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Automating extraction from malware & recent campaign analysis

44CON 2014 – Breakfast Briefing



Who am I?

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- **Special thanks to Luke @NullMode_ for his collaboration.**



CDO provides timely analysis, advice and supporting services to clients wishing to protect, detect and remediate cyber-attacks.

Today's talk

- An overview of what we need to extract from malware.
- Some information about different approaches.
- A look at some recent targeted attack campaigns.
- Aimed at entry level reverse engineers - please enjoy your breakfast if you are already a malware ninja (it's too early for kernel mode debugging!).



Background

- We have a lot of malware samples.
- We want to extract useful information from them.
- We don't want to do this manually every time!
 - Automating basic tasks gives us time for fun stuff ☺
- How can we do this flexibly & efficiently at large scale?



What is useful information?

- Any “indicators of compromise”:

“an artifact observed on a network or in operating system that with high confidence indicates a computer intrusion”
(Wikipedia)

- **Things we might find on an infected host**
 - Filenames, registry keys, mutex values, named pipes, etc.
- **Things that might be present in the network capture**
 - Domain names, user agents, request parameters, etc.



Summary: Technical data that we can go hunt for elsewhere.

How about strings?

```
sub_4017E0 proc near
var_2C= dword ptr -2Ch
var_28= dword ptr -28h
Tn= tn ptr -24h

sub     esp, 2Ch
push   edi
push   offset aWw_google_com "www.google.com"
lea    ecx, [esi+284h] ; this
mov    dword ptr [esi+74h], 0FFFFFFh
mov    dword ptr [esi+78h], 0FF00FFh
call   ?SetWindowTextA@CWnd@@QAEXPBD@Z ; CWnd::SetWindowTextA(char const *)
push   offset a80 ; "80"
lea    ecx, [esi+2F8h] ; this
jbe   ecx, [esi+3E8h] ; false
bns   ecx
cvt   ecx, [esi+380h] ; 0
mov    dword ptr [esi+380h], 0
mov    dword ptr [esi+384h], 0
jbe   ecx, [esi+388h] ; false
bns   ecx
mov    dword ptr [esi+388h], 0
mov    dword ptr [esi+38C], 0
```

www.google.com – oh no! It's malicious!



How about strings?

```
pAutoProxyOptions= WINHTTP_AUTOPROXY_OPTIONS ptr -34h  
pProxyConfig= WINHTTP_CURRENT_USER_IE_PROXY_CONFIG ptr -1Ch  
pProxyInfo= WINHTTP_PROXY_INFO ptr -8Ch
```

```
push    ebp  
mov     ebp, esp  
sub     esp, 330h  
push    esi  
push    edi  
mov     ecx, 9  
mov     esi, offset aWww_google_com ; "www.google.com.tw"  
lea     edi, [ebp+csz0r1]  
rep     movsd
```

www.google.com.tw – super malicious!

(this is actually a sample of dyncalc)



Let's do regex!

```
0007d860 50 25 46 00 00 00 00 00 2e 3f 41 56 43 49 6e 74 P&F.....?AVCInt
0007d870 65 72 6e 65 74 45 78 63 65 70 74 69 6f 6e 40 40 ernetException@
0007d880 00 00 00 00 2e 22 3e 00 3c 74 64 3e 3c 61 20 68 .....">.ctd<a h
0007d890 72 65 66 3d 22 68 74 74 70 3a 2f 2f 77 68 6f 69 ref="http://whoi
0007d8a0 73 2e 77 65 62 68 6f 73 74 69 6e 67 2e 69 6e 66 s.webhosting.info
0007d8b0 6f 2f 00 00 30 2e 30 2e 30 2e 30 00 32 35 35 2e p/.0.0.0.0.255.
0007d8c0 32 35 35 2e 32 35 35 2e 32 35 35 00 77 68 6f 69 255.255.255.who
0007d8d0 73 2e 77 65 62 68 6f 73 74 69 6e 67 2e 69 6e 66 s.webhosting.info
0007d8e0 6f 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 o.....
000198f0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 o'.....
00019900 13 3f 11 e2 05 e8 e1 12 1f e8 0f e1 3f e8 0f e8 s'mepoazrpu'vuz
00019910 15 32 32 3f 35 32 32 3f 35 32 32 00 11 e8 e1 e8 322'322'322'MP0?
00019920 e1 32 00 00 30 3f 30 3f 30 3f 30 00 35 32 32 3f '0'0'0'0'322'
```

whois.webhosting.info? Oh dear...



Also note the highly suspicious 0.0.0.0 and 255.255.255.255, these should be filtered everywhere! ☺

Don't forget percent encoding..

```
xor     edx, edx
mov     dx, [esi+4]
mov     [esp+20h+var_4], 1
push   edx
push   eax           ; in
call   ds:inet_ntoa
push   eax
lea    eax, [esp+28h+arg_4]
push   offset ahttpSD ; "http://%s:%d/"
push   eax
bznp  eax
bznp  004429f7 9Hf1f2p : ..Hf1f2:\%s:%d\..
J69   [eax+58h+arg_4]
bznp  eax
```

http://%s:%d/ - How did those characters get there?



