3D69F mov	[esi+edi], al			
.text:00F3D6A2 inc	esi			
.text:00F3D6A3 cmp	esi, 28h ; '('			
.text:00F3D6A6 jb	short loc F3D690			
	_	1		
Figure 44				
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Address Hex			1	ASCII
	C E1 9E 49 F7 5D D	2 E9 DF 20 69 DC		i.¼á.I÷]Òéß iÜû¬
03051758 C8 04 3	4 F2 54 81 E3 CO A	7 AE E9 13 59 BD	6B E3	È.4ò⊤.ãÀ§®é.Y½kã
03051768 15 3A A	E 48 18 18 7A CE A	B AB AB AB AB AB	AB AB	.:®Kzl«««««««««
Figure 45				

The binary implements the RSA algorithm using the Mini-GMP library, which is fully available on <u>Github</u>:



t ecx, ecx short loc_F4BE32	.text:00F4C2B0
*	
text:00F4BDCD jz	loc_F4C2B0
text:00F4BDCA mov	[ebp+var_18], edi
text:00F4BDC8 sub	edi, edx
text:00F4BDC6 xor	edi, edx
text:00F4BDC3 mov	[ebp+var_24], ecx
text:00F4BDC1 mov	edi, eax
text:00F4BDC0 cdq	
text:00F4BDBE sub	ecx, edx
text:00F4BDBC xor	ecx, edx
text:00F4BDB9 mov	eax, [esi+4]
text:00F4BDB7 mov	ecx, eax
text:00F4BDB6 cda	can, [canit]
text:00F4BDB2 push	eax, [eax+4]
text:00F4BDB2 push	esi, [ebp+arg_C] edi
text:00F4BDAE push text:00F4BDAF mov	
text:00F4BDAB mov	eax, [ebp+arg_8] esi
text:00F4BDA8 mov	[ebp+var_1C], eax
text:00F4BDA6 xor	eax, eax
text:00F4BDA3 sub	esp, 60h
text:00F4BDA1 mov	ebp, esp

Figure 47

The RSA public key used to encrypt the randomly generated ChaCha20 key and the nonce is presented in the figure below:

.rdata:00F9D1F8	aZz11ttcaoj0zrc db	zz11tTCaoj0ZRc3xITYjF3g80U80BkMvQR3vA/EVuVXFMg+jdmyjEhLhEqLATJKqg'	
.rdata:00F9D1F8		; DATA XREF: sub_F3D680+188†o	
.rdata:00F9D1F8	db	'/BnWIq2T6dpvX6ycqNxo6FYbjbmS2nmsznwRNN6e04vyXIo7c2gbWh0rS51qSIVPs'	
.rdata:00F9D1F8	db	'0r2kF0mj0ES6ukt9/7gXUB7qAfQp2eY2iraxqpI4YUM5A2EK+AYNbXYmv2qqABYbB'	
.rdata:00F9D1F8	db	QuhX0yHu6z24cC4GrNRVKtL0wk1FeY6JFSzG70zcfHZJxo23oArVb/c0ZGZyMhcrN	
.rdata:00F9D1F8		'X17bGLTPIu9ZGz+TV1jo76cvi/DF5qPfh7jq5VBzHMNXEYfdedxMe9rate17YZMAI'	
.rdata:00F9D1F8	db	'EUhJPeb9oGAeN9n8jf6HHTASx48+bU6Vn+EFG4a1JHoEj/KGY0nw6FwN8Wex50v11'	
.rdata:00F9D1F8	db	'a/U5qQtOURCJOo3EaOHuPGO2eVUVMIeOS6iabcbIVR3POrdNEi5Bt6bTgZs01Si1Q'	
.rdata:00F9D1F8		'XRu4eT3jCTSjlFxU8VRruAinyOOLi6vI2pUgcRJaxFRwldzyUuX5kd67/0JyXHTuw'	
.rdata:00F9D1F8		'VkiMTuFtpCnyj+7bMfg46LXIXC4PtzQvgxDewRppyzmT5Sdx28TXOwTwaGvMiZhll'	
.rdata:00F9D1F8	db	'y+66Nu+wmepHZ7u/WTDJg9H8V/AZbVDatAZ1vFy2tZws3IFVNE6dqI61vIzgPca4o'	
.rdata:00F9D1F8	db	xyi8+5JIhoZdSRpW05+A8vk0AkMMPNgGU=',0	
Figure 48			

