

APT SECRETS IN ASIA

奧義 亞洲的APT奧義

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		'08-06-10 ErfurtWiki <- R1.02b (css) Local File Inclusion Vulnerability	Unohope		

(會員招募中，目前團報另有優惠)



Xecure Lab Team

- Yes! We are all the good guys 😊



Birdman



Benson



DarkFloyd

Bio



- **Jeremy Chiu (aka Birdman)**

- He has more than ten years of experience with host-based security, focusing on kernel technologies for both the Win32 and Linux platforms. In early 2001 he was created Taiwan's first widespread trojan BirdSPY. And now, he is also a contract trainer for law enforcements, intelligence organizations, and conferences such as DEFCON 18, SySCAN (09 08), Hacks in Taiwan (07 06 05), HTICA(06 08) and OWASP Asia (08 07). Jeremy specializes in rootkit/backdoor design. Jeremy also specializes in reverse engineering and malware analysis, and has been contracted by law enforcements to assist in forensics operations. Jeremy is a sought-after speaker for topics related to security, kernel programming, and object-oriented design

- **Benson Wu**

- He currently works as Postdoctoral Researcher from Research Center for Information Technology Innovation at Academia Sinica in Taiwan. He focuses research on malware and threat analysis, code review, secure coding and SDLC process implementation. He graduated from National Taiwan University with PhD degree in Electrical Engineering. He had spoken at NIST SATE 2009, DEFCON 18 (with Birdman), OWASP China 2010, and wrote the "Web Application Security Guideline" for the Taiwan government.

- **Anothny Lai (aka DarkFlyod)**

- He works on code audit, penetration test, crime investigation and threat analysis and acted as security consultant in various MNCs. His interest falls on studying exploit, reverse engineering, analyse threat and join CTFs, it would be nice to keep going and boost this China-made security wind in malware analysis and advanced persistent threat areas.
- He found security research group called VXRL in Hong Kong and has been working as visiting lecturer in HK Polytechnic University on hacking course :) Spoken at Blackhat USA 2010, DEFCON 18 and Hack In Taiwan 2010/2011



Abstract

- ⦿ APT (Advanced Persistent Threat) means any targeted attacks against any specific company/organization from an or/and a group of organized attack party(ies).
- ⦿ Other than providing the case studies, we would like to present and analyze APT from the malicious email document, throughout our automated analysis, we could identify and cluster the correlation among the samples featured with various exploit, malware and Botnet .



APT

- What is APT ?
- What is not APT !
- APT Events
- APT: Multi-vectors Attacking



Important APT Events In This Year

COMODO

Mar 26, 2011

Creating Trust Online™

Comodo admits 2 more resellers pwned in SSL cert hack
How deep does the rabbit hole go?

By [John Leyden](#) • [Get more from this author](#)

Posted in [Enterprise Security](#), 30th March 2011 14:27 GMT

Comodo has admitted a further two registration authorities tied to the digital certificates firm were hit by a high-profile forged digital certificate attack earlier this month.

No forged certificates were issued as a result of the assault on victims two and three of the attack, but confirmation that multiple resellers in the Comodo community were compromised is bound to renew questions about the trust model applied by the firm.

Mar 18, 2011

SECURITY

RSA SecurID Hack Shows Danger of APTs

The RSA hack compromising SecurID tokens illustrates why advanced persistent threats (APTs) are a growing security concern.

By [Tony Bradley](#)

Mar 18, 2011 10:10 AM

RSA [revealed in an open letter](#) posted to its website that it has been the target of an attack, and that data was stolen which could [potentially compromise its SecurID tokens](#). The attack against the RSA network is an example of a new breed of security threat aimed at flying under the radar longer and going after bigger payoffs.

RSA describes the attack as an advanced persistent threat (APT). Tim 'TK' Keanini, CTO of [nCircle](#), commented that APTs represent a significant change in the security landscape. An APT attack involves patient, skilled, well-funded attackers going after the really big prize.

Lockheed Martin !



May 30, 2011

30 May 2011 Last updated at 11:07 GMT

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US defence firm Lockheed Martin hit by cyber-attack

US defence firm Lockheed Martin says it has come under a significant cyber-attack, which took place last week.

Few details were available, but Lockheed said its security team had detected the threat quickly and ensured that none of its programmes had been compromised.

The Pentagon said it is working to establish the extent of the breach.

Lockheed makes fighter jets, warships and multi-billion dollar weapons systems sold worldwide.

Lt Col April Cunningham, speaking for the US defence department, said the impact on the Pentagon was "minimal and we don't expect any adverse effect".



Lockheed Martin makes F-16 fighter jets

Related



Act of WAR !

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

WSJ.com

TECHNOLOGY | MAY 31, 2011

Cyber Combat: Act of War

Pentagon Sets Stage for U.S. to Respond to Computer Sabotage With Military Force

By SIOBHAN GORMAN And JULIAN E. BARNES

WASHINGTON—The Pentagon has concluded that computer sabotage coming from another country can constitute an act of war, a finding that for the first time opens the door for the U.S. to respond using traditional military force.



WSJ's Siobhan Gorman has the exclusive story of the Pentagon classifying cyber attacks by foreign nations as acts of war. Photo: THOMAS KIENZLE/AFP/Getty

The Pentagon's first formal cyber strategy, unclassified portions of which are expected to become public next month, represents an early attempt to grapple with a changing world in which a hacker could pose as significant a threat to U.S. nuclear reactors, subways or pipelines as a hostile country's military.

In part, the Pentagon intends its plan as a warning to potential adversaries of the consequences of attacking the U.S. in this way. "If you shut down our power grid, maybe we will put a missile down one of your smokestacks," said a military official.

DoD: APT偵測與防護是資訊戰基石



Operate Effectively in Cyberspace

(OV-1: High Level Operational Concept)



**Fight Through
Any Cyber Event
and Prevail**

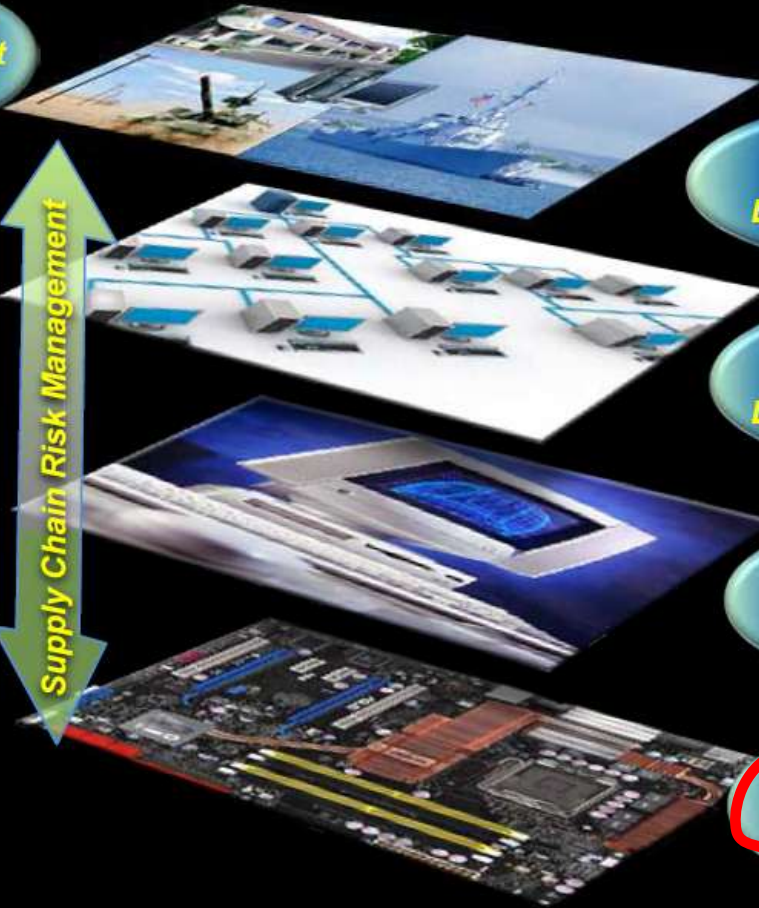
**Enhance Trust &
Confidence in
Data & IT Services**