Who needs CRLs?

```
00044b40 55 1d 13 01 01 ff 04 08 30 06 01 01 ff 02 01 00 U...y..0...y...
00044b50 30 3f 06 03 55 1d 1f 04 38 30 36 30 34 a0 32 a0 0?..U...80604 2
00044b60 30 86 2e 68 74 74 70 3a 2f 2f 63 72 6c 2e 74 68 0f.http://crl.th
00044b70 61 77 74 65 2e 63 6f 6d 2f 54 68 61 77 74 65 54 hawe.com/Thawte
00044b80 69 6d 65 73 74 61 6d 70 69 6e 67 43 41 2e 63 72 timestampingCA.c
00044b90 6c 30 13 06 03 55 1d 25 04 0c 30 0a 06 08 2b 06 h...U%.0...+
00044ba0 01 05 05 07 03 08 30 0e 06 03 55 1d 0f 01 01 ff .....0...U...y
00044bb0 04 04 03 02 01 06 30 28 06 03 55 1d 11 04 21 30 .....0(...U...!0
00044pp0 04 04 03 05 01 0e 30 38 0e 03 22 19 11 04 31 20 *****{**n***i0
00044p00 01 02 02 01 02 08 30 0f 0e 03 22 19 0c 01 01 1c *****n***3
00044p30 6c 30 73 0e 03 22 19 32 04 0c 30 0f 0e 09 3b 0e h***n#*0***+
00044p50 63 2f 43 33 14 2f 69 35 23 0f 61 63 47 34 67 35 timestampingCA.c
```

It's fine, Thawte won't mind!



It's getting silly now...



```
(?:\r\n)?[ \t]*(?:(?=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+(?:\r\n)?[ \t])
)+\z(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*(?:\r\n)?[ \t]
(?:\r\n)?[ \t]*(?:\r\n)?[ \t]*\z(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+
(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*\z(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+(?:\r\n)?[ \t])
\z(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*\z(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+
(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*\z(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*\z
(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*\z(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+
(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*\z(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*\z
(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*\z(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+
(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*\z(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*\z
(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*\z(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+
(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*\z(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*\z
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(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*\z(?:=[^\<@\;\\\`^[\]000-031]+
(?:\r\n)?[ \t])*\z
```

<http://ex-parrot.com/~pdw/Mail-RFC822-Address.html>



This is a small portion (!) of a regular expression from a Perl module.

Summary

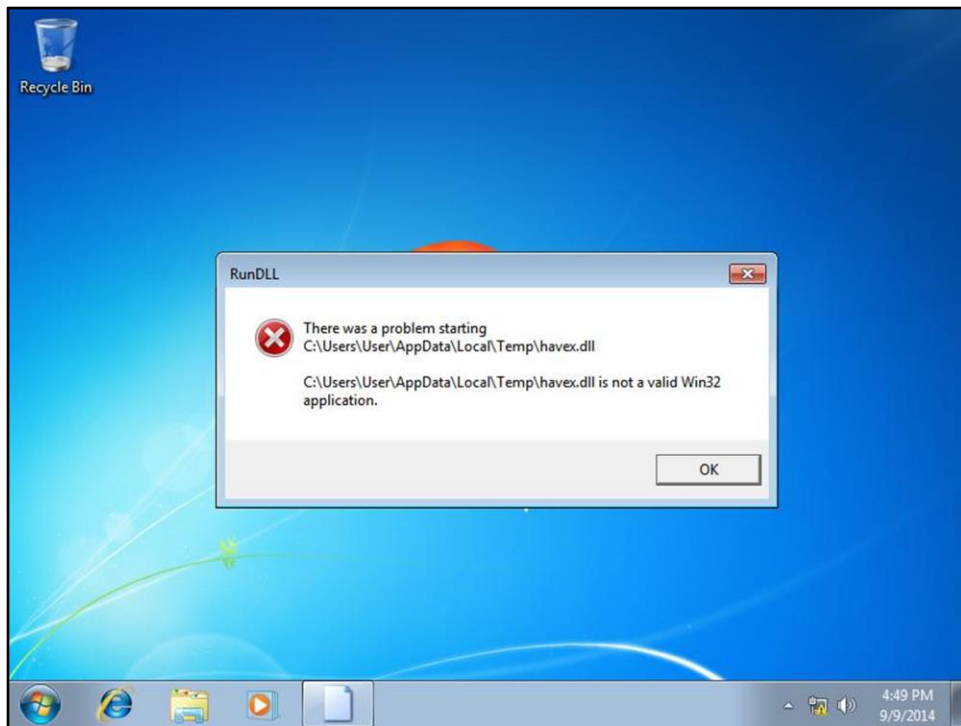
- **Blind extraction of IP addresses or domains is not good enough**



How about a sandbox?

nccgroup
freedom from doubt





This is a random Havex DLL, thrown into Cuckoo with no proper configuration or entry point set.

Sandbox challenges

- **Some malware won't easily run:**
 - Broken executables
 - DLL files, kernel drivers will need installing and might need supporting files.
- **Not the fastest method!**
 - Takes time to spin up the virtual machine in a known state.
 - Some malware will wait before calling home.
- **What if the malware supports multiple command and control servers?**
 - Will we get the first? A random one? None of them?
- **Some malware will try to detect if it's running in a VM.**



Sandboxes are great as a first quick analysis, BUT....