The process constructs the initial state of ChaCha20 using the key, the nonce, and some constant values:

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.text:00F368D0	
.text:00F368D0	
.text:00F368D0	; Attributes: bp-based frame
.text:00F368D0	
.text:00F368D0	sub_F368D0 proc_near
.text:00F368D0	
	arg_0= dword ptr 8
	arg_4= dword ptr 0Ch
.text:00F368D0	
.text:00F368D0	
.text:00F368D1	
.text:00F368D3	
.text:00F368D4	
.text:00F368D7	
.text:00F368D8	
.text:00F368DA	
.text:00F368E0	
.text:00F368E7 .text:00F368EE	
.text:00F368F5	
.text:00F368F9	
.text:00F368FD	
.text:00F36900	
.text:00F36902	
Figure 49	
Address	Hex ASCII
0555F870	65 78 70 61 6E 64 20 33 32 2D 62 79 74 65 20 6B expand 32-byte k
0555F880	
	C8 04 34 F2 54 81 E3 C0 A7 AE E9 13 59 BD 6B E3 E. 4oT. ãA§@é. Y%kã
0555F8A0	
	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
Figure 50	
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The sample obtains the current position in the targeted file by calling the fgetpos function:

00F47AC4 50 00F47AC5 FF 77 4C	push eax push dword ptr_ds:[edi+4C]	x875W_SF 0 x875W_P 0 x875W_U 0
ICOLUCIA ES EF SS 02 00 Coll malware. F6008C		fgetposi Default (stdcall) Is S Index > 1: [esp-1] 03052308 2: [esp+4] 0555F778 3: [esp+4] 000000000000000000000000000000000000
.text:00F47AC8 malware.exe:\$17AC8 #16EC8	Dump 5 🧐 Watch 1 🛛 🕸 Struct	4: [esp+C]_0555F948 0555F758 03052308
Figure 51	Dump 5 🥨 watch I 🖓 I Locais 🥢 Struct	0555F75C 0555F778

The file content is read by the process via a call to the _read function:

00F7D861 55 00F7D862 57 00F7D863 50 00F7D863 50	push esi push edi eati malware,F7EASC	read v	x875W_C1 0 x875W_C0 0 x875W_E5 0 x875W_SF 0 x875W_P 0 x875W_U 0 Default (stdcall)
malware.00F7EASC .text:00F7D864 malware.exe:\$4D864 #4CC64			1: [esp] 00000003 2: [esp+4] 03059530 3: [esp+8] 00001000 4: [esp+C] 03052308
Image: Constraint of the state of	ASCII	0555F64C 00000 0555F650 0305 0555F654 0000 0555F658 0305	9530 return to 03059530 from 18058888 1000 2308

The content is encrypted by the ChaCha20 algorithm 64 bytes at a time:

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.text:00F454C7	2 m c .
.text:00F454C7 loc_F4	54C7:
.text:00F454C7 add	ecx, [ebp+var_18]
.text:00F454CA xor	ebx, ecx
.text:00F454CC mov	edx, [ebp+var_1C]
.text:00F454CF rol	ebx, 10h
.text:00F454D2 add	edx, ebx
.text:00F454D4 mov	esi, edx
.text:00F454D6 xor	esi, [ebp+var_14]
.text:00F454D9 rol	esi, OCh
.text:00F454DC add	ecx, esi
.text:00F454DE mov	[ebp+var 40], ecx
.text:00F454E1 xor	ecx, ebx
.text:00F454E3 mov	ebx, [ebp+var_34]
.text:00F454E6 rol	ecx, 8
.text:00F454E9 mov	[ebp+var_1C], ecx
.text:00F454EC add	ecx, edx
.text:00F454EE mov	edx, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00F454F1 mov	[ebp+var_48], ecx
.text:00F454F4 xor	ecx, esi
.text:00F454F6 rol	ecx, 7
.text:00F454F9 mov	[ebp+var_4C], ecx
.text:00F454FC mov	ecx, [ebp+var_10]
.text:00F454FF add	ecx, [ebp+var 20]
.text:00F45502 xor	ebx, ecx
.text:00F45504 rol	ebx, 10h
.text:00F45507 add	edx, ebx
.text:00F45509 mov	esi, edx
text:00F4550B xor	esi, [ebp+var 10]
text:00F4550E rol	esi, OCh
text:00F45511 add	ecx, esi
text:00F45513 mov	[ebp+var 34], ecx
text:00F45516 xor	ecx, ebx
.text:00F45518 mov	ebx, [ebp+var 38]
.text:00F4551B rol	ecx, 8
text:00F4551E mov	[ebp+var 4], ecx
text:00F45521 add	ecx, edx
.text:00F45523 mov	edx, [ebp+var 8]
.text:00F45526 add	edx, edi
.text:00F45528 mov	[ebp+var_54], ecx
.text:00F4552B xor	ebx, edx
.text:00F4552D xor	ecx, esi
.text:00F4552F mov	esi. [ehn+var 24]
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Address	He	ĸ															ASCII
03059530	5 B	C1	DC	7B	0F	DD	4B	0D	56	AC	5C	2B	73	FC	89	2A	[AÜ{.ÝK.V¬\+sü.*
03059540	DE	FD	1F	9F	4A	2A	68	AB	B 5	FB	7C	8D	B6	87	C8	E3	Þý]*h«µû .¶.Èã
03059550	6C	74	77	2F	F6	95	2D	8D	65		99				F8	74	ltw/öeL.y¤Êøt
03059560	0D	D1	8C	35	A7	A2	1C	E3	DF	21	F9	C6	B 3	97	D3	BF	.N.5§¢.ãß!ùÆ*.Ó¿
03059570	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
03059580	41		41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	ААААААААААААААА
03059590	41		41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	ААААААААААААААА
030595A0	41		41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	ААААААААААААААА
030595B0	41		41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	ААААААААААААААА
030595C0	41		41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	ААААААААААААААА
030595D0	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	ААААААААААААААА
030595E0	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	ААААААААААААААА
030595F0	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	ААААААААААААААА
03059600	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
Figure 5	4																

The encrypted data is written back to the file using the WriteFile API:

	jmp_dword_ptr_ds:[<&writeFile>]	Write >	✓ Default (stdcall) ✓ 5 🗘 🗌 Unlock 1: [esp+4] 00000240
<pre>Jump is taken dword ptr [76AD0EC0 <kernel32.&writefile>]=<kernelbase .text:76ACE250 kernel32.dll:\$6E250 #5F250 <writefile></writefile></kernelbase </kernel32.&writefile></pre>	WriteFile>		2: [esp+8] 03059530 3: [esp+C] 0000040 4: [esp+10] 0555F534
Ump 1 Ump 2 Ump 3 Ump 4 Ump 9	6 👹 Watch 1 🛛 🕸 Locals 🖉 Struct	0555F50C 00	
Address Hex 03059530 58 C1 DC 78 0F DD 48 00 56 AC 5C 28 73 FC 89 03059540 DE FD 1F 9F 14A 2A 68 AB 85 FB 7C 80 86 87 C8 03059550 56 AT 77 2F F6 95 20 80 65 4C 97 79 44 CA F8 03059550 00 D1 4C 35 A7 A2 CE 83 DF 21 F9 F6 89 7 D3	E3 ÞýJ*h«µûl.¶.Éā 74 ltw/öeL.y¤Éot	0555F514 00 0555F518 05 0555F51C 00 0555F520 FF	55F534

Figure 55

The buffer containing the RSA encrypted ChaCha20 key and nonce is appended to the encrypted file. The length of the encrypted information (0x200 = 512) is added as well:

00F7D725 50 00F7D726 FF 7 00F7D729 FF 7 00F7D729 FF 7	5 F4 push eax 5 F8 push dword 5 F8 push dword 15 <u>64 21 F9 00</u> call dword teFile>]= <kernel32.writefile></kernel32.writefile>	ord ptr ss:[ebp-28] ptr ss:[ebp-6] ptr ss:[ebp-8] ptr ds:[<dwritefile>]</dwritefile>		Average Average Average Average Average X87TW_6 S (Empty) X87TW_7 S (Empty) X87SW_6 0 X87SW_C2 0 X87SW_10 X87SW_C2 0 X87SW_C2 0 X87SW_10 X87SW_C0 0 X87SW_C2 0 X87SW_C2 0 X87SW_5F 0 X87SW_0 0 X87SW_U2 0 0 Default (stdcall) X87SW_0 0 X87SW_U2 0 0 12: (esp+4) 03059304 5: (esp+6) 0905204 5: 0 0 13: (esp+6) 0905204 5: 5: Unlock 0 <td< th=""></td<>
Dump 1 Dump 2 Dump 3	🕮 Dump 4 🛛 👹 Dump 5 💮 Watch 1	[x=] Locals 🌮 Struct		59530 return to 03059530 from 18058888
Address Hex	ASCII	^	0555F77C 000 0555F780 055	
03059530 36 B4 11 C7 6A DC 79 BD 03059540 3E 62 E9 A9 B1 0C A6 BC 03059550 95 91 98 C9 A5 02 63 BC	98 C4 95 07 64 E9 B1 04 6 .CjUy%.	Adé±.	0555F784 000	00000
03059550 95 91 98 C9 A5 02 63 BC	93 8A DF DA 8B 79 A8 05 ɥ. c%.	.BÚ.y .	0555F788 FFF 0555F78C 000	
03059560 A5 BB 5F 94 FC 74 5A B3	59 9E AS D1 32 83 D7 5E ¥»UTZ*Y	*N2.X^	05555790 000	00000
Figure 56				

The encrypted file extension is changed to ".basta" using MoveFileW:

	00F3DB39 00F3DB3A 00F3DB3B	50 51 FF 15 58 20 F		oush eax oush ecx call dword p	tr ds:[<mark><&Mo</mark>	weFileW>]		eax:L ecx:L	x87SW_SF	 0 x875₩_U	0 Unlock
dword ptr [000 .text:00F3DB3		re.&MoveFileW>]= :\$DB3B #CF3B	<kernel32.move< td=""><td>FileW></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>2: [esp+4] 3: [esp+8]</td><td>\\\\?\\C:\\\$</td><td>WINRE_BAC</td></kernel32.move<>	FileW>					2: [esp+4] 3: [esp+8]	\\\\?\\C:\\\$	WINRE_BAC
Figure 57		Dump 3 🗰 Dump	4 🚛 Dump 5	👹 Watch 1	x= Locals	2 Struct	0555F910 03051C18 0555F914 03057EF0				

Case 1 – File size < 704 bytes

In this case, the entire file content is encrypted by the ransomware:

SWINRE_BACKUP_PARTITION.MARKER.basta

Offset(h)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E	OF	
00000000	5B	C1	DC	7B	OF	DD	4B	0D	56	AC	5C	2B	73	FC	89	2A	ĂÜ{.ÝK.V¬\+sü‰*
00000010	DE	FD	lF	9F	4A	2A	68	AB	B5	FB	7C	8D	B6	87	C8	E3	Þý.ŸJ*h«µû .¶‡Èã
00000020	6C	74	77	2F	F6	95	2D	8D	65	4C	99	79	A4	CA	F8	74	ltw/öeL™y¤Êøt
00000030	OD	D1	8C	35	A7	A2	10	E3	DF	21	F9	C6	B3	97	D3	BF	.NE5S¢.ãB!ùE'-Ó¿
00000040	34	89	77	B5	EA	C9	AD	3C	A9	FA	AB	80	A7	CE	7A	E7	4‱wµêÉ.<©ú≪€§Îzç
00000050	7E	4F	67	DE	41	36	51	BB	DF	43	99	69	7F	15	55	08	~OgPA6Q»BC™iU.
00000060	4C	D9	8B		77							38	_	18	4B	79	LÙ< +wøÙYz©p8¥.Ky
00000070	FD	5D			56									52		66	ý]þqVó &.)P.TR.f
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00000090	70				E6											2B	&¿}æ°äõõâ+
000000A0					70							Fl			8A		t6A^ ë Šþû€ñèWŠ-
000000B0					33												?(3`ŸaÜ.}w´^
000000000					4B									DS	32		xE.æKÆë%ŠtÂþIØ2¦
000000D0					A2										_		FCâö¢é××ùñQÒn¾kS
000000E0					6A		79			C4		07			B1		6'.ÇjÜy⁵s>Ä•.dé±.
000000F0				-	Bl		_									79	>b驱.¦41; cm.°Òy
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00000110					FC											5E	¥» "ütZ'Yž¥Ñ2f×^
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00000180					F7												<.iK÷à.ÿS襩š{š.
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00000220					62												¢YÞVbNÐ.ÚÚzMª.ñô
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00000230	06	5B			95		71				54						.[f< .qGe.T'úx
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00000250	CD		CB		75								CA			67	Í.Ëju«Ü®®»?mÊ.ág
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000002C0																16	‰W°ü. ܱ¢¦ßEx1
000002D0				_		19	/E	21	32	12	80	17	rA	80	80	85	5.Nú¥y~/2.€.ú¶Œ
000002E0	00	02	00	00													
Figure 58																	