**Dynamically
Defend
DoD Cyberspace**

**Detect & Counter
Insider Threats**

**Detect & Counter
Advanced Persistent
Threats**

Supply Chain Risk Management



Scenario:

Defending in a cyber environment contested by nation-states or other sophisticated adversaries



It is not APT !

The screenshot shows the homepage of the APT Asian Series website. At the top left is the APT logo. The main header features the title "2011年亚洲扑克巡回赛" (2011 Asian Series Poker Tour) in large Chinese characters. Below the header is a navigation menu with buttons for "主页", "关于APT", "赛事及成绩", "新闻", "艺术馆", "注册", "联系我们", and "常见问题". A search bar is located in the top right corner.

The main content area includes a "Latest Update" section with the text: "年APT亚洲系列赛马尼拉站正式公布啦。。。将于8月17日至23日在马尼拉:".

On the left, there is a large graphic for "APT ASIAN SERIES Goa" with the subtitle "APT亚洲系列赛走进印度". Below this is a short article snippet: "亚洲扑克巡回赛(APT)十分高兴地宣布一个历史性的迈进——APT亚洲系列赛即将首次登陆印度果阿阳光海岸。这场赛...".

In the center, there are two promotional boxes. The top one is for "APT MANILA EVENT 2011" with a "FREE EVENT TICKET" and "GTO INVITATIONAL FREEROLL" offer, mentioning "JBET 扑克赞助 APT 亚洲系列赛 KO 赏金赛及邀请赛". The bottom one shows a blue t-shirt and shorts, with the text "APT 在线扑克游戏, 奖品多多, 等你来拿!".

On the right, there is a large promotional box for the "APT 亚洲系列赛-马尼拉站" (APT Asian Series - Manila Station) event, scheduled for August 17, 2011. It features a countdown timer showing "27 天 12 小时 32 分钟 32 秒钟" and the location "地点: 菲律宾的马尼拉名胜世界". At the bottom right of this box is another "APT ASIAN SERIES 马尼拉站" logo.

At the bottom center of the page, there is a "More News" link.

~這個...不是那個... !!



APT is not Virus problem !

許添財收到行政院秘書室病毒信 呼籲徹查資訊國安



王鼎鈞

2011年7月6日 14:17

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記者王鼎鈞／台北報導

民進黨立委許添財於7月4日接獲行政院秘書室傳來的病毒信件，質疑這是一起「資訊國安」事件。許添財今（6）日要求，政院應立即徹查，並採取有效的救濟預防措施。

許添財指出，日前由手機接獲政院秘書室傳來的電子郵件，但無法開啟，他只好用透過電腦開啟，但他兒子卻發現，該信件夾帶WORD檔是假的，連附件圖檔也是假的，而且檔案還被壓縮過，保護病毒檔被防毒軟體攔截。



許添財收到政院秘書室發出的病毒信，要求政院應立即徹查，並採取有效的救濟預防措施。（圖／記者王鼎鈞攝）



APT是多種面向的攻擊路徑

- ◎ 外網主機如Web伺服器遭突破成功，多半是被SQL注入攻擊
- ◎ 受駭Web伺服器被作為跳板，對內網的其他伺服器或桌機進行偵蒐
- ◎ 內網機器如AD伺服器或開發人員電腦遭突破成功，多半是被密碼暴力破解
- ◎ 受害者的工作與私人信箱被設定自動被份給駭客
- ◎ 受駭機器遭植入惡意程式，多半被安裝遠端控制工具（RAT），傳回大量機敏文件（WORD、PPT、PDF等等），包括所有會議記錄與組織人事架構圖
- ◎ 更多內網機器被"設計"遭入侵成功，多半為高階主管點擊了看似正常的郵件附檔，卻不知其中含有惡意程式



APT Attack Vs Traditional Botnet Activities

	APT Activities	Crime-Group Activities
	With organized planning	Mass distribution over regions
Cause damage?	No	No
Target or Not	Targeted (only a few groups/organizations)	Not targeted (large area spread-out)
Target Audience	Particular organization/company	Individual credentials including online banking account information
Frequency of attacks	Many times	Once
Weapon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zero-Day Exploit• Drop Embedded RAT• Dropper or Backdoor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple-Exploits, All in one!• URL Download Botnet• Full function RAT
Detection Rate	Detection rate is lower than 10% if the sample comes out within one month	Detection rate is around 95% if the sample comes out within one month

Remarks: IPS, IDS and Firewall cannot help and detect in this area



Continued APT Mail EVERYDAY!

◎ 20,000 Malicious Mails !?

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即時新聞》駭客惡意攻擊 政府強化資安 Breaking news

【中央社／台北2日電】

2011.06.02 08:12 pm

駭客猖獗，政府部門也曾遭受攻擊。行政院資訊室統計，行政院院本部平均每天接到2萬餘封疑似惡意電子郵件，但經過濾，確定有問題的郵件，平均1個月約4000封至5000封。



Major APT Activity: Targeted-Attack Email

- In APT activities, we have observed there are three major types of Targeted-Attack Email :
 - Phishing mail: Steal user ID and password
 - Malicious script: Detect end-use computing environment
 - Install and deploy Malware (Botnet) !



APT Mail = Document Exploit + Malware



Research Direction (1/2)

- ◎ **We are not just focusing on a single one-off attack, we tend to observe the entire APT attack plan and trend**
 - Traditionally, we just focus on malware forensics or analyze a single victim's machine. We cannot understand the APT attack plan and its trend indeed.