We might need to know the correct export to load a DLL, kernel drivers may need a usermode component. A lot of malware is dropped with a configuration file, if we don't have this then it won't necessarily run.

Let's improve / add to these techniques...



Aims

- **Needs to be fast**
 - Near to real-time, to support large amounts of data.
- **Should understand the trojans we've analysed recently**
 - Havex (ENERGETIC BEAR).
 - Sayad, MiniSayad (FLYING KITTEN).
 - Plus some that aren't currently public ☺
- **Go further than just basic indicators of compromise**
 - Find encryption keys to decode network traffic.
 - Extract plugins, second stage implants etc.
- **Add value to what Cuckoo and VirusTotal already do well.**



Similar things

- **Volatility plugins**
 - Requires running the sample, which is slow (and some are broken).
 - However - sometimes memory analysis is the easiest / only way.
- **Malware Config Extractor** - <http://malwareconfig.com/>
 - Very good parsing of some remote access trojans.
 - No API? Can't really parse the output ☹
 - Sometimes it takes a long time or doesn't work.
- **Lots of code (Perl, Python, C) scattered around for various malware.**



Challenges

- **Identifying the malware**
 - How can we quickly decide if something is a piece of malware we know?
- **Locating the parts that are of interest**
 - Where is the actual data we care about?
- **Extracting useful things from it**
 - How do we implement decoding, decryption etc. in a flexible way?
 - How can we output this in a format which is usable?



What tools can help us?

- If you take one thing away from this presentation, choose this...

<http://pythonarsenal.erpscan.com/>

- We could automate IDA, but it's slow because of the depth the auto analyser goes to (and expensive!).
- Instead we have used Yara, pefile and Capstone (all from within Python).



Home Upload Samples nccgroup

Known malware was detected!
 This file appears to contain indicators from malware that this tool understands! Please see below for the output of the processing engine.

Summary fileinfo about **poisonivy** JSON Output

unknown_5604	Software\Microsoft\Active Setup\Installed Components\						
success	True						
hklm_persistence	True						
keylogger	True						
reg_run_key	abdo						
header	StubPath						
unknown1	SOFTWARE\Classes\http\shell\open\command						
mutex	\\VoqA.14						
servers	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>type</th> <th>name</th> <th>port</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>HTTP</td> <td>frightnight.zapto.org</td> <td>3460</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	type	name	port	HTTP	frightnight.zapto.org	3460
	type	name	port				
HTTP	frightnight.zapto.org	3460					
id	abdo						
password	admin						
server_count	1						
proxy_count	0						

Thanks to Luke!

Poison Ivy

- **Off-the-shelf RAT, available for years.**
 - Certainly not exclusively Cyber Cyber APT, but it has been used in targeted campaigns.



```

rule claim {
  meta:
    description = "Generic rule to match Poison Ivy samples"

  strings:
    // Start of config marker
    $config = { 0F 04 08 00 53 74 75 62 50 61 74 68 }

    // This is common in many non-obfuscated, non-packed Poison Ivy samples.
    // It will at least catch low hanging fruit.
    /*
    0 b8 00 08 40 00 mov eax, 0x400800
    5 ff d0          call eax
    7 6a 00          push 0
    9 e8 00 00 00 00 call 0xe
    */
    $ep = { B8 00 ?? 40 00 FF D0 6A 00 E8 00 00 00 00 }

  condition:
    any of them
}

```

Introduce why Yara is so good at this. Multi-threaded, decent engine written in C with bindings for Python.

Poison Ivy

- Configuration is very nicely structured.
- Best way to work it out is to play with it!
 - Generate a number of samples, use known values to speed up the process (e.g. set the mutex to MUTEXMUTEX123, then look for this).

```
00001820 04 08 00 53 74 75 62 50 61 74 68 18 04 28 00 53 ...StubPath..(S
00001830 4f 46 54 57 41 52 45 5c 43 6c 61 73 73 65 73 5c SOFTWARE\Classes\
00001840 68 74 74 70 5c 73 68 65 6c 6c 5c 6f 70 65 6e 5c http\shell\open\
00001850 63 6f 6d 6d 61 6e 64 56 04 35 00 53 6f 66 74 77 commandV.S.Softw
00001860 61 72 65 5c 4d 69 63 72 6f 73 6f 66 74 5c 41 63 are\Microsoft\Ac
00001870 74 69 76 65 20 53 65 74 75 70 5c 49 6e 73 74 61 tive Setup\Insta
00001880 6c 6c 65 64 20 43 6f 6d 70 6f 6e 65 6e 74 73 5c lled Components\
00001890 fa 0a 0b 00 50 6f 6b 65 6d 6f 6e 59 6f 6c 6f 90 ú...PokemonYolo
000018a0 01 11 00 0d 32 35 2e 31 33 34 2e 31 30 35 2e 39 ....25.134.105.9
000018b0 35 00 84 0d 8c 01 04 00 00 00 00 00 c1 02 04 00 S...E.....Á...
000018c0 ff ff ff ff 45 01 05 00 61 64 6d 69 6e 7b 03 09 yyyyE...adminü..
000018d0 00 29 21 56 6f 71 41 2e 49 34 fa 03 01 00 01 00 .)!VoqA.I4ú.....
000018e0 00 45 00 c5 00 55 8b ec 8b 75 08 80 be f7 03 00 .õ.Á.Uíkú.Éw...
```

(or cheat & see:

<http://blog.conixsecurity.fr/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Poison-Ivy-RAT-conf-comms.pdf> for an excellent paper!)



