

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 1



Figure 2

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

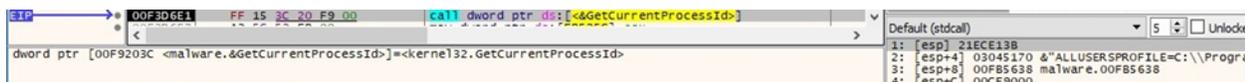


Figure 3

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



Figure 4

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

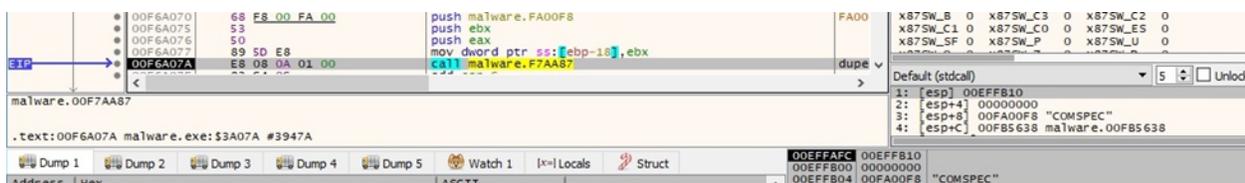


Figure 5

The ransomware deletes all Volume Shadow Copies by running the "C:\Windows\SysNative\vssadmin.exe delete shadows /all /quiet" command, as highlighted below:

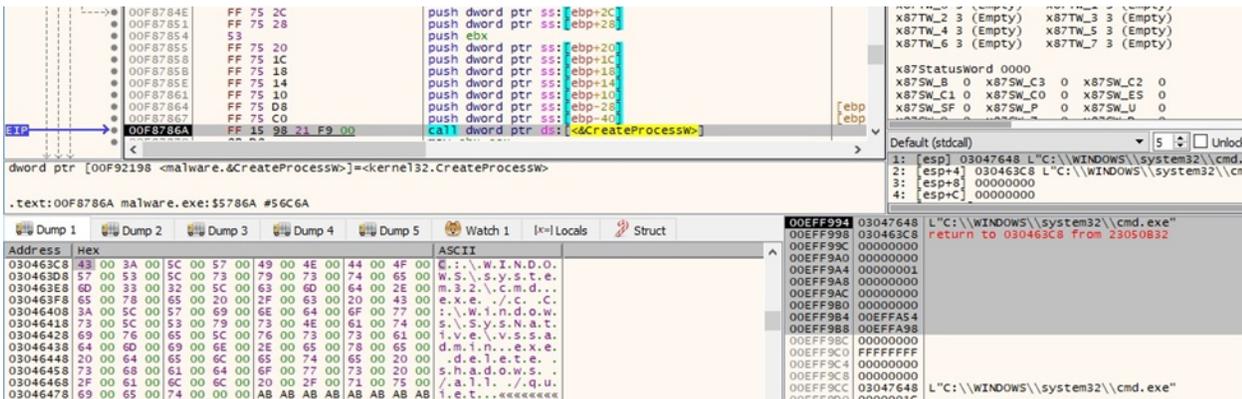


Figure 6

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

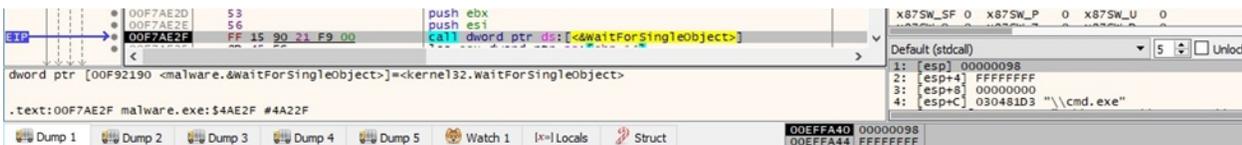


Figure 7

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

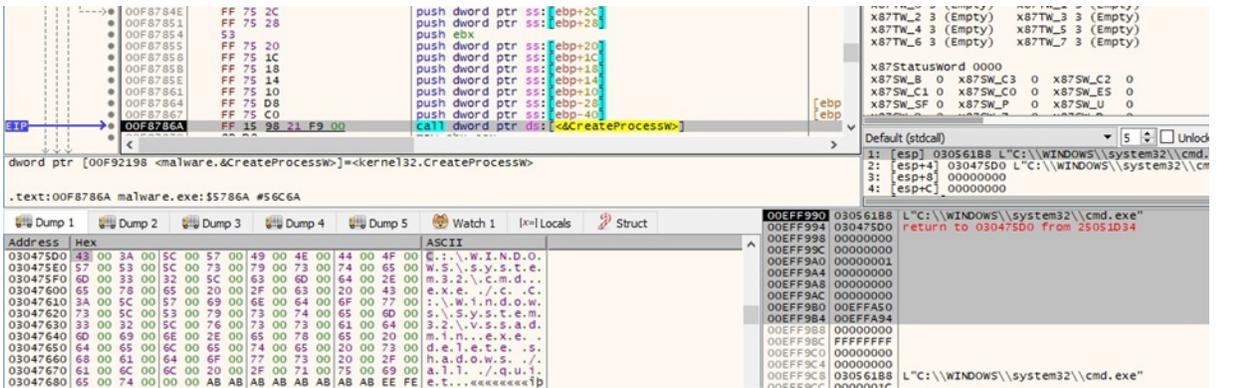


Figure 8

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

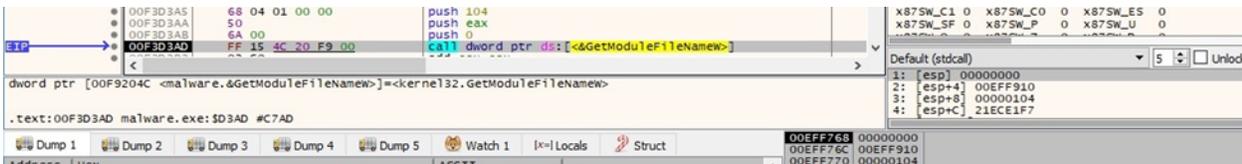


Figure 9

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

Figure 10

A file called “dlaksjdaiwq.jpg” is created in the Temp directory (0x40 = `_SH_DENYNO`):

Figure 11

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

Figure 12

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

Figure 13



Figure 14

The newly created image is set as the Desktop Wallpaper using SystemParametersInfoW (0x14 = SPI_SETDESKWALLPAPER, 0x1 = SPIF_UPDATEINIFILE):