Research Direction (2/2)

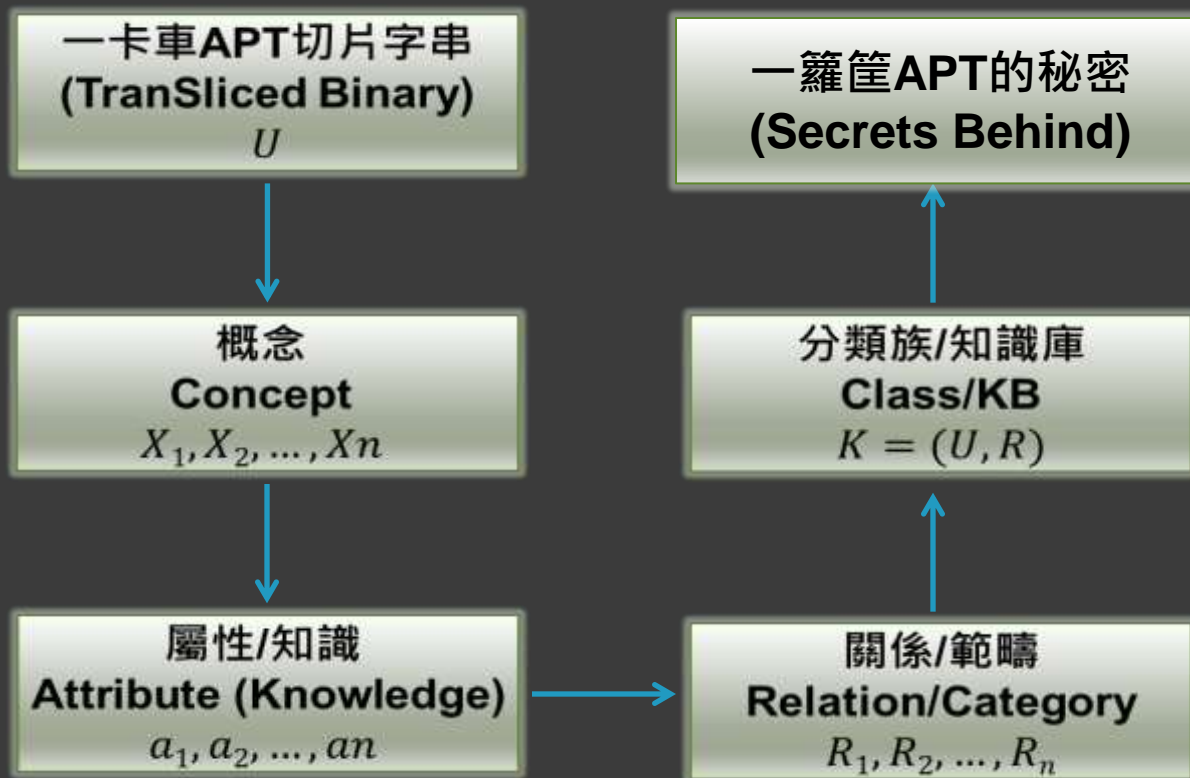
- ◎ Analyze and extract features and characteristics of APT taskforce via:
 - Malware features
 - Exploit
 - C&C Network
 - Spearphish Email
 - Victim' s background
 - Time of attack



APT File Analysis and Grouping

- Theoretically, in an information system (i.e. malware analysis system), if we could collect all the attributes/properties of our malicious sample sets, we could identify whether the executable/document/sample is malicious.
- However, the research issues are insufficient collection in attributes/characteristics (for example, the malware has been packed and engage various anti-debugging capabilities), so that we get the indiscernibility relation.

Research





Standard Analysis Method

- Static Approach
 - Extract signature/features from file format
 - Reversing
- Dynamic Approach
 - Execute it under controlled environment and capture/log all the behaviors
 - Analyze networking traffic
- Challenge of Malware/Exploit Analysis



We prefer using static analysis to prevent from Anti-VM, dormant functionality and side effect of master/bot interaction.



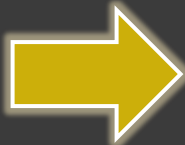
What APT Attributes we focused?

- ⦿ We work on the analysis on multi-concepts basis.
- ⦿ Throughout static analysis:
 - Extract and review executable, Shellcode and PE header
 - Objects and abnormal structure in file
- ⦿ Throughout dynamic analysis:
 - Install the system into Windows
 - Scan Process Memory to detect abnormal structure
 - Code-Injection, API Hooking ...
 - Detect any known Code Snippet
 - Rootkit, KeyLogger, Password Collector, Anti-AV...
 - Suspicious strings: email address, domain, IP, URL

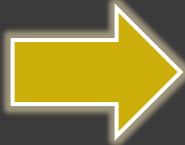
Extract Attributes from APT File



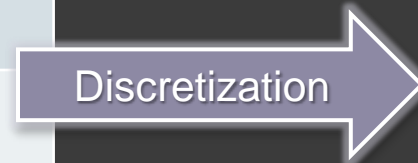
Static
Analysis



Dynamic
Analysis



Concept	Data
CVE	CVE-2009-3129
Shellcode	Code=90903CFDEF CAPO=E2FE9071 PUCA=002191CB
Entropy	6.821483
Network	140.128.115.*** smtp.126.com test.3322.org.cn
Structure	JS=A103FE426E214CE JS=90C0C0C0C AS=32EF90183227
Malware 1	PE=EF024788 Entry=000B7324 Code=D7B5A0120987FE Code=83D2325AB5 Code=20BDCE Autorun=STARTUP_FOLDER Behavior=DLL-Injection, Password Collector
Malware 2	PE=EF93461A Entry=0003CAC0 Code=AC23109B Code=19EFAC21 Behavior=API-Hooking



APT Attributes

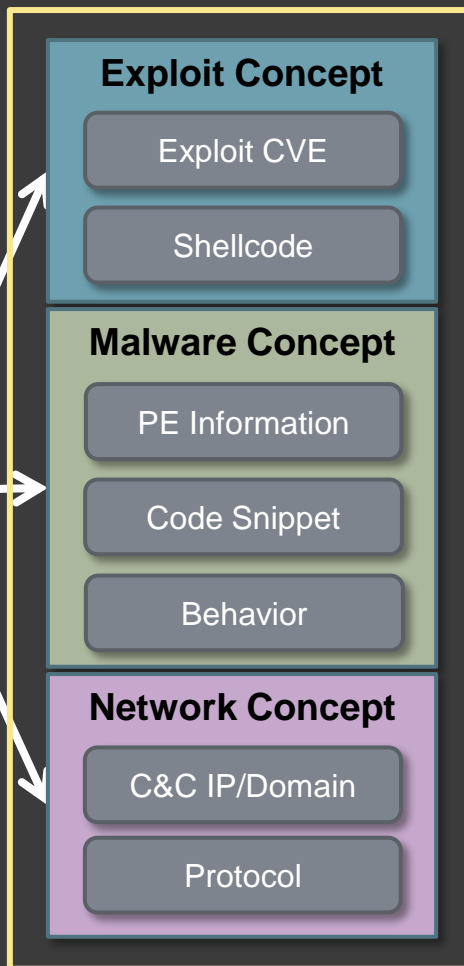
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NT.549535DD
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CC.77DEB444

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Clustering !