What can we find?

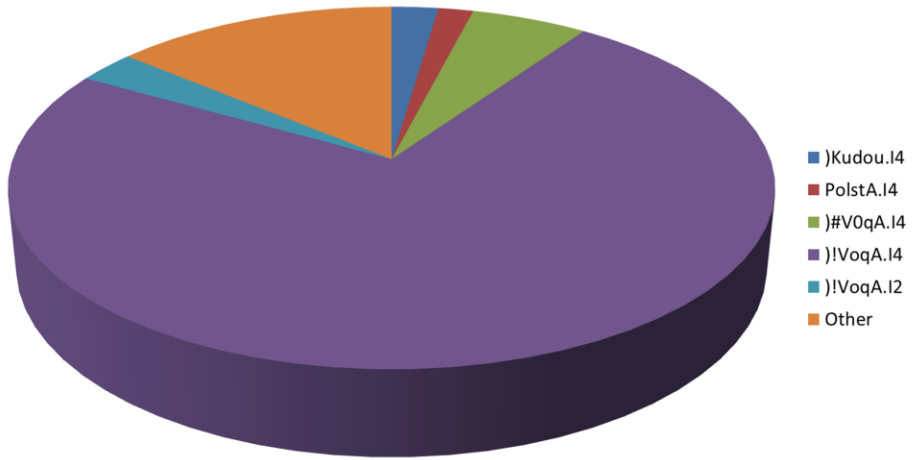
~500 Poison Ivy samples collected from VirusTotal



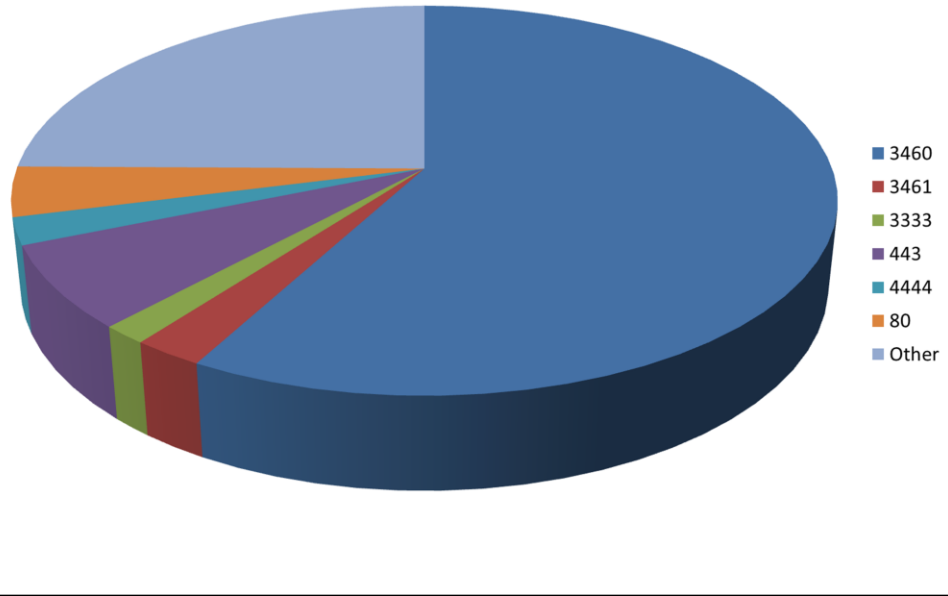
Compare and contrast with targeted samples that FireEye wrote about (our samples are a random set, **not** targeted). Are they very different?

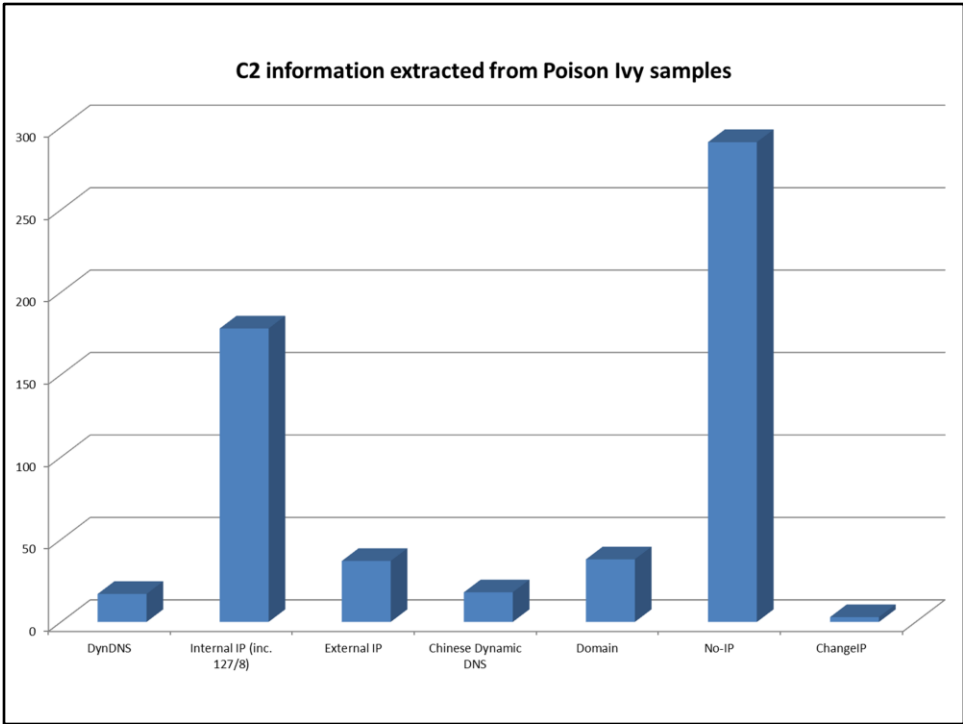
Remember that the purpose of this is to automate the boring parts, not replace a reverse engineer. Let's do 80% by magic, then let skilled analysts loose on the 20%.

