

Decrypt MassLogger 2.4.0.0 configuration

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The malware MassLogger has been around for some time and different analysis approaches have been published in the past — for example by [FireEye](#).

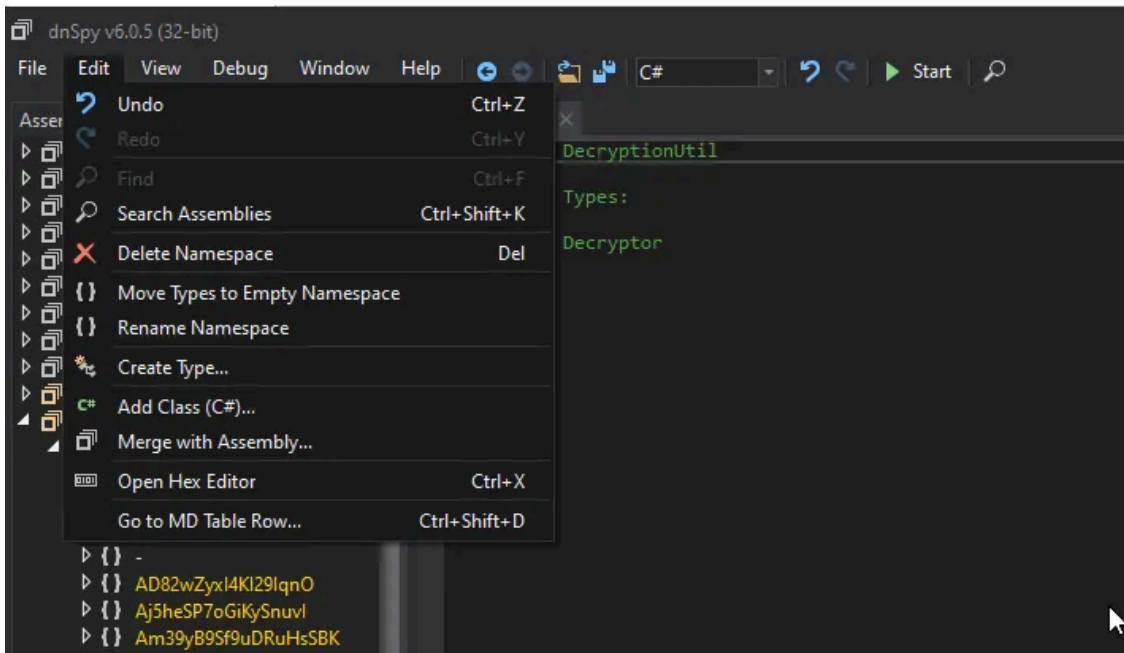
Unfortunately, this approach didn't work in my case mainly because I later realized that I was dealing with a MassLogger sample with version 2.4.0.0 while the one analyzed by FireEye seemed to be version 1.3.4.0.

So, what now? If you are just interested in the used config itself to find out local and network IOCs I have some good news for you.

Note: Those steps only work on the MassLogger binary itself. In most cases it has to get unpacked before you can start to decrypt the config. One easy check is to search with [dnSpy](#) for **"FtpEnable"** or any other value you know will be present in the config. If you are able to find these references you are good to go!

To do this open up dnSpy, load the binary and **Edit > Search Assemblies**

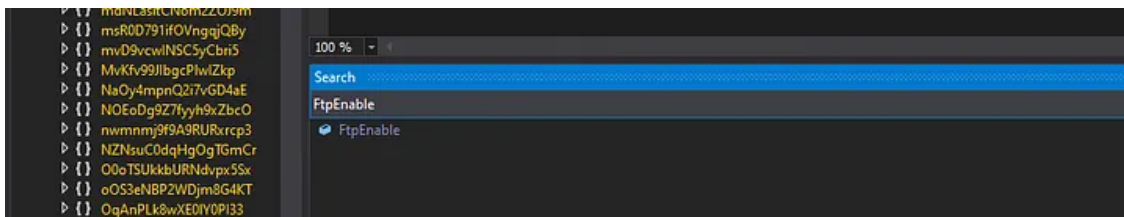
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Edit > Search Assemblies

Now search for “FtpEnable”:

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Search for FtpEnable was successful and you are looking at the MassLogger sample

Now that we are certain that we are looking at the MassLogger sample itself (you may have used [Yara rules](#) to be certain it is MassLogger, too), we can now apply our trick to get all the decrypted config values.