Xecure Engine

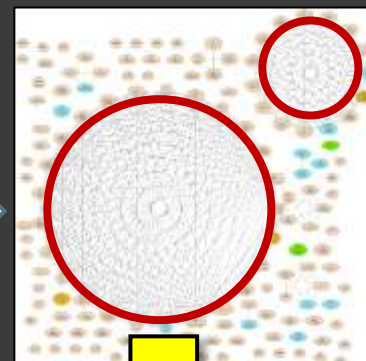


APT Attributes

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NT.549535DD
CC.656C20E1
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Clustering

APT Groups



Extract Fingerprints



Save to DB

APT Taskforce Database



Experiment

- Mila's provided APT sample archives are confirmed to malicious
- Those archives are open to public for downloading and analysis (Collection1, 242 APT files)
- The sample archives are used by many researchers
- <http://contagiodump.blogspot.com/>



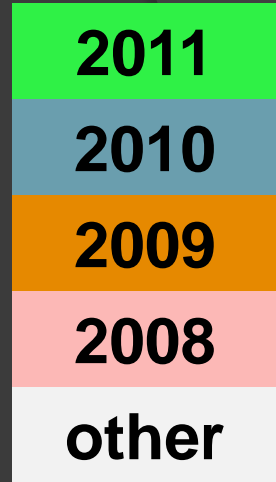
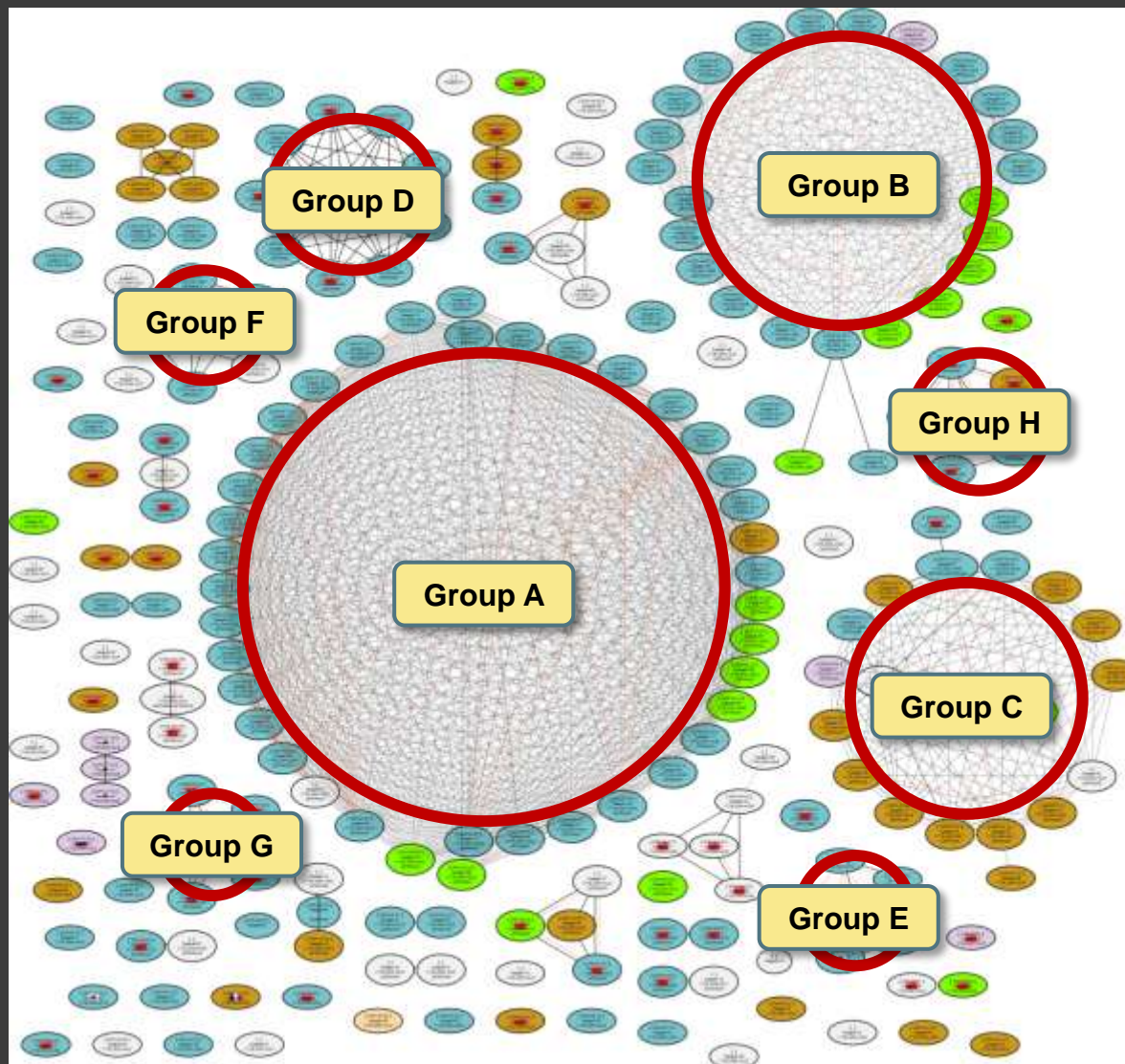


Detection Rate

- ◎ **Xecure Inspector**
 - 94.62 % (229 / 242)

- ◎ Definition updated to 2011/6/11
 - ◎ **Microsoft Security Essentials**
 - 21.4 % (52 / 242)
 - ◎ **Sophos**
 - 35.9 % (87/242)
 - ◎ **AntiVir**
 - 56.6 % (137/242)