Poison Ivy mutex name



Poison Ivy Command and Control Port





How about cyber cyber APT?



Havex: Our first sample

Extracting the payload from a CVE-2014-1761 RTF document

Monday June 9, 2014

Background

In March Microsoft published [security advisory 2953095](#), detailing a remote code execution vulnerability in multiple versions of Microsoft Office (CVE-2014-1761). A [Technet blog](#) was released at the same time which contained excellent information on how a typical malicious document would be constructed.

NCC Group's Cyber Defence Operations team used the information in the Technet blog to identify a malicious document within our malware zoo that exploited this vulnerability which appears to have been used in a targeted attack. In this blog we show one method of analysing the shellcode manually to extract the payload.

Matching the malicious document

The Technet blog gives a number of pointers toward a malicious document. First there is a bad header at the beginning of the document, which should be `{rtf` in a real document but is `{rtf`. Our sample matches this:

```
00000000  7b 5c 72 74 7b 7b 7b 5c 7b 5c 69 6e 66 6f 7b 5c  1111  {{{\info{\
```

```
00000000  7b 5c 72 74 7b 7b 7b 5c 7b 5c 69 6e 66 6f 7b 5c  1111  {{{/1212/1212/
```

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See: <https://www.nccgroup.com/en/blog/2014/06/extracting-the-payload-from-a-cve-2014-1761-rtf-document/>

Havex: Identifying more samples

```
rule claim {
  meta:
    description = "Matches generic strings from the havex RAT family"

  strings:
    $xor_key1 = "MTMxMjMxMg==" wide ascii

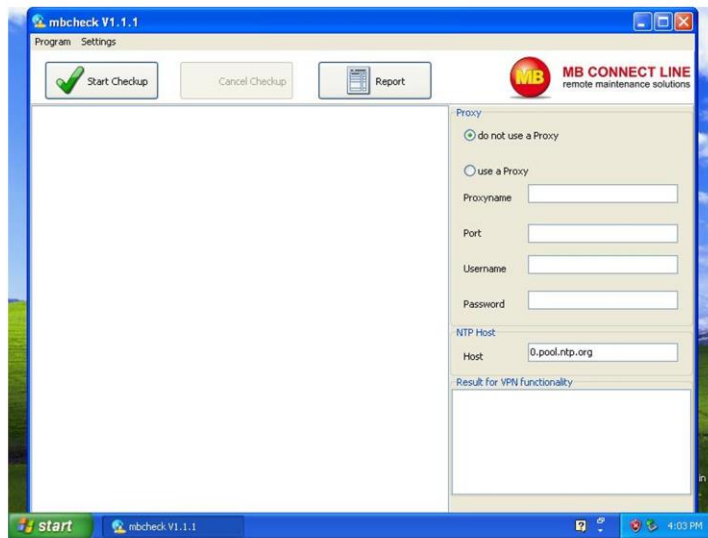
    $generic_bzip = "This is a bug in bzip2/libbzip2, %s."
    $generic_bzip_ver = "1.0.6, 6-Sept-2010"
    $generic_copyright = "Copyright (c) 1992-2004 by P.J. Plauger, licensed by
Dinkumware, Ltd"

  condition:
    $xor_key1 and 1 of ($generic*)
}
```

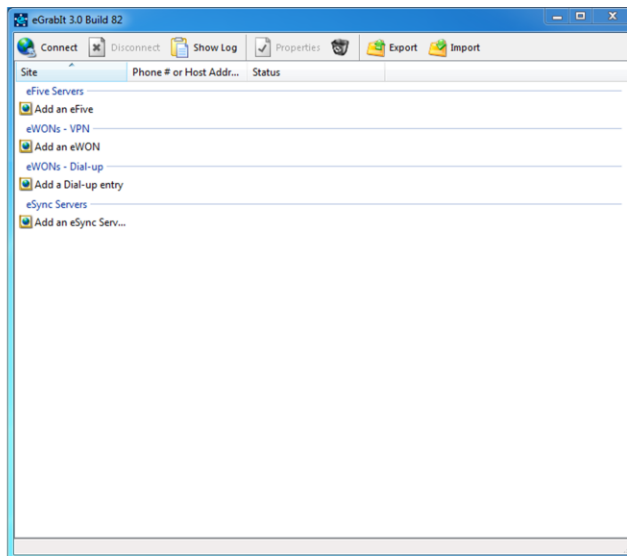


This is a **very basic rule** for havex. It is not a good rule for finding new samples, but it's OK at detecting the main implant component. It's not the only rule used within the MICE framework.