Case 2 – File size < 4KB

In this case, the file is partially encrypted. The ransomware encrypts 64 bytes, skips 192 bytes, encrypts 64 bytes again, and so on.

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Offset(h)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	OD	0E	OF	
00000000	6C	FE	7A	E5	94	39	63	Al	A6	19	45	42	65	B3	1F	83	lþzå"9c;¦.EBe'.
00000010	F4	A2	25	4E	22	2F	62	E9	6A	E2	19	5E	97	AF	91	40	ô¢%N"/béjâ.^-'
00000020	5C	45	AO	96	2B	36	C6	69	1A	74	D3	EE	1A	73	71	F2	\E -+6Ei.tÓî.sg
00000030	97	5C	44	08	E2	CF	2E	98	99	DC	BF	57	DC	El	58	65	-\D.âÏ.~™Ü¿WÜÁX
00000040	_		41							41			41	41	41	41	ААААААААААААААА
00000050	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААА
00000060	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААА
00000070	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААА
00000080	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААА
00000090	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	ААААААААААААА
000000A0	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААА
000000B0	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААА
000000000	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААА
00000000	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААА
000000E0	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААА
000000F0	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	
00000100	35	08	A4	ED	AB	D6	81	C7	3B	8A	04	BA	65	2C	25	13	5.¤í«Ö.C;Š.°e,%
00000110	94	7B	E4	Al	CE	AD	9B	DO	1F	6C	9F	DA	66	7F	66	DO	"{ä;Î.>Đ.1ŸÚf.1
00000120	3D	1A	54	D4	4F	95	A4	31	D6	FC	FA	9F	B3	AB	F3	03	=. TÔO•¤1ÖüúŸ³«ở
00000130	15	1D	B8	62	3F	9D	1B	FO	DD	29	16	13	76	5E	19	FE	,b?ðÝ)v^.
00000140	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	
00000150	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	
00000160	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	
00000170	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	
00000180	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	
00000190	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	
000001A0	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААА
000001B0	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	
000001C0	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	
000001D0		41								41							
000001E0	41	41	41							41							
000001F0		41	_				41			41							
00000200		4D		33						10	_			OF	_	60	`M.3@βÔ~áÅÓ
00000210	-			45						37				5E		45	z™~E5u.N\$7I\I^k
00000220				E4		_				DA							á‰%ä.ïü".Úbñu €
00000230							_			26						_	@¿`',,90°e&jRbA
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Case 3 – File size > 4KB

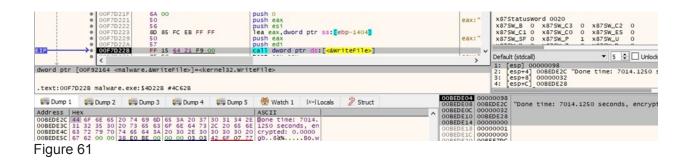
In this case, the file is partially encrypted. The ransomware encrypts 64 bytes, skips 128 bytes, encrypts 64 bytes again, and so on.