There are 8 major APT-Taskforce Groups

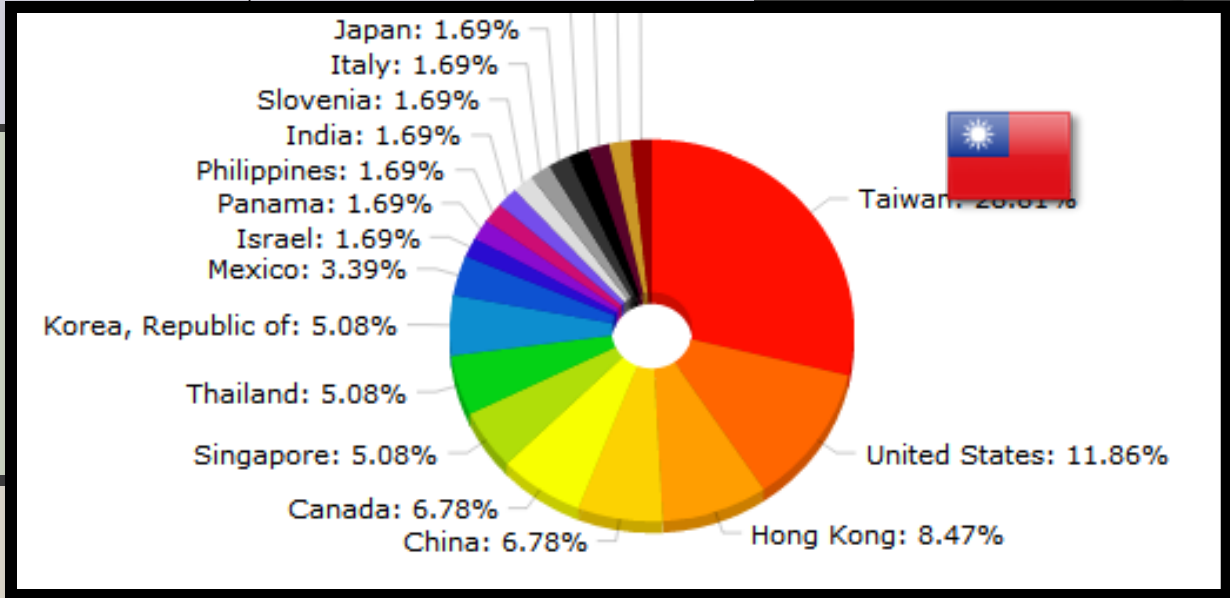


Groups of Mila Sample Set Collection1

Top 3 APT Taskforce Groups



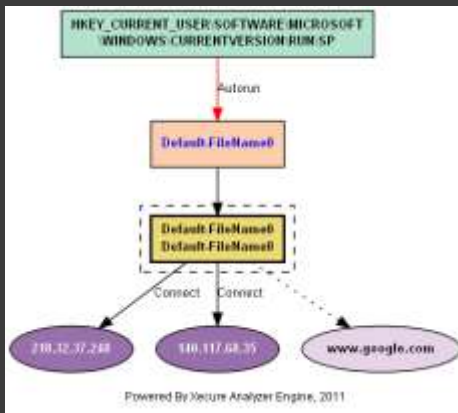
Group A	Active	2009-0923 ~ 2011-0420
	Number	40
	CVE	CVE-2009-4841, CVE-2009-0927, CVE-2009-3129, CVE-2009-4324, CVE-2010-0188, CVE-2010-2833, CVE-2011-0611, CVE-2011-0609
	Malware	
	C&C	
Group B	Active	
	Number	
	CVE	
	Malware	
	C&C	
Group C	Active	
	Number	
	CVE	CVE-2007-5659, CVE-2008-4841, CVE-2009-1862, CVE-2009-3129, CVE-2009-4324, CVE-2009-0658, CVE-2009-0927,
	Malware	APT00200
	C&C	IP:5, Domain:11





Malware of APT Group A

Malware Attack Graph



Malware Fix Suggestion

Malware Analysis Report

Time 2011-06-08 09:49:41
Duration 84 Seconds
Engine 2.9.1

Default-FileName (6DE7186AAD5C3AA496B5BE8EAA2BC838)

Malware Family

Build Time

2010-07

Malware Type

Severity

★★

Behavior

- **This Malware has been identified the following behavior: Password Collection functions.**

Modules

- Base=00400000 Size=0000C000 Default-FileName

Files

- [EXE] **Default-FileName** 6DE7186AAD5C3AA496B5BE8EAA2BC838

Autoruns

- HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\MICROSOFT\WINDOWS\CURRENTVERSION\RUN\SP

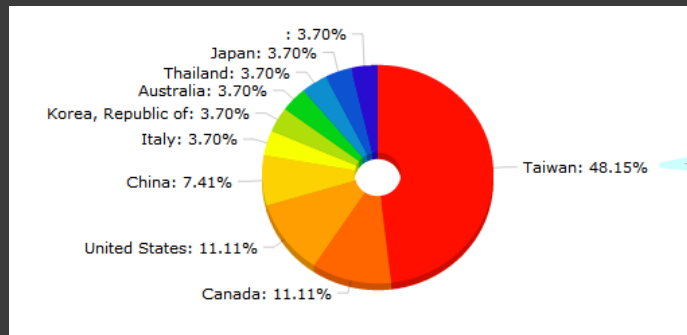
Network

- 140.117.68.35
- 218.32.37.248
- www.google.com

Bot Command

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/get Remote Local  
/rsh [SHELL FILE]  
/shr [wins.exe]  
/put Local Remote  
/run Program  
/sleep MINUTES
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C&C Location of APT Group A



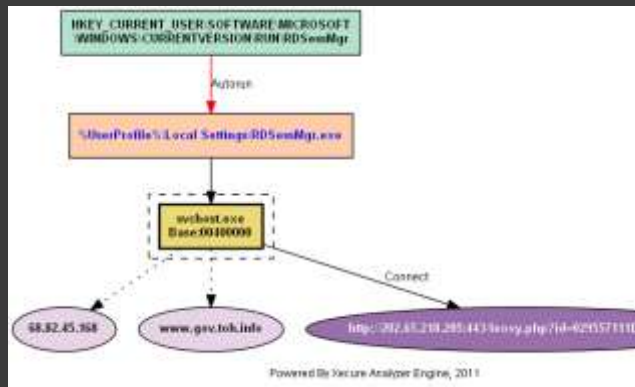
48.1% C&C IP located in Taiwan





Malware of APT Group B

Malware Attack Graph



Malware Fix Suggestion

Malware Analysis Report

Time	2011-06-08 09:41:35
Duration	74 Seconds
Engine	2.9.1

%UserProfile%\Local Settings\RDSSessMgr.exe (F23A421D1DD02D060F35D25341BAB003)

Malware Family: [REDACTED]
Build Time: 2010-03
Malware Type: **China Spyware**
Severity: **

Behavior

- **This Malware has been identified the following behavior: Code-Injection (Target: svchost.exe) functions.**

Modules

- Base=00400000 Size=00005000 svchost.exe

Files

- [EXE] %UserProfile%\Local Settings\RDSSessMgr.exe F23A421D1DD02D060F35D25341BAB003

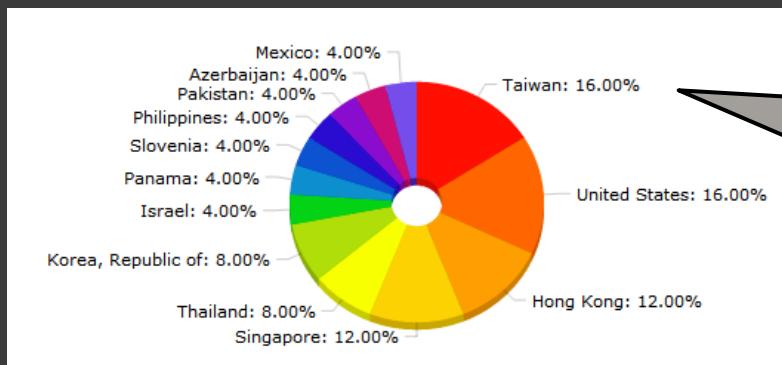
Autoruns

- HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\MICROSOFT\WINDOWS\CURRENTVERSION\RUN\RDSSessMgr

Network

- 68.82.45.[REDACTED]
- http://202.65.[REDACTED]:443/leaxy.php?id=029[REDACTED]f4ee
- www.gov.toh.info