Havex: Distribution



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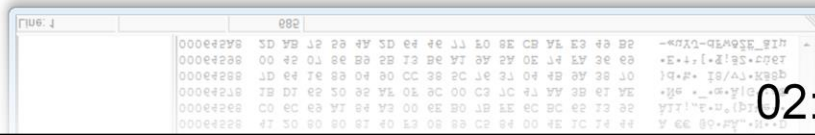
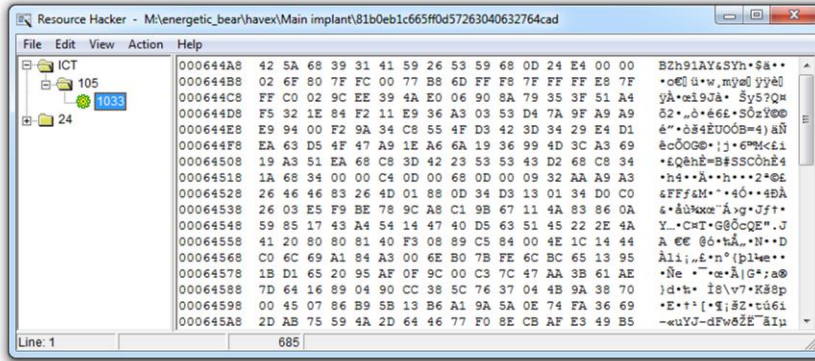
So where's the config?



Havex: early versions

```
.rdata:1004E447 align 4
.rdata:1004E448 aPekanin_freeva: ; DATA XREF: sub_10001012+23To
.rdata:1004E448 unicode 0, <pekanin.freevar.com/include/template/isx.php?id=>,0
.rdata:1004E4A8 align 10h
.rdata:1004E4B0 aRandallweil_co: ; DATA XREF: sub_10001012+4FTo
.rdata:1004E4B0 unicode 0, <randallweil.com/cms/tinyMCE/examples/access.php?id=>,0
.rdata:1004E518 aShwandukani_ue: ; DATA XREF: sub_10001012+7CTo
.rdata:1004E518 unicode 0, <shwandukani.ueuo.com/modules/mod_search/mod_research.php?>
.rdata:1004E518 unicode 0, <id=>,0
.L09f9:1004E248 szpawuqkxwz_n6: <?>'0
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```

Havex: later versions



Havex: later versions



00000000	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0a	0b	0c	0d	0e	0f	
00000000	00	33	03	32	39	31	7f	31	67	31	7f	33	49	32	7c	33	3.291[1g1]3I2 3
00000010	5b	32	7e	31	4a	31	7e	31	55	33	0c	32	0c	33	3b	32	[2~1J1~1U3.2.3;2
00000020	06	31	38	31	5b	31	53	33	47	32	54	33	49	32	39	31	.181[1S3G2T3I291
00000030	03	31	07	31	06	33	01	32	01	33	01	32	03	31	02	31	.1.1.3.2.3.2.1.1
00000040	39	31	03	33	03	32	3b	33	74	32	4b	31	42	31	5f	31	91.3.2;3t2K1B1_1
00000050	5d	33	43	32	54	33	43	32	1d	31	77	31	6b	31	77	33]3C2T3C2.1w1k1w3
00000060	3b	32	01	33	3b	32	01	31	38	31	05	31	04	33	3b	32	;2.3;2.181.1.3;2
00000070	42	33	58	32	5d	31	54	31	46	31	5e	33	52	32	54	33	B3X2]1T1F1^3R2T3
00000080	5d	32	56	31	50	31	40	31	1c	33	57	32	43	33	54	32]2V1P1@1.3W2C3T2
00000090	56	31	41	31	56	31	4a	33	48	32	52	33	5e	32	5e	31	V1A1V1J3H2R3^2^1
000000a0	5b	31	50	31	41	33	1f	32	52	33	5e	32	5e	31	1d	31	[1P1A3.2R3^2^1.1
000000b0	44	31	42	33	01	32	04	33	1e	32	44	31	42	31	1e	31	D1B3.2.3.2D1B1.1
000000c0	53	33	55	32	5c	33	58	32	5d	31	1d	31	5a	31	5c	33	S3U2\3X2]1.1Z1\3
000000d0	23	33	22	35	2c	33	28	35	29	37	79	37	28	37	2c	33	23NS/3XS]J^TST/3
000000e0	44	37	45	33	07	35	04	33	7e	35	44	37	45	37	7e	37	D7B3^5^3^5SD7B7^T
000000f0	2P	37	20	37	47	33	74	35	25	33	2e	35	2e	37	79	37	[7BY73^5E3^5^7^T
00000100	2e	37	47	37	2e	37	48	33	48	35	25	33	2e	35	2e	37	ATV7AT73H5B3^5^T
00000110	29	35	2e	37	20	37	40	37	7c	33	21	35	43	33	24	35]SAT7B7@7^3M5C3L5
00000120	45	33	28	35	29	37	24	37	4e	37	2e	33	25	35	24	33	B3XS]JL7^T^T
00000130	3D	35	07	33	3D	35	07	37	38	37	02	37	04	33	3D	35	35^33X^T

04:00

Havex: later versions

00000000	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0a	0b	0c	0d	0e	0f	
00000000	31	00	32	00	0a	00	4d	00	54	00	4d	00	78	00	4d	00	1.2...M.T.M.x.M.
00000010	6a	00	4d	00	78	00	4d	00	67	00	3d	00	3d	00	0a	00	j.M.x.M.g.=...
00000020	35	00	0a	00	68	00	61	00	76	00	65	00	78	00	0a	00	5...h.a.v.e.x...
00000030	31	00	34	00	34	00	30	00	30	00	30	00	30	00	30	00	1.4.4.0.0.0.0.0.
00000040	0a	00	31	00	32	00	0a	00	45	00	78	00	70	00	6c	00	..1.2...E.x.p.l.
00000050	6f	00	72	00	65	00	72	00	2e	00	45	00	58	00	45	00	o.r.e.r...E.X.E.
00000060	0a	00	30	00	0a	00	32	00	0a	00	36	00	36	00	0a	00	..0...2...6.6...
00000070	73	00	69	00	6e	00	66	00	75	00	6c	00	63	00	65	00	s.i.n.f.u.l.c.e.
00000080	6c	00	65	00	62	00	73	00	2e	00	66	00	72	00	65	00	l.e.b.s...f.r.e.
00000090	65	00	73	00	65	00	78	00	79	00	63	00	6f	00	6d	00	e.s.e.x.y.c.o.m.
000000a0	69	00	63	00	73	00	2e	00	63	00	6f	00	6d	00	2f	00	i.c.s...c.o.m./
000000b0	77	00	70	00	30	00	35	00	2f	00	77	00	70	00	2d	00	w.p.0.5./w.p.-
000000c0	61	00	64	00	6d	00	69	00	6e	00	2f	00	69	00	6e	00	a.d.m.i.n./i.n.
000000c0	e7	00	e4	00	e9	00	e8	00	e6	00	5e	00	e8	00	e6	00	q'w't'u'\t'u'
000000d0	11	00	10	00	30	00	32	00	5e	00	11	00	10	00	59	00	m'b'0'p'\m'b'-
000000e0	e8	00	e3	00	13	00	36	00	e3	00	e4	00	e9	00	5e	00	t'c'a''c'o'w'\
000000f0	e2	00	13	00	e2	00	18	00	18	00	e3	00	e4	00	e9	00	e'a'e'x'\c'o'w'
00000000	e5	00	e2	00	e3	00	13	00	36	00	e8	00	15	00	e2	00	t'e'p'a''t'e'
00000010	13	00	e8	00	e6	00	e8	00	12	00	e0	00	e3	00	e2	00	w't'u'z'
00000020	08	00	30	00	08	00	35	00	08	00	38	00	38	00	08	00	'0''5'

04:30

Havex: later versions