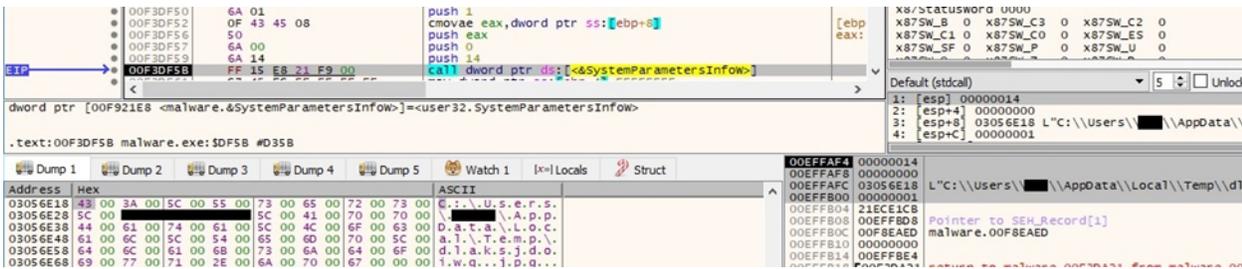


Figure 15

The executable creates an ICO file called “fkdsadasd.ico” in the Temp directory:

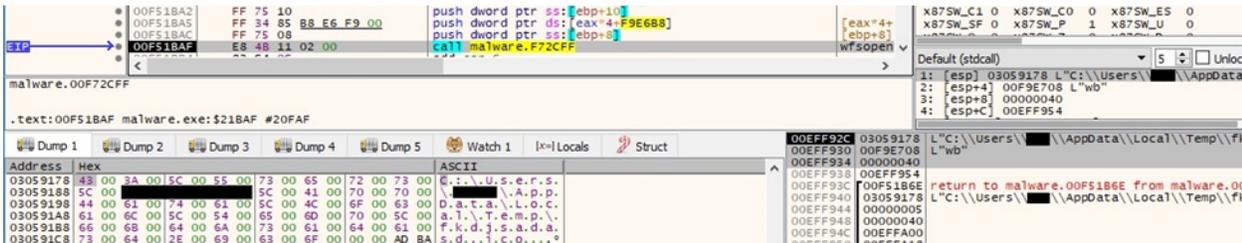


Figure 16

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



Figure 17

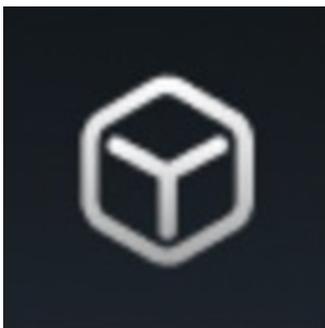


Figure 18

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):

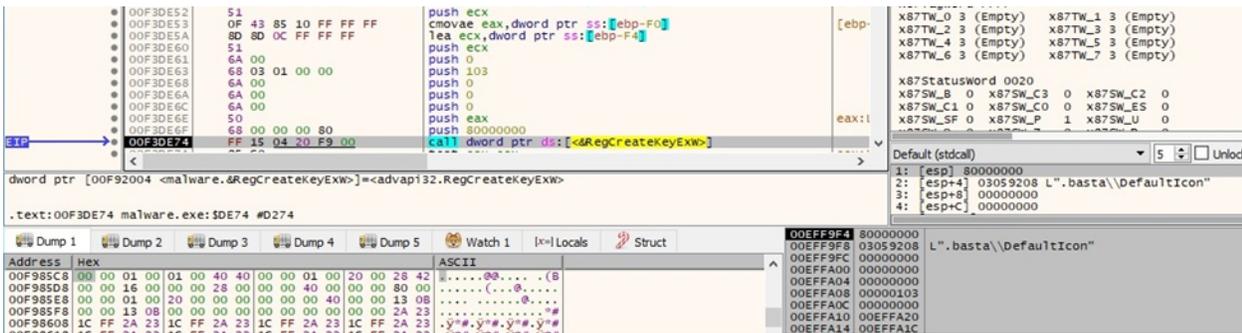


Figure 19

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

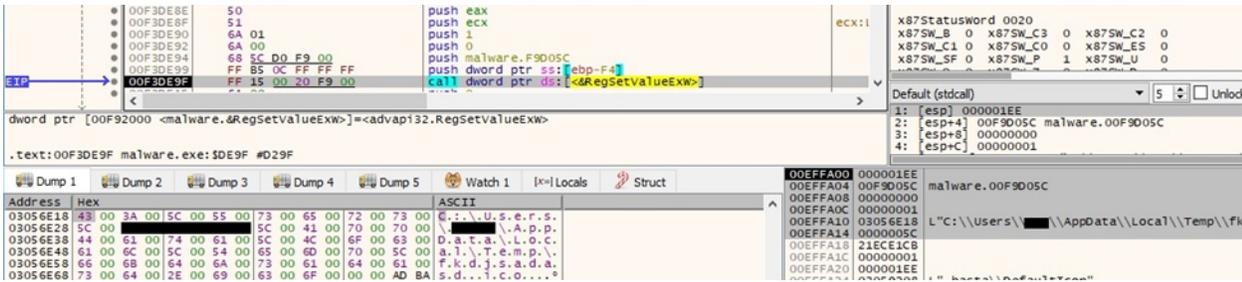


Figure 20



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):

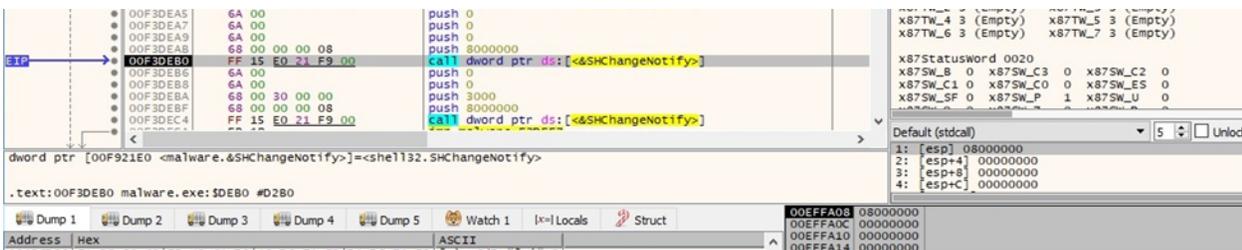


Figure 22

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



Figure 23

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

Figure 24

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.