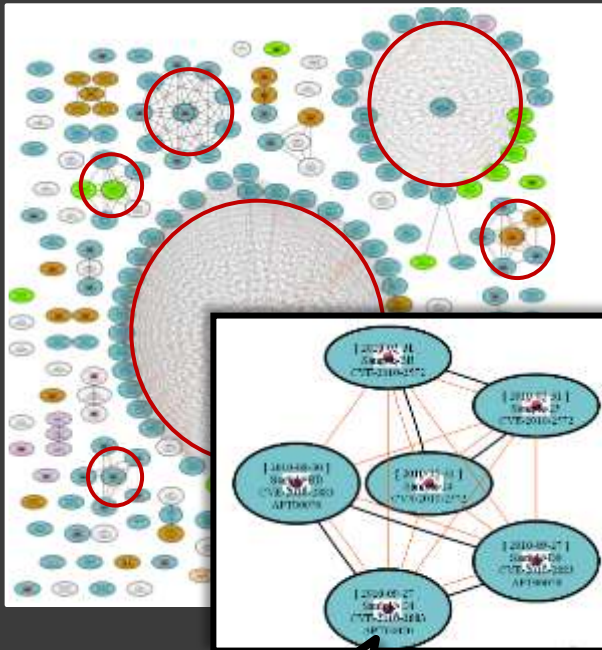
C&C Location of APT Group B



16% C&C IP located in Taiwan



Malware of Group E



Group-E
Language = Korean



VIRUS TOTAL
VirusTotal is a service that analyzes suspicious files and URLs and facilitates the quick detection of viruses, worms, trojans, and all kinds of malware detected by antivirus engines. [More information](#)

0 VT Community user(s) with a total of 0 reputation credit(s) say(s) this sample is goodware. 0 VT Community user(s) with a total of 0 reputation credit(s) say(s) this sample is malware.

File name: **xxmalware0000001_E9FAD759.exe_**
Submission date: 2011-07-08 08:00:23 (UTC)
Current status: **Finished**
Result: **1 / 42 (2.4%)**

VT Community
not reviewed
Safety score: -

Compact [Print results](#)

Antivirus	Version	Last Update	Result
AhnLab-V3	2011.07.08.01	2011.07.08	-
AntiVir	7.11.11.29	2011.07.08	TR/Dropper.Gen
Antiy-AVL	2.0.3.7	2011.07.08	-

xxmalware0000001_E9FAD759.exe_ - 内容

一般 數位簽章 安全性 詳細資料 以前的版本

簽章清單

簽署人的名稱:	電子郵件地...	時間戳記
secure2.secu.com	無法使用	無法使用

[詳細資料\(D\)](#)

確定 取消 常用(A)








Findings from Mila Sample Set (1/2)

- Our analysis against Mila Sample set could identify 8 major APT taskforces.
- There are around 12 different CVEs and exploits are identified.
- We have found that even APT taskforce uses 8-9 different exploits, however, the type of malware used is limited to a few one. There is no surprise at all □
- We identify APT Taskforce based on CnC server location and malware they have used. The exploit the taskforce used is not very related to our analysis.



Findings from Mila Sample Set (2/2)

- Language used in APT sample :
 - 24% of the samples is from China 
 - 3.9% of the samples is from Korean 
 - We also found some are from Russia  and France 
- APT CnC server location Top 3 Ranking:
 - Taiwan (28%) 
 - US
 - Hong Kong (HK is readily another CnC heaven)



APT-DEEZER

Rapid APT Identification Service

- APT-Deezer provides a free online service to check whether your submitted sample whether it is an APT sample
 - We took Mila sample set as the base training set
 - Identify Exploit CVE and Malware family
 - Zero-Day Exploit detection and analysis
 - APT Malware sample DNA analysis and comparison
 - APT sample clustering and grouping
 - Support file formats including DOC,PPT,XLS,PDF,RTF
- <http://aptdeezer.xecure-lab.com>

Xecure-Lab APT 遠程雲端上快篩服務

選擇檔案: CVE-2009-11...06_BMW.ppt= Upload By MD5:

Date	Result	Group	File Name	MD5
2011/07/18	CVE-2009-1129		CVE-2009-1129_PPT_2010-05-06_BMW.ppt=	722ef6250d9738be684cc32d
2011/07/18	CVE-2006-2492		20110315-日本地震災況彙錄.doc	117fa3973095807ceb518479
2011/07/18	Makous		28種藥物輻射的神奇食物.xls	a95cbe1ca2715452825bc2b45
2011/07/18	CVE-2010-2883		財今年30億決定要自破了.pdf	5040607c985817f499c45513
2011/07/18	CVE-2009-4324	APT000A0	200904美國CDC之H1N1新型流感病毒指引.pdf	1801792100d82cb7c5c2982b
2011/07/18	Subscribed		investative.pdf	7c0a2809a4931c7709a43a

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Report

Description:
You have uploaded a sample which is highlighted with yellow circle, the map showing you the sample is correlated with our APT database. If your sample in the group or the group is connected with lines which indicates that the sample and our APT database have correlation and relevance. On the contrary, if find your sample is independent without connecting to other samples, it means that your submitted one has no correlation with our APT database.



Case Study A(1/4), Hong Kong APT!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Wor [redacted]@legco.gov.hk>

Date: 2011/6/13

Subject: 責採訪立法會新聞的記者名單

To: [redacted]phk.org

謹此附上專責採訪立法會新聞的記者名單，以供參考。此名單在有需要時將予修訂。

公共資訊總主任



專責採訪立法會新聞的記者名單2011-6-12.xls

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Case Study A(2/4), Hong Kong APT!

◎ Characteristics:

1. A democratic party in HK2.
2. Fake as a staff in LEGCO council
3. Google cannot detect it
4. The email is sent before 1 July