```
12
MTMxMjMxMg==
5
havex
14400000
12
Explorer.EXE
0
2
66
sinfulcelebs.freesexycomics.com/wp05/wp-admin/includes/tmp/tmp.php
90
rapidecharge.gigfa.com/blogs/wp-content/plugins/buddypress/bp-settings/bp-
settings-src.php
354
AATXn+MiwLu+xCoMG7SqY1uQxAk1qLdYoED9LxIVQr2Z/gsrHIsGtvK9AusdFo+9
fzAxf1zXj42880+kUmktmVb5HSYi8T27Q54eQ4ZLUFKPKZstgHcwPVHGdwpmmRmk
09fL3KGd9SqR60Mv7QtJ4VwGDqrzOja+Ml4SI7e60C4qDQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAQAB
(snip..)
```

05:00

Let's automate it..



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Known malware was detected!

This file appears to contain indicators from malware that this tool understands! Please see below for the output of the processing engine.

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version	044
version2	044
servers	uri
	sinfulcelebs.freesexycomics.com/wp05/wp-admin/includes/tmp/tmp.php
	rapidecharge.gigfa.com/blogs/wp-content/plugins/buddypress/bp-settings/bp-settings-src.php

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Havex: version

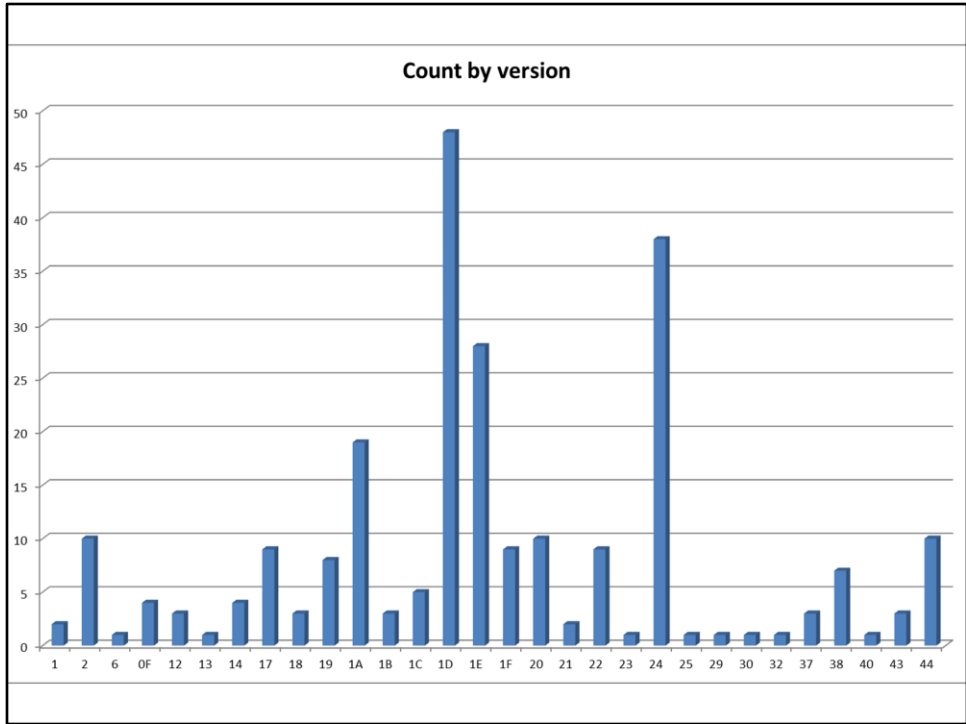
```
8D 4D CC          lea    ecx, [ebp+0E0h+var_114]
C6 45 FC 14      mov    byte ptr [ebp+0E0h+var_E4], 14h
E8 B0 9E FF FF   call  sub_1000272A
68 BC 7A 05 10   push  offset a020_0 ; "020"
8D 4D 44          lea    ecx, [ebp+0E0h+var_9C]
E8 DB 8A FF FF   call  sub_10001362
E8 DB 80 EE EE   call  sub_10001305
8D 4D 44          lea    ecx, [ebp+0E0h+var_9C]
98 BC 50 02 10   call  sub_10001305
```

It's also possible to extract this from various strings, but this is a nice example of using Yara, pefile and, optionally, Capstone.

Havex: version