Figure 25

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

Figure 26

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

Figure 27

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

Figure 28

WriteFile is used to populate the ransom note:



Figure 29

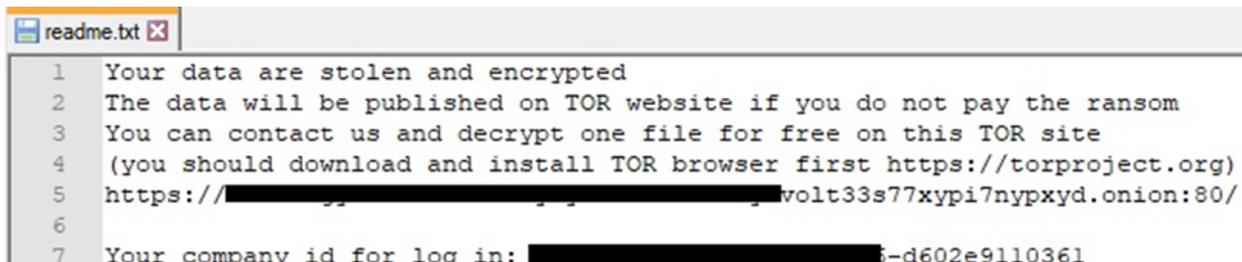


Figure 30

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

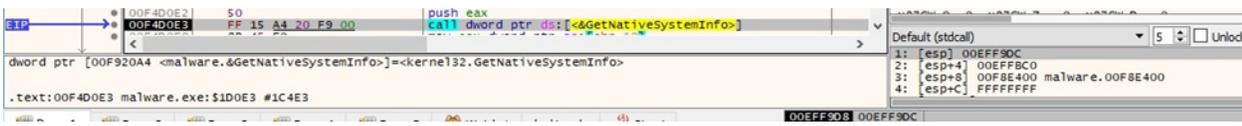


Figure 31

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:

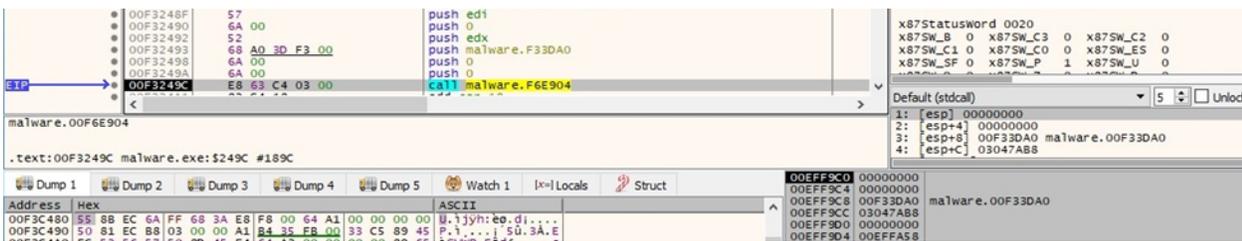


Figure 32

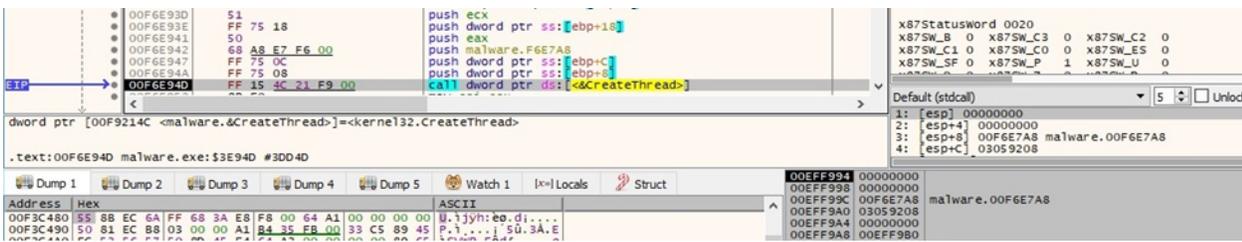


Figure 33

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

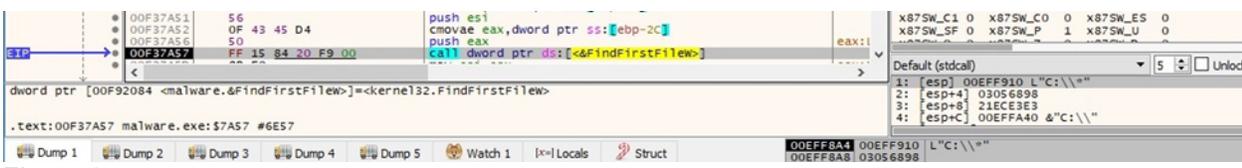


Figure 34

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_F3BF44t0
.rdata:00F9D0C4      text "UTF-16LE", 'Windows',0
.rdata:00F9D0D4      aBoot:                    ; DATA XREF: sub_F3BBE0:loc_F3BF8Ft0
.rdata:00F9D0D4      text "UTF-16LE", 'boot',0
.rdata:00F9D0DE      align 10h
.rdata:00F9D0E0      aReadmeTxt:                ; DATA XREF: sub_F3B3D0+3Cf0
.rdata:00F9D0E0      ; sub_F3BBE0:loc_F3BFD5f0
.rdata:00F9D0E0      text "UTF-16LE", 'readme.txt',0
.rdata:00F9D0F6      align 4
.rdata:00F9D0F8      aDlaksjdoiwqJpg:          ; DATA XREF: sub_F3BBE0:loc_F3C01Ff0
.rdata:00F9D0F8      ; sub_F3DCA0+5Cf0
.rdata:00F9D0F8      text "UTF-16LE", 'dlaksjdoiwq.jpg',0
.rdata:00F9D118      aNtuserDat:                ; DATA XREF: sub_F3BBE0:loc_F3C069f0
.rdata:00F9D118      text "UTF-16LE", 'NTUSER.DAT',0
.rdata:00F9D12E      align 10h
.rdata:00F9D130      aError755                  db 'Error 755: ',0      ; DATA XREF: sub_F3BBE0:loc_F3C29Df0
.rdata:00F9D13C      aFkdjsadasdIco:            ; DATA XREF: sub_F3D0850+5Cf0
.rdata:00F9D13C      text "UTF-16LE", 'fkdjsadasd.ico',0
.rdata:00F9D15A      align 4
```

Figure 35

The FindNextFileW routine is utilized to continue the files enumeration:

Figure 36

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

Figure 37

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

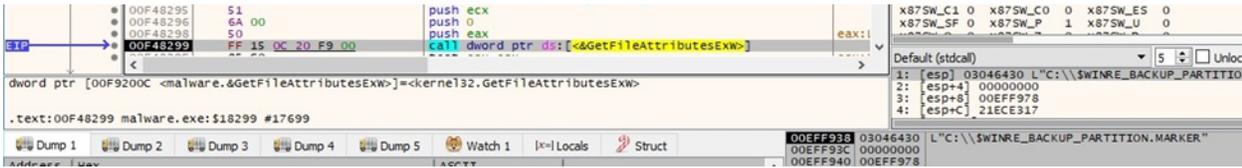


Figure 38

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:



Figure 39

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

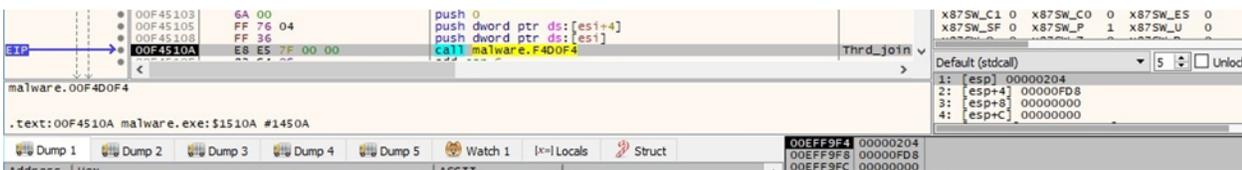


Figure 40

Thread activity – sub_F33DA0 function

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

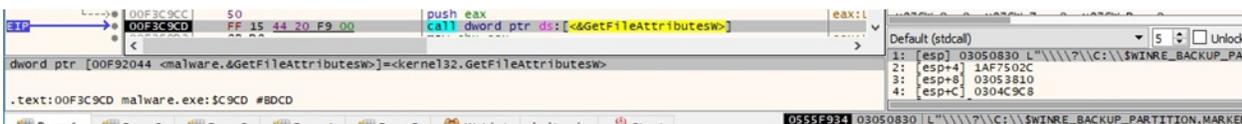


Figure 41

The malicious process opens a file for reading using wfsopen:

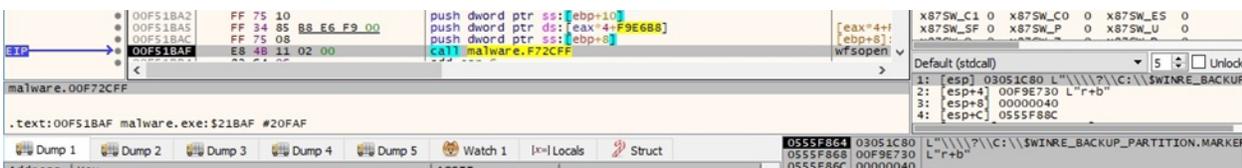


Figure 42

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:

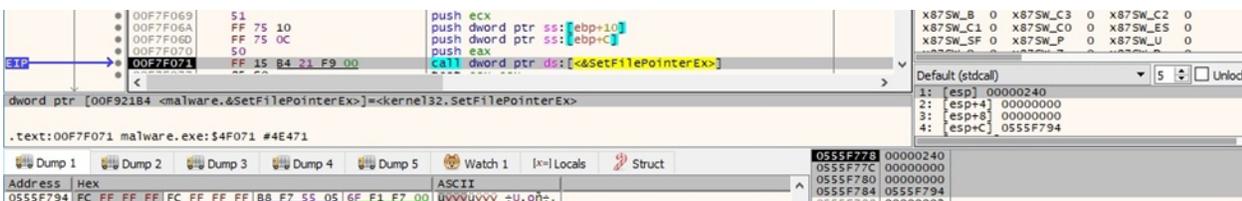


Figure 43

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

```
.text:00F3D690
.text:00F3D690 loc_F3D690:
.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 jnb   short loc_F3D690
```

Figure 44

Address	Hex	ASCII
03051748	69 0D BC E1 9E 49 F7 5D D2 E9 DF 20 69 DC FB AC	i.%á.I÷]Oéß iUÛ-
03051758	C8 04 34 F2 54 81 E3 C0 A7 AE E9 13 59 BD 68 E3	È.4òT.ãÀ§°é.Y%kã
03051768	15 3A AE 4B 1B 1B 7A CE AB AB AB AB AB AB AB AB	.:°K. .zI««««««««

Figure 45

The binary implements the RSA algorithm using the Mini-GMP library, which is fully available on [Github](#):

```
.text:00F4BAB0
.text:00F4BAB0
.text:00F4BAB0 ; Attributes: bp-based frame
.text:00F4BAB0
.text:00F4BAB0 sub_F4BAB0 proc near
.text:00F4BAB0
.text:00F4BAB0 var_C= dword ptr -0Ch
.text:00F4BAB0 var_8= dword ptr -8
.text:00F4BAB0 var_4= dword ptr -4
.text:00F4BAB0 arg_0= dword ptr 8
.text:00F4BAB0 arg_4= dword ptr 0Ch
.text:00F4BAB0 arg_8= dword ptr 10h
.text:00F4BAB0 arg_C= dword ptr 14h
.text:00F4BAB0 arg_10= dword ptr 18h
.text:00F4BAB0 arg_14= dword ptr 1Ch
.text:00F4BAB0 arg_18= dword ptr 20h
.text:00F4BAB0
.text:00F4BAB0 push  ebp
.text:00F4BAB1 mov    ebp, esp
.text:00F4BAB3 mov    eax, [ebp+arg_10]
.text:00F4BAB6 sub    esp, 0Ch
.text:00F4BAB9 cmp    [ebp+arg_14], 0
.text:00F4BABD jnz   loc_F4BBBA

:FFFFFFFh
ix
:bp+arg_18]
ix
.text:00F4BBBA
.text:00F4BBBA loc_F4BBBA:
.text:00F4BBBA push  offset a"mpzImportNails ; "mpz_import: Nails not supported."
.text:00F4BBBF call   sub_F49670
.text:00F4BBBF sub_F4BAB0 endp
.text:00F4BBBF
```

Figure 46