Case Study A(3/4), It is from Group-C

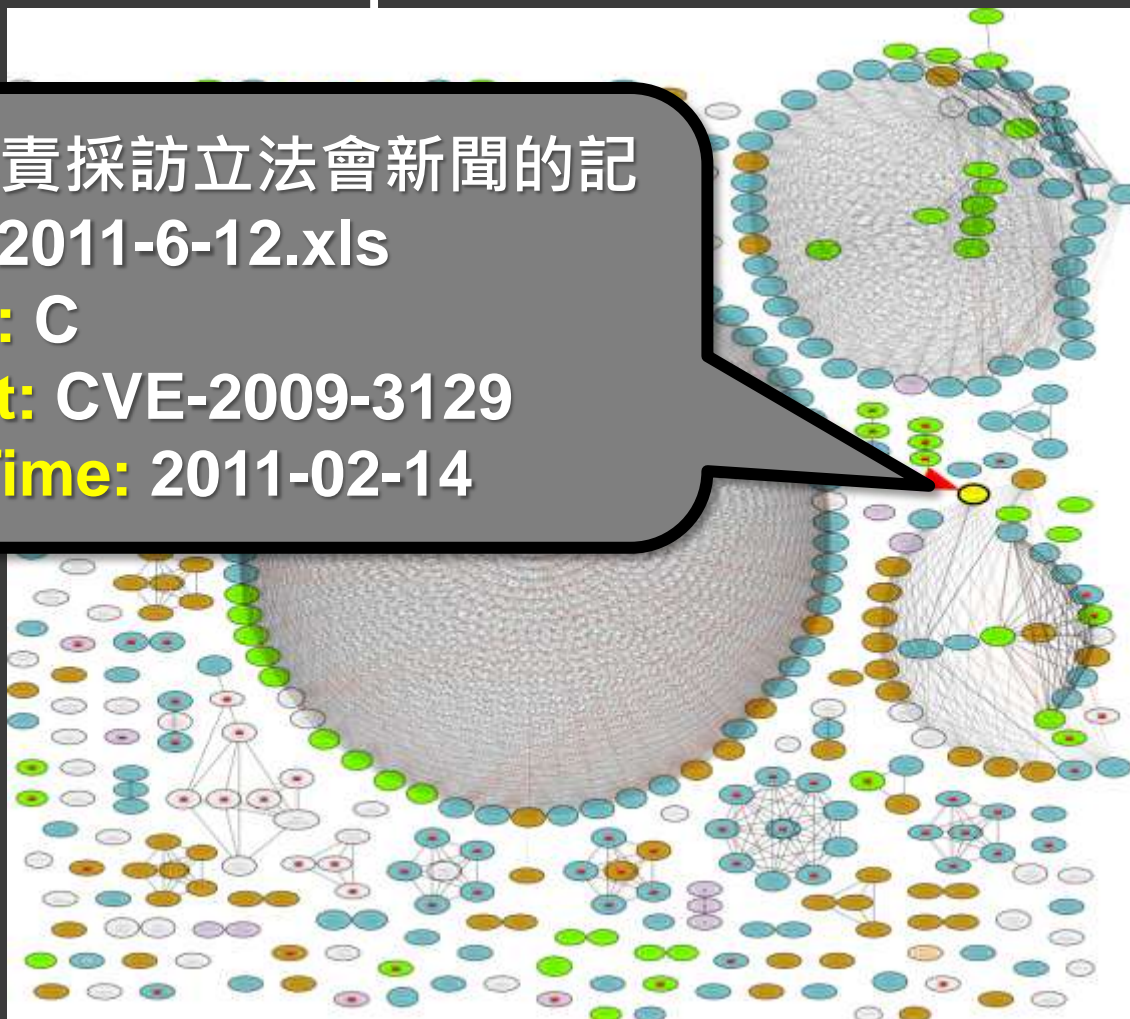


File: 專責採訪立法會新聞的記者名單2011-6-12.xls

Group: C

Exploit: CVE-2009-3129

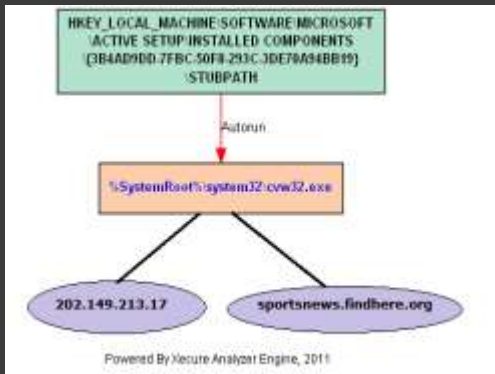
BuildTime: 2011-02-14





Case Study A(4/4), Malware of APT Group C

Malware Attack Graph



Malware Fix Suggestion

Malware Analysis Report

Time	2011-06-08 10:28:23
Duration	51 Seconds
Engine	2.9.1

%SystemRoot%\system32\cvw32.exe (8F80831DBF03CC6DECD06D82CE5E4E31)

Malware Family
Build Time
Malware Type
Severity

Behavior

- **This Malware has been identified the following behavior: Code-Injection (Target: IEXPLORE.EXE) functions.**
- Base=00140000 Size=00001000 IEXPLORE.EXE
- Base=00150000 Size=00001000 IEXPLORE.EXE

Modules

- Base=00E60000 Size=00001000 explorer.exe
- Base=03060000 Size=00001000 explorer.exe

Files

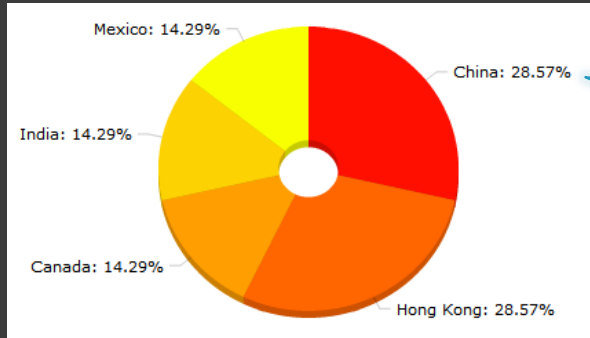
- [EXE] **%SystemRoot%\system32\cvw32.exe** 8F80831DBF03CC6DECD06D82CE5E4E31
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\MICROSOFT\ACTIVE SETUP\INSTALLED COMPONENTS\{3B4AD9DD-7FBC-50F8-293C-3DE70A94BB19}\STUBPATH

Autoruns

- 202. [REDACTED]
- spor [REDACTED]



C&C Location of APT Group C



28.5% C&C IP located in China



Case Study (1/4)

Target Attack Mail has been signed !?



1000620 - big5

File Edit View Tools Message Help

Reply Reply All Forward Print Delete Previous

From: □□□
Date: Monday, June 20, 2011 4:25 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: 1000620□□□□□□
Attach: 1000620.pdf (250 KB)

Security: Digitally signed and verified

Signed and Verified

Signing digital ID properties

General Details Certification Path Trust

Certificate Information

This certificate is intended for the following purpose(s):

- Protects e-mail messages

* Refer to the certification authority's statement for details.