```
rule version {  
  meta:  
    description = "Finds CALL/PUSH/LEA sequence, iterate results to find  
version"  
  
  strings:  
    $version = { E8 ?? ?? FF FF 68 ?? ?? ?? ?? [0-1] 8D [2-5] }  
  
  condition:  
    any of them  
}
```

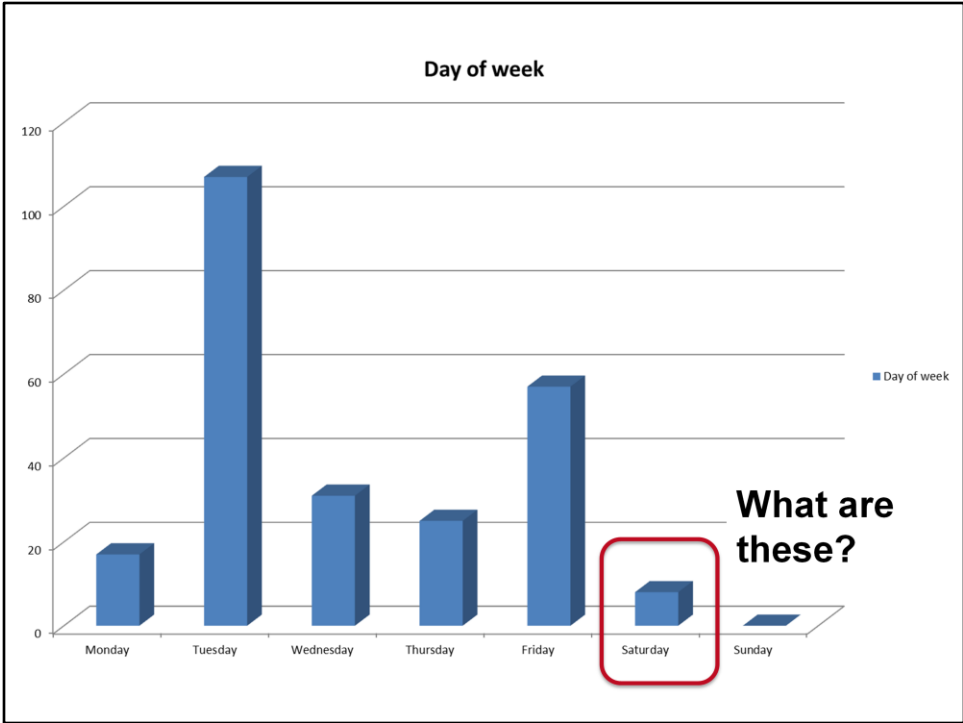




Recent campaigns

- **What's the oldest sample?**
 - 2nd June 2011
- **What's the newest sample?**
 - 7th May 2014
- **How many unique beacon URLs are there?**
 - 167 - including some that only appear once (why is that?)





Unusual dates

- **Saturday December 3rd 2011**
 - Russian Parliamentary Elections held on Sunday 4th December 2011.
- **Saturday June 9th 2012**
 - Russian public holiday on Monday June 11th – compensated by June 9th.
 - BP forced to sell 50% stake in Joint Venture to Russian oligarchs.

(Disclaimer: Plenty of other things happened in the world on these days, but these 8 samples potentially relate to interesting stuff)



Next steps

- Create some Maltego transforms
- Take the output and automagically create indicators of compromise (e.g. OpenIOC format)
- Integrate with Volatility support to assist with difficult malware.
 - Makes some unpacking tasks much more simple.
- Interested? See us on the NCC Group stand today!



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