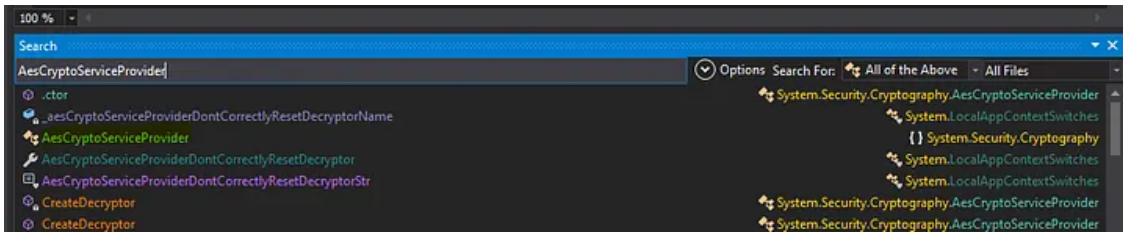
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Just add “AesCryptoServiceProvider” to the search field we used before and open the corresponding search result:

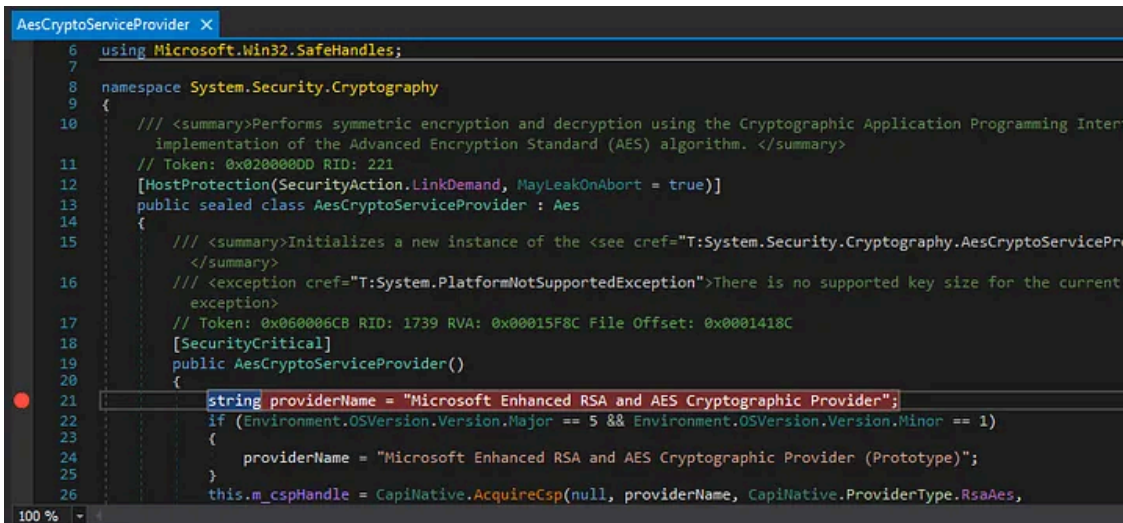
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Open AesCryptoServiceProvider from System.Security.Cryptography with a double click

Once you opened up the file, you set a breakpoint:

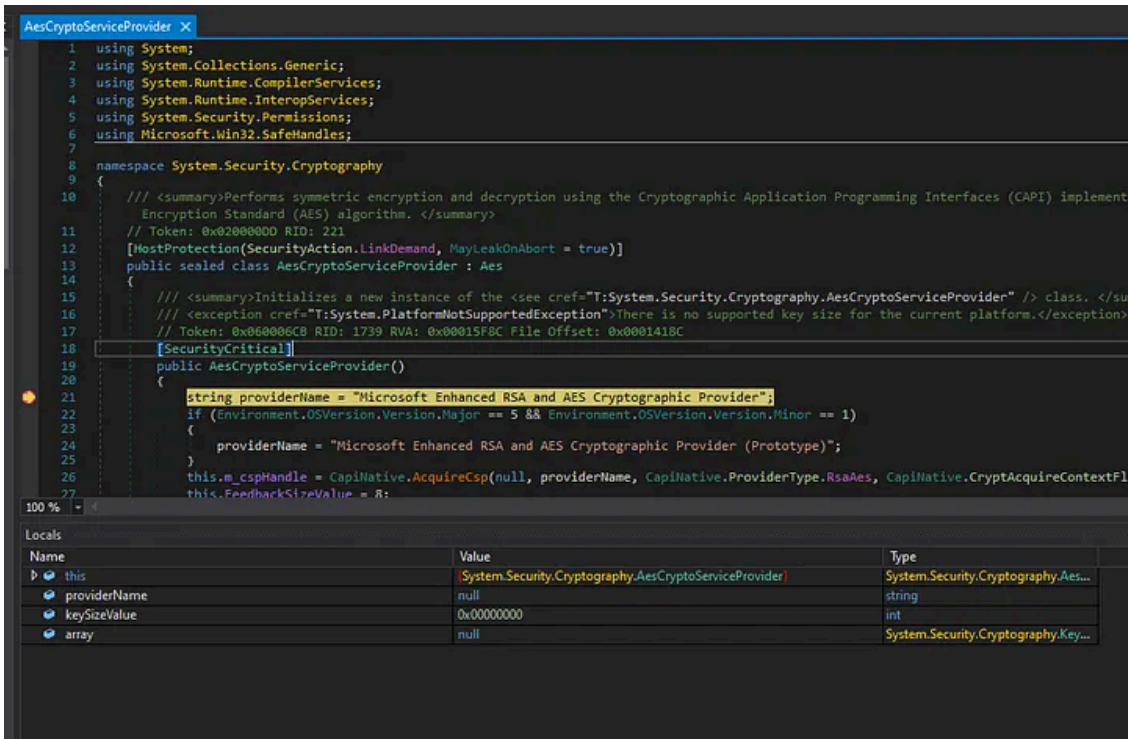
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This way, you will always hit this breakpoint when MassLogger makes use of AES to decrypt its config strings. We will need this breakpoint just once to get back to the calling function in the MassLogger binary itself.

Now you can run the sample (in a sandbox of course) and after some seconds the breakpoint we created will be hit.

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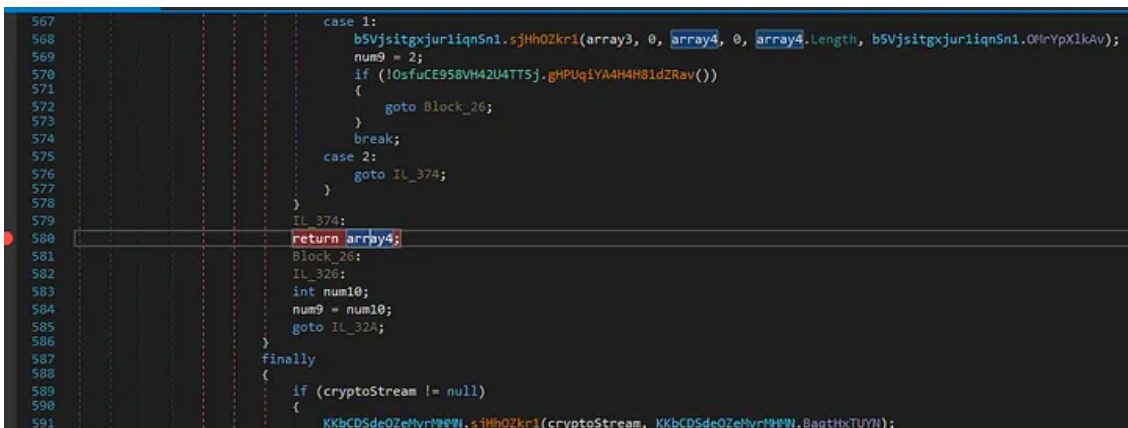


Breakpoint was hit

Once the breakpoint was hit, press Shift + F11 (Step out of function) and you'll be right back in your MassLogger binary where all the decryption takes place.