Issued to: [Redacted]@yahoo.com.tw

Issued by: COMODO Client Authentication and Secure Email CA

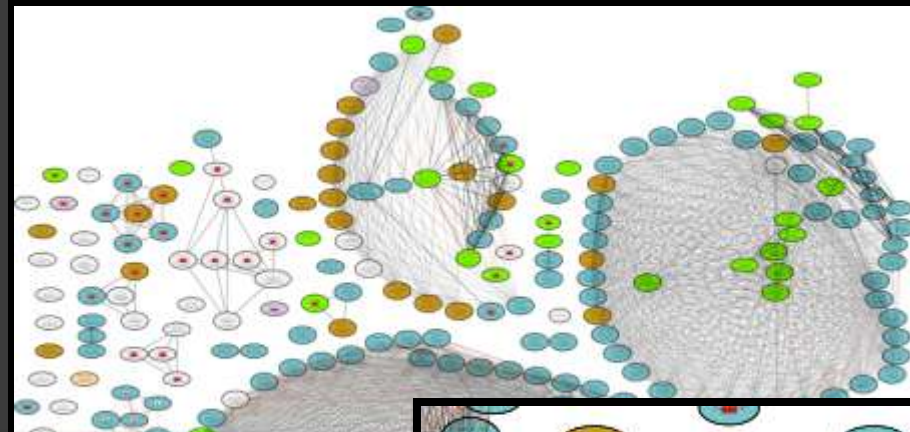
Valid from [Redacted] to 6/20/2012

Issuer Statement

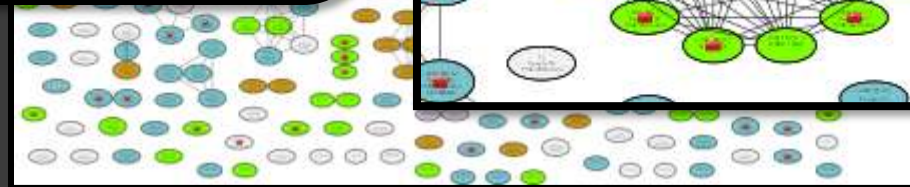
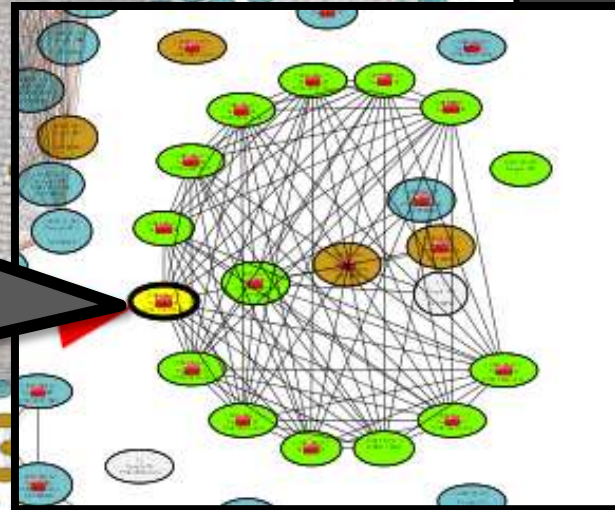
OK

又看到COMODO !

(2/4) Identify the APT Taskforce Group



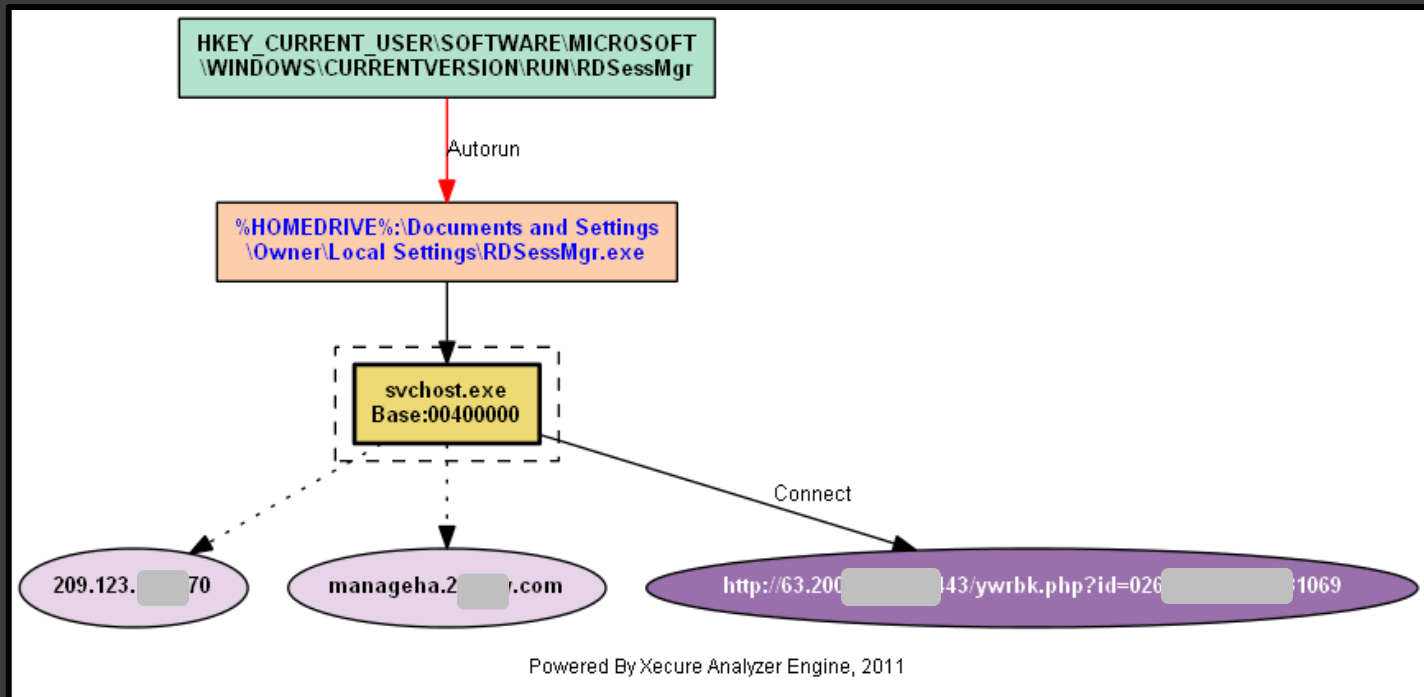
'100620.pdf' belongs to a known, newly discovered APT Taskforce in 2011.





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- But Malware is a known family, it is same as APT-Group-B !





新一代的資安策略 - 情資導向的防護思維

◎ 正視威脅，謀定而後動

- 先進國家已將 APT 防護議題拉高至國家層級，而非視為個資外洩等民生議題。

◎ 工欲善其事，必先利其器

- 資安防護產業也正面臨挑戰，APT時代的來臨可能意味著，將會越來越多針對性的 Malware，難以利用蜜罐 (honeypot) 和蜜網 (honeynet) 誘捕到 APT 樣本，因為僅有特定人士會收到這些天上掉下來的禮物。

◎ 正兵當敵，奇兵致勝

- 如果是以不變應萬變，那遲早有被攻破的一天！防守方務必也要持續收集與分析戰情，才能知彼知己，百戰百勝。
- 分析一系列的攻擊活動並歸納奧義，才有辦法歸納出攻擊行動的組織、活動甚至計劃。

◎ 安全基準，最佳實務

- 落實執行資安政策，實體隔離，公務公辦，嚴禁USB隨身碟任意插拔等基本要求都已推行多年。



總結

- ◎ APT有組織有計劃的網路間諜活動，特別針對高價值目標如政治,經濟,高科技與軍事。雖然是個新的熱門名詞，但是卻存在已久。
- ◎ APT以目標式攻擊的惡意郵件為主要活動，其中使用各種 Zero-Day Exploit，與專門開發的 RAT，傳統資安設備無法自動偵測與防禦 APT惡意郵件攻擊。
- ◎ 要有正確的資安關念，才不會有錯誤的政策。APT惡意郵件不能只是作一般病毒信件處理而敷衍過去，攻擊事件將一再發生。
- ◎ 唯有透過大量且跨區域的APT樣本分析才能觀察到攻擊全貌。目前觀察到香港，台灣與美國的APT樣本有很高的相關性。
- ◎ 分析各國APT樣本來看 APT活動前三大地區就占了超過一半比例，台灣、美國與香港，其中台灣最高約 28%。綜觀來看，亞洲是APT最主要活動的地區。



Any Feedbacks? Let us know! ;-)

- Xecure Lab (<http://www.xecure-lab.com>)
- We keep collecting samples for analysis
- Enhance the capability to analyze APT DNA family in more accurate manner.
- Together, we make homeland secured.