😰 4KB.exe.basta

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Offset(h)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	00	0D	0E	OF	
00000F30	lF	1F	75	45	88	Dl	FE	36	E4	C1	18	EF	37	0A	58	FC	uE^Ñþ6äÁ.ï7.Xü
00000F40	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААААА
00000F50	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААААА
00000F60	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААААА
00000F70	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААААА
00000F80	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААААА
00000F90	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААААА
00000FA0	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААААА
00000FB0	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	АААААААААААААААА
00000FC0	70	98	6C	3E	D2	19	3C	A8	51	C8	01	CB	FO	F9	76	OF	p~1>Ò.< QÈ.Ëðùv.
00000FD0	El	63	4A	31	AO	1E	D3	AF	99	F6	98	B 3	92	89	9F	DA	ácJl .Ó™ö~³'‰ŸÚ
00000FE0			F2														.àòžP#À'"zÔUF2>.
00000FF0	C9	FA	DB	8C	12	55	9E	5C	89	6E	69	DF	11	E6	5A	26	ÉúÛŒ.Už\%niß.æZ&
00001000	5C	35	42	5A	CC	47	79	1A	CA	FF	F9	A3	A2	C5	28	59	\5BZÌGy.Êÿù£¢Å(Y
00001010	F7	57	OD	06	D3	F7	81	24	65	7F	1A	2C	7F	82	AE	C9	÷WÓ÷.\$e,.,⊗É
00001020	4D	12	18	EE	EE	92	FF	57	B3	2E	DE	8D	D8	B8	E2	27	Mîî'ÿW'.Þ.Ø,â'
00001030	3E	85	07	BA	8E	86	D6	F2	F3	CE	97	26	Fl	52	10	54	>°Ž†ÖòóΗ&ñR.T
00001040			77											77	56	AF	Ö×wÚ°.3fÏ;W.±wV
00001050			EA											ЗA		DB	Atê¢Û°O».<.H+:\Û
00001060	2B	48	48	13	FD	9E	1C	C8	38	C5	14	A7	76	Fl	DB	28	+HH.ýž.È8Å.§vñÛ(
00001070	9A	50	75	6C	AD	FC	02	61	1E	6C	EE	E7	14	04	C7	45	šPul.ü.a.lîçÇE
00001080			53									A0	9C	4A	17	C5	.QSX.OÇÁ[.y œJ.Å
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000010B0	A6	9A	18	B4	2A	79	0D	71	64	4B	25	91	F6	18	BD	BO	¦š. '*y.qdK% 'ö.⅔°
000010C0	8B	1A	2A	FD	80	52	04	5C	20	2D	19	CF	E4	09	Cl	90	<.*ý€R.\Ïä.Á.
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000010E0	44	lD	24													CC	D.\$µÏúý_Bq.±½.¾Ì
000010F0	BF	E9	F8	7E	9D	FD	74	9F	9F	54	AE	09	EA	E4	15	37	¿éø~.ýtŸŸT⊗.êä.7
00001100	49	FO	AE	02	02	68	53	C7	lF	04	64	AF	8D	CF	75	78	Ið⊗hSÇd .Ïux
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00001130			B 3											F9	27	6D	⊗I'dË&Å″"¥″ù'm
00001140	01	34	F2	C7	B5	2F	4C	DD	51	61	F9	61	97	19	5A	86	.4òǵ/LÝQaùa—.2†
00001150	D3	D8	7C	5A	A7	74	A7	8D	CF	C9	0D	BD	82	CO	EA	4C	ÓØ Z§t§.ÏÉ.⅓,ÀêL
00001160	7F	98	FB	43	BD	19	F5	2A	C3	9E	E2	EF	05	80	2C	C4	.~ûC≒.ő*Ăžâï.€,Ä
00001170			3F									76	50	52	BE	FE	Cc?[r_ÊqóaãvPR*p
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000011B0	27	43	95	5E	77	27	0E	71	D4	81	4D	D2	56	2D	04	4C	
000011C0																	
000011D0																D2	
000011E0																99	
000011F0	C0	62	10	A5	6E	33	75	14	04	B5	C4	0D	11	99	39	26	Àb.¥n3uµÄ™9&
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Figure 60																	

Figure 60

Finally, the ransomware tries to write the time spent during the execution and the total size of encrypted files to the console; however, it raises an error because the process was detached from its console:



Indicators of Compromise

Black Basta Ransom Note

readme.txt

Files created

%Temp%\fkdjsadasd.ico

%Temp%\dlaksjdoiwq.jpg

Processes spawned

cmd.exe /c "C:\Windows\SysNative\vssadmin.exe delete shadows /all /quiet"

cmd.exe /c "C:\Windows\System32\vssadmin.exe delete shadows /all /quiet"

Registry key created

HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\.basta

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