```

.text:00F4BDA0
.text:00F4BDA0 push ebp
.text:00F4BDA1 mov ebp, esp
.text:00F4BDA3 sub esp, 60h
.text:00F4BDA6 xor eax, eax
.text:00F4BDA8 mov [ebp+var_1C], eax
.text:00F4BDA8 mov eax, [ebp+arg_8]
.text:00F4BDAE push esi
.text:00F4BDAF mov esi, [ebp+arg_C]
.text:00F4BDB2 push edi
.text:00F4BDB3 mov eax, [eax+4]
.text:00F4BDB6 cdq
.text:00F4BDB7 mov ecx, eax
.text:00F4BDB9 mov eax, [esi+4]
.text:00F4BDBC xor ecx, edx
.text:00F4BDBE sub ecx, edx
.text:00F4BDC0 cdq
.text:00F4BDC1 mov edi, eax
.text:00F4BDC3 mov [ebp+var_24], ecx
.text:00F4BDC6 xor edi, edx
.text:00F4BDC8 sub edi, edx
.text:00F4BDCA mov [ebp+var_18], edi
.text:00F4BDCD jz loc_F4C2B0

sst ecx, ecx
sz short loc_F4E32

.text:00F4C2B0
.text:00F4C2B0 loc_F4C2B0:
.text:00F4C2B0 push offset aMpzPowmZeroMod ; "mpz_powm: Zero modulo."
.text:00F4C2B5 call sub_F49670

```

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 aZ11ttCaoj0zrc db 'z11ttCaoj0zrc3xITYjF3g80U80BkVnQR3vA/EVuvXFNg+jdmyjEhLhEqLATJKqg'
.rdata:00F9D1F8 ; DATA XREF: sub_F3D6B0+188to
.rdata:00F9D1F8 db '/BnWlQ2T6dpuX6ycqNxo6FYbjmS2nmsznrRlN6e04vyXIo7c2gblwh0r551qSIVPs'
.rdata:00F9D1F8 db '0r2kF0mj0E56ukt9/7gXUB7qAFQp2eY2iraaxqI4VUM5A2EK+AYlBXYmvZqQABYvB'
.rdata:00F9D1F8 db 'QuhX0yHu6z24c4GtrNRVktL0wk1FeY6JF5zG70zcfHZJxo23oArVb/c0ZG2yYhcrN'
.rdata:00F9D1F8 db 'x17bGL7P1u02Gz+TV1j076cvi/DF5qPfh7jg5V8zWNNXEYfdded9rate17Y2MAI'
.rdata:00F9D1F8 db 'EUhJPeb9oGaeN0n8jF6HHTASx48+bu6Vn+EF64al3HoEj/KGy0mw6FwN8hex50v1I'
.rdata:00F9D1F8 db '/U5qQtOURCJ0o3Ea0HuP602eVUUMIe056iabcIIVR3P0rdNE15Bt6bTg2s015i1Q'
.rdata:00F9D1F8 db 'XRu4eT3jCTSj1FxU8VRuAinyOQLi6vI2pUcR3axFRwldzyUuX5kd67/03yXHTuw'
.rdata:00F9D1F8 db 'Vk1HTuFtpCnyj+7bMfg46LXIX4PtzQvgDewRppyzmT55dx28TX0wTwa6vW1zh11'
.rdata:00F9D1F8 db 'y+66Nu+wmepHZ7u/WTDJg9H8V/AZbvDatAZ1vFy2Tzws3IFVNE6dqI6l1vzPca4o'
.rdata:00F9D1F8 db 'xy18+53IhoZd5Rpi05+ABvk0AKWPNgU=',0

```

Figure 48

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

```

.text:00F368D0
.text:00F368D0
.text:00F368D0 ; Attributes: bp-based frame
.text:00F368D0
.text:00F368D0 sub_F368D0 proc near
.text:00F368D0
.text:00F368D0 arg_0= dword ptr 8
.text:00F368D0 arg_4= dword ptr 0Ch
.text:00F368D0
.text:00F368D0 push ebp
.text:00F368D1 mov ebp, esp
.text:00F368D3 push esi
.text:00F368D4 mov esi, [ebp+arg_0]
.text:00F368D7 push edi
.text:00F368D8 mov edi, ecx
.text:00F368DA mov dword ptr [edi], 'apxe'
.text:00F368E0 mov dword ptr [edi+4], '3 dn'
.text:00F368E7 mov dword ptr [edi+8], 'yb-2'
.text:00F368EE mov dword ptr [edi+0Ch], 'k et'
.text:00F368F5 movzx edx, byte ptr [esi+3]
.text:00F368F9 movzx eax, byte ptr [esi+2]
.text:00F368FD shl edx, 8
.text:00F36900 or edx, eax
.text:00F36902 movzx eax, byte ptr [esi+1]

```

Figure 49

Address	Hex	ASCII
0555F870	65 78 70 61 6E 64 20 33 32 2D 62 79 74 65 20 68	expand 32-byte k
0555F880	69 0D BC E1 9E 49 F7 5D D2 E9 DF 20 69 DC FB AC	1.%á.I+J0éß iÜü-
0555F890	C8 04 34 F2 54 81 E3 C0 A7 AE E9 13 59 BD 68 E3	E.4òT.ãAçø.é.Y%kã
0555F8A0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 15 3A AE 48 1B 1B 7A CE:øK..zI

Figure 50

The sample obtains the current position in the targeted file by calling the fgetpos function:

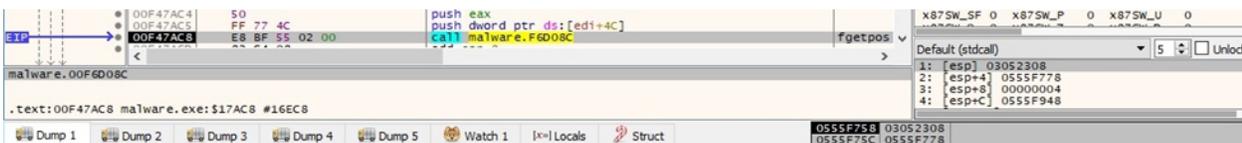


Figure 51

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

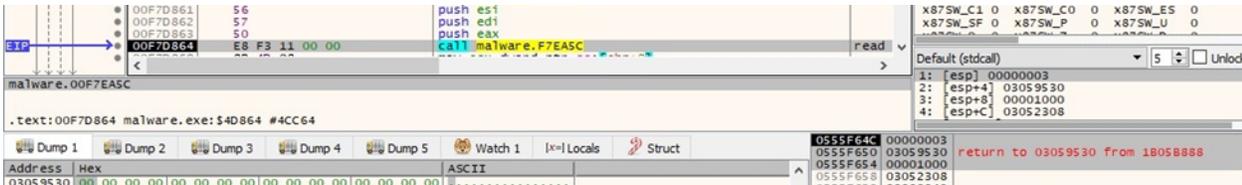


Figure 52

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

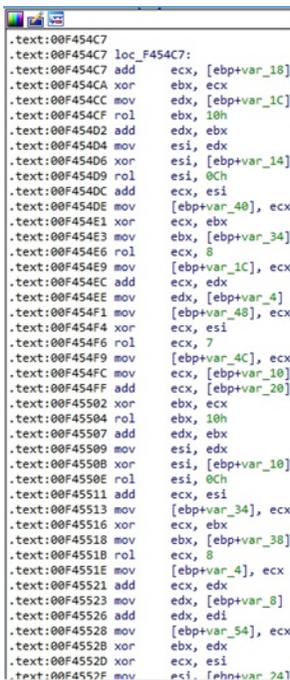


Figure 53

Address	Hex	ASCII
03059530	58 C1 DC 7B 0F DD 4B 0D 56 AC 5C 28 73 FC 89 2A	[AU{.Yk.v-\+sü.®
03059540	DE FD 1F 9F 4A 2A 68 AB B5 FB 7C 8D B6 87 C8 E3	þý..J*«µü .ŋ.ëã
03059550	6C 74 77 2F F6 95 2D 8D 65 4C 99 79 A4 CA F8 74	ltw/ó.-.el.y#Éot
03059560	0D D1 8C 35 A7 A2 1C E3 DF 21 F9 C6 B3 97 D3 BF	.N.5šc.ãBiüæ*.Ó
03059570	41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
03059580	41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
03059590	41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
030595A0	41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
030595B0	41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
030595C0	41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
030595D0	41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
030595E0	41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
030595F0	41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
03059600	41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

Figure 54

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

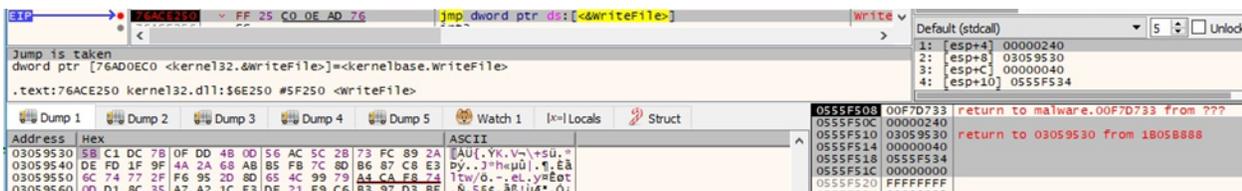


Figure 55

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:



Figure 56

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



Figure 57

Case 1 – File size < 704 bytes

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

Offset (h)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E	0F	
00000000	5B	C1	DC	7B	0F	DD	4B	0D	56	AC	5C	2B	73	FC	89	2A	[[[ÄÛ{.ÝK.V-\+sùk*
00000010	DE	FD	1F	9F	4A	2A	68	AB	B5	FB	7C	8D	B6	87	C8	E3	Ëý.ÝJ*h«u . ¶#ÈÄ
00000020	6C	74	77	2F	F6	95	2D	8D	65	4C	99	79	A4	CA	F8	74	ltw/ö*-.eL™y#Èøt
00000030	0D	D1	8C	35	A7	A2	1C	E3	DF	21	F9	C6	B3	97	D3	BF	.ÑE5Sc.ãß!ùÆ³-Ó¿
00000040	34	89	77	B5	EA	C9	AD	3C	A9	FA	AB	80	A7	CE	7A	E7	4#wuèÈ.<@ú«ESÍzç
00000050	7E	4F	67	DE	41	36	51	BB	DF	43	99	69	7F	15	55	08	~OgFA6Q»8C™i..U.
00000060	4C	D9	8B	2B	77	F8	D9	59	7A	A9	70	38	A5	1B	4B	79	LÜ<+wøÛYz«p8¥.Ky
00000070	FD	5D	FE	71	56	F3	AF	26	0A	29	50	16	54	52	09	66	ý]bqVó⁻&.)P.TR.f
00000080	1C	FE	B9	93	BE	F5	4B	F2	86	92	A0	73	09	D3	49	E1	.p²™«òKò+⁻ s.ÓIá
00000090	7C	26	BF	7D	E6	BA	E4	81	10	2D	C3	B5	F5	E2	85	2B	&¿)æ°ä...-Äuðä...+
000000A0	74	36	41	5E	7C	EB	AF	8A	FE	FB	80	F1	E8	57	8A	96	t6A^ è⁻špüèñèWš-
000000B0	12	15	3F	28	33	60	9F	9D	0E	61	DC	18	7D	77	B4	88	..?(3`Ý...aÜ.)w`^
000000C0	78	45	8F	E6	4B	C6	EB	25	8A	74	C2	FE	49	D8	32	A6	xE.æKEèèšTÂpI02!
000000D0	46	43	E2	F6	A2	E9	D7	D7	F9	F1	51	D2	6E	BE	6B	53	FCâöcé××uñQ0n%kS
000000E0	36	B4	11	C7	6A	DC	79	BD	9B	C4	95	07	64	E9	B1	04	6`.ÇjÛy«Å..dét.
000000F0	3E	62	E9	A9	B1	0C	A6	BC	EC	3B	63	6D	0F	BA	D2	79	>bé@±. !i;cm.°òy
00000100	95	91	98	C9	A5	02	63	BC	93	8A	DF	DA	8B	79	A8	05	•`É¥.c4"šSÚ<y`.
00000110	A5	BB	5F	94	FC	74	5A	B3	59	9E	A5	D1	32	83	D7	5E	¥» "ütZ³Yž¥Ñ2f×^
00000120	CB	A0	8C	3A	DE	E5	84	6B	B9	AB	F7	8E	ED	65	98	1B	È G:Pâ„k²«+žie`.
00000130	B0	2A	75	21	C7	AD	DA	FC	3C	86	11	05	77	06	DE	B2	°*u!Ç.Úú<..w.P²
00000140	31	BA	B1	AF	01	BA	50	48	77	6A	A0	A9	E2	93	83	AD	l°±⁻.°PHwj @â`f.
00000150	53	C3	99	1E	EE	11	E0	C8	0C	15	24	5E	90	73	22	B7	SÄ™.i.àÈ..\$^."s`.
00000160	C8	6D	65	09	0A	10	29	E4	E3	E6	8B	6D	85	A0	96	5E	Ème...)ääæ<m...-^
00000170	FE	D0	35	19	0D	07	D6	06	C1	A2	7D	BA	16	2C	B5	0D	pð5...Ó.Äc}°.„u.
00000180	3C	16	EF	4B	F7	E0	02	FF	53	E8	A5	A9	9A	7B	9A	0F	<.iK÷à.ySè¥øš(š.
00000190	49	9D	C2	3E	3A	30	5A	7A	72	A1	9C	E7	28	69	A5	B0	I.Ä>:0Zzr;æç(i¥°
000001A0	8A	ED	7A	EE	BC	07	7D	AD	D2	35	6D	DD	FC	AE	C6	8B	Šizi4.).ò5mÝú@È<
000001B0	D5	C8	92	76	3B	74	89	33	0C	03	D4	56	CD	CE	F8	D9	ÖÈ`v;tk3..ÖVÍèÛ
000001C0	4B	60	30	B2	A9	49	A6	A5	A3	C0	A3	CC	EB	39	1A	CE	K`0°@I;¥èÄèIè9.î
000001D0	EC	7F	52	75	9E	1C	FC	55	48	95	78	9B	B3	5C	7C	B6	i.Ruž.UUH*x>³\ ¶
000001E0	CE	AB	17	06	E6	A7	17	C0	30	D2	55	FD	B1	6A	A8	4D	Î<..æS.ÀòOÚýtj`M
000001F0	1A	D2	67	4C	94	57	CE	CC	8A	FA	53	D6	E1	09	94	AC	.ògL`WíIšúSóÄ.`-
00000200	F8	B1	20	70	E5	23	79	BA	9B	9A	F3	6C	DE	A6	13	89	øt pã#y°>šólP!;k
00000210	63	03	FA	71	C9	BA	DD	E7	15	88	7E	9D	4B	70	84	CB	c.úqÉ°Ýç.~.Kp„È
00000220	A2	59	DE	56	62	4E	D0	1E	DA	DA	7A	4D	AA	17	F1	F4	çYFVbND.ÚÚzM².ñó
00000230	28	36	B1	E1	48	8E	5D	3E	34	93	BB	8E	87	B3	80	16	(6táHè)>4`»ž+³E.
00000240	06	5B	66	8B	95	8F	71	47	9C	16	54	92	FA	78	15	11	.[f<°.qGe.T`úx..
00000250	09	10	9B	C8	53	57	BB	34	D5	64	92	94	1D	92	96	35	..>ÈSW»4òd'`.'-5
00000260	CD	8D	CB	6A	75	AB	DC	AE	AE	BB	3F	6D	CA	03	E1	67	Í.Èju«Ü@»?mÈ.ág
00000270	FA	2F	8D	9D	A8	A0	CF	EF	32	17	20	A8	93	45	F7	B1	ú/..` İi2. ``E÷±
00000280	43	AF	CF	C1	15	2C	D6	A9	31	5C	6C	5F	FF	81	30	52	C`IÁ.,Öøl\l_ÿ.0R
00000290	FF	C6	96	09	D7	1D	41	D7	B8	96	11	BB	74	64	C9	7D	ÿE-.*.A×.-.»tdÈ)
000002A0	04	3F	72	F6	3E	E1	A3	D5	D7	A8	10	DA	38	0F	D1	84	?rö>áèÖ×`.Ú8.Ñ„
000002B0	4A	56	1F	E2	AC	50	A6	B3	E1	AF	4B	FD	67	3F	F9	13	JV.á-P;³á`Kýg?ù.
000002C0	89	57	B2	FC	1D	B4	DC	B1	A2	A6	DF	45	78	31	2E	16	kW`ú. `Ü±ç;ßExl..
000002D0	BD	07	4E	FA	A5	79	7E	2F	32	12	80	17	FA	B6	8C	85	¼.Nú¥y~/2.€.ú¶E..
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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1KB.exe.basta
Offset(h) 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F
00000000 6C FE 7A E5 94 39 63 A1 A6 19 45 42 65 B3 1F 83 1pzã"9c;|.EBe³.f
00000010 F4 A2 25 4E 22 2F 62 E9 6A E2 19 5E 97 AF 91 40 ôc%N"/béjà.^-'\@
00000020 5C 45 A0 96 2B 36 C6 69 1A 74 D3 EE 1A 73 71 F2 \E -+6Ei.tÓi.sqò
00000030 97 5C 44 08 E2 CF 2E 98 99 DC BF 57 DC E1 58 65 -\D.âï.~"ÛçWÜáXe
00000040 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000050 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000060 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000070 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000080 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000090 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
000000A0 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
000000B0 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
000000C0 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
000000D0 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
000000E0 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
000000F0 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000100 35 08 A4 ED AB D6 81 C7 3B 8A 04 BA 65 2C 25 13 5.¼i«Ö.Ç;Š.°e,%.
00000110 94 7B E4 A1 CE AD 9B D0 1F 6C 9F DA 66 7F 66 D0 "{ä;ï. »Ð.1YÚf.fÐ
00000120 3D 1A 54 D4 4F 95 A4 31 D6 FC FA 9F B3 AB F3 03 =.TÔO•¼1ÖüüY'«ó.
00000130 15 1D B8 62 3F 9D 1B F0 DD 29 16 13 76 5E 19 FE ..,b?...8Y)..v^.p
00000140 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000150 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000160 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000170 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000180 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000190 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
000001A0 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
000001B0 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
000001C0 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
000001D0 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
000001E0 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
000001F0 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000200 60 4D 0B 33 40 DF D4 98 1D 10 E1 C5 D3 0F AC 60 `M.3@ðÔ~..áÁÓ.-`
00000210 7A 99 98 45 35 75 AD 4E 24 37 49 5C 49 5E FE 45 z"~E5u.N$7I\I^pE
00000220 E1 89 BE E4 08 EF FC 22 10 DA 62 F1 B5 A0 80 E7 á%ã.ü".Úbñµ €ç
00000230 AE BF 91 27 84 39 D5 BA 65 26 85 6A 52 FE C0 1B ©ç''.,9Ö°e&...jRbÀ.

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Figure 59

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.