Once you are back, you have to find where the function you are currently in returns. In my case it looks like this:

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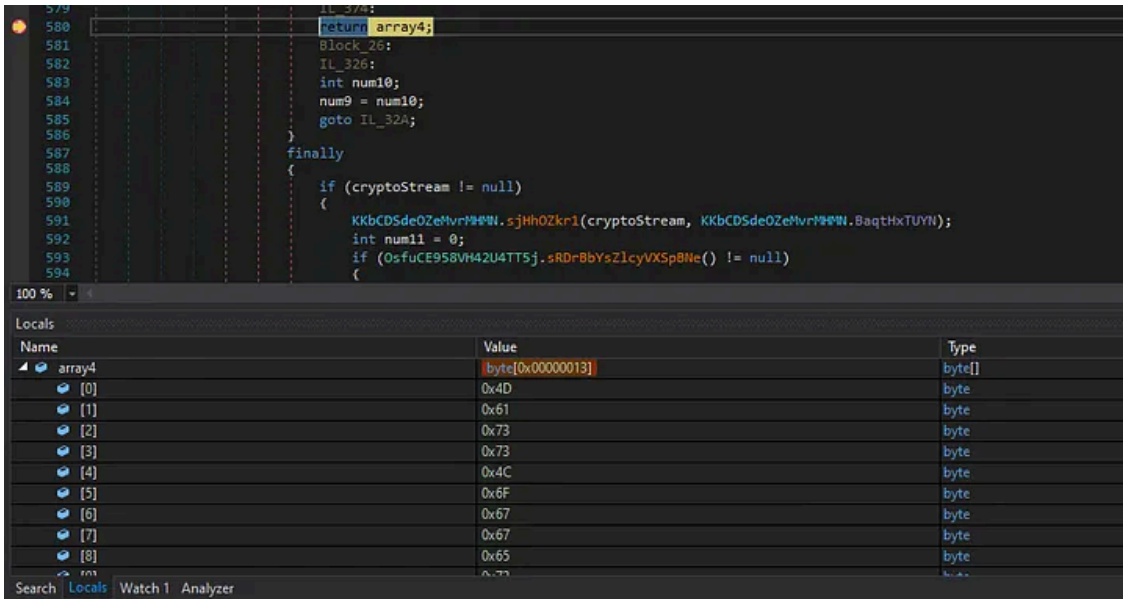


Add a breakpoint on the return of the function

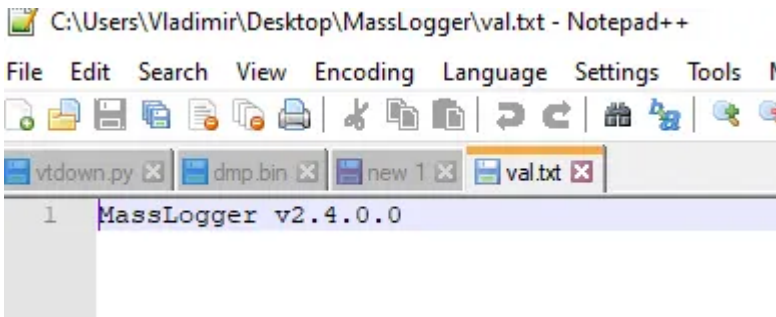
Now add a breakpoint to this line. This way, you'll hit this breakpoint whenever a part of the configuration file gets decrypted. You can now also safely disable the breakpoint in `System.Security.Cryptography` since we only needed that one to jump back into MassLogger to set our "real" breakpoint.

If you've set your breakpoint and investigate the value of `array4` you'll see:

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Which can be dumped and viewed in an editor:



Dumped config value

This process can be repeated for every config item you're interested in!

Source: <https://medium.com/@mariohenkel/decrypt-masslogger-2-4-0-0-configuration-eff3ee0720a7>