Offset (h)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E	0F	
00000F30	1F	1F	75	45	88	D1	FE	36	E4	C1	18	EF	37	0A	58	FC	..uE^Ñp6aÁ.i17.Xú
00000F40	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000F50	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000F60	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000F70	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000F80	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000F90	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000FA0	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000FB0	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
00000FC0	70	98	6C	3E	D2	19	3C	A8	51	C8	01	CB	F0	F9	76	0F	p~l>Ò.<“QÈ.Èðùv.
00000FD0	E1	63	4A	31	A0	1E	D3	AF	99	F6	98	B3	92	89	9F	DA	ácJl .ó™ø~‘;YÚ
00000FE0	12	E0	F2	9E	50	23	C0	27	94	7A	D4	55	46	32	3E	09	.àòZP#À”zÓUF2>.
00000FF0	C9	FA	DB	8C	12	55	9E	5C	89	6E	69	DF	11	E6	5A	26	ÉúÛE.UZ\kniß.æZ&
00001000	5C	35	42	5A	CC	47	79	1A	CA	FF	F9	A3	A2	C5	28	59	\5BZìGy.Ëÿù&cÁ(Y
00001010	F7	57	0D	06	D3	F7	81	24	65	7F	1A	2C	7F	82	AE	C9	+W..Ó÷.Şe... ,@É
00001020	4D	12	18	EE	EE	92	FF	57	B3	2E	DE	8D	D8	B8	E2	27	M..ii’yW’.P.Ø.â’
00001030	3E	85	07	BA	8E	86	D6	F2	F3	CE	97	26	F1	52	10	54	>...°Ž+ÒòóÍ-&ñR.T
00001040	D6	D7	77	DA	B0	08	33	66	CF	3B	57	1F	B1	77	56	AF	Ö×wÚ°.3fî;W.±wV
00001050	41	86	EA	A2	DB	B0	4F	BB	0D	3C	0A	48	2B	3A	5C	DB	AtêcÛ°O».<.H+:\Û
00001060	2B	48	48	13	FD	9E	1C	C8	38	C5	14	A7	76	F1	DB	28	+HH.ýž.È8Á.ŞvñÜ(
00001070	9A	50	75	6C	AD	FC	02	61	1E	6C	EE	E7	14	04	C7	45	šPul.ù.a.liç..ÇE
00001080	19	51	53	58	1D	4F	C7	C1	5B	0D	79	A0	9C	4A	17	C5	.QsX.0çÁ[y œJ.Á
00001090	9D	55	AC	83	95	A7	F3	31	23	95	68	7C	4E	40	86	C1	.U-f*Şól#*h Nê+Á
000010A0	6D	5A	1D	2B	E4	07	A2	BD	88	58	40	DC	70	EE	76	B0	mZ.+ä.c%‘X@Ûpiv°
000010B0	A6	9A	18	B4	2A	79	0D	71	64	4B	25	91	F6	18	BD	B0	!š.‘*y.qdK%‘ò.½°
000010C0	8B	1A	2A	FD	80	52	04	5C	20	2D	19	CF	E4	09	C1	90	<.*ýER.\-.iä.Á.
000010D0	8F	63	3F	88	D0	7A	15	B1	B8	1F	8F	5A	5D	73	93	9F	.c?^Dz.±,..Z]s^Ý
000010E0	44	1D	24	B5	CF	FA	FD	5F	42	71	0A	B1	BD	8F	BE	CC	D.Şuïúý Bq.±%.%i
000010F0	BF	E9	F8	7E	9D	FD	74	9F	9F	54	AE	09	EA	E4	15	37	çéø~.ýtÿÿT@.èä.7
00001100	49	F0	AE	02	02	68	53	C7	1F	04	64	AF	8D	CF	75	78	Ið@.hŞÇ..d^iux
00001110	EA	FC	03	CE	75	BB	1B	35	B5	6E	9D	6F	2A	93	84	1F	èü.íu».5un.o*“„.
00001120	D9	BC	E6	A2	43	B7	2A	9E	6B	42	30	ED	8E	EF	27	7C	Û*æcC*žkBoiŽi’
00001130	AE	49	B3	64	CB	26	C5	94	84	A5	A8	8D	10	F9	27	6D	@I’dÈ&Á”„¥”..ù’m
00001140	01	34	F2	C7	B5	2F	4C	DD	51	61	F9	61	97	19	5A	86	.4òÇµ/LÝQaùà-.Z†
00001150	D3	D8	7C	5A	A7	74	A7	8D	CF	C9	0D	BD	82	C0	EA	4C	ÓØ ZStŞ.IÉ.%,ÀèL
00001160	7F	98	FB	43	BD	19	F5	2A	C3	9E	E2	EF	05	80	2C	C4	.~úC%.ò*Ážâi.e,Á
00001170	43	63	3F	5B	72	5F	CA	71	F3	61	E3	76	50	52	BE	FE	Cc?[r ÊqóáãvPR³q
00001180	C2	5F	FD	14	A7	B4	37	A7	56	F5	F6	68	44	5D	9A	68	Á_y.S^7ŞVððhD]šh
00001190	99	08	EE	C4	F3	64	F7	AC	D2	2D	D6	09	78	3C	D0	4C	™.iÄód÷-ò-ö.x<DL
000011A0	C4	3B	0A	9E	36	17	7F	2F	F8	95	A2	89	80	7B	B6	13	Ä;.ž6../ø•c%E(¶.
000011B0	27	43	95	5E	77	27	0E	71	D4	81	4D	D2	56	2D	04	4C	‘C^w’.qð.MÖV-.L
000011C0	26	73	08	81	F4	2A	F0	D8	D3	36	3F	90	01	01	60	A4	&s..ò*8006?...‘#
000011D0	FD	3D	99	FB	55	FA	D9	3B	56	85	60	3A	19	2D	CF	D2	ý=™úUúÛ;V...‘.-iò
000011E0	E7	7D	CF	1E	B4	B2	63	8A	36	E1	D9	14	83	DC	3D	99	ç}Ï.‘cŞ6áÛ.fÛ=™
000011F0	C0	62	10	A5	6E	33	75	14	04	B5	C4	0D	11	99	39	26	Àb.¥n3u..µÄ..™9&
00001200	00	02	00	00												

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:

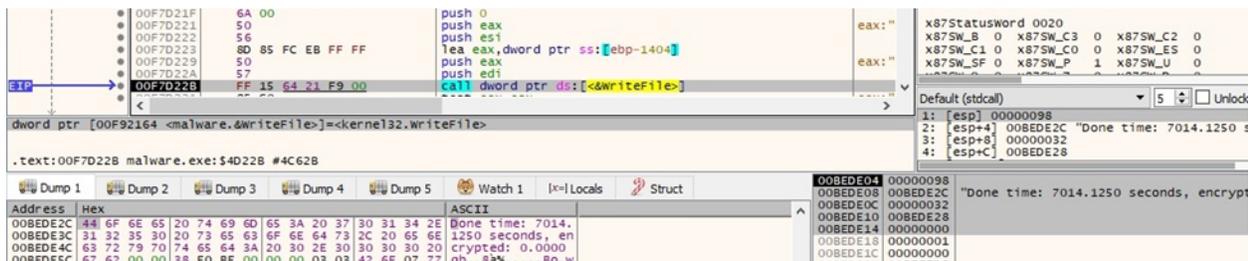


Figure 61

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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