Since the Hacking of Sony Pictures



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01 Sony Pictures Hack

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- Sony Pictures Hack
- Erased Sony's computer infrastructure
- Leaked confidential data, unreleased films, and more

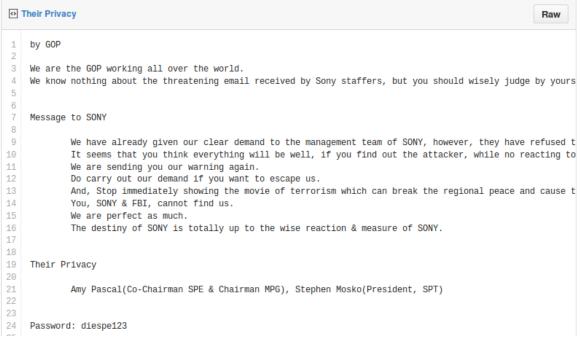
Sony Hacker Paralysis Rea – Update



by Mike Fleming Jr November 25, 2014 8:19am



Gift of GOP for 4th day: Their Privacy



* Source: https://deadline.com/2014/11/sony-computers-hacked-skull-message-1201295288 & https://gist.github.com/anonymous/7b9a0a0ac94065ccfc5b

- Similarities & Motivation?
 - Similar to South Korea incidents? Because of "The Interview"?







* Source: http://imgur.com/qXNgFVz&https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2788710/mediaviewer/rm2264792576

• Backdoor – Escad

- '.' and a unique execute command

```
sMem.ory
```

- Related Reports (2016)
 - Operation Blockbuster, Blue Coat Report





FROM SEOUL TO SONY:

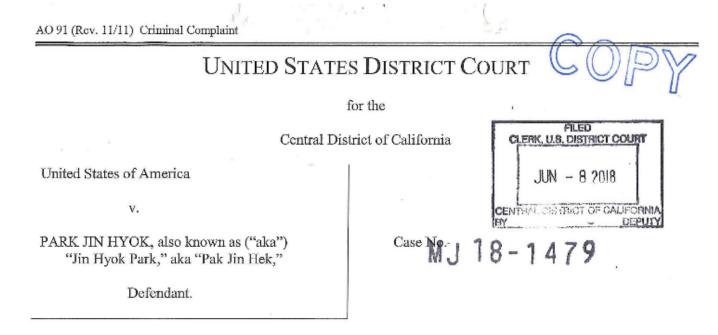
THE HISTORY OF THE DARKSEOUL GROUP AND THE SONY INTRUSION MALWARE DESTOVER

By Snorre Fagerland, Blue Coat Systems Inc.

February 2016

^{*} Source: https://www.operationblockbuster.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Operation-Blockbuster-Report.pdf & https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/55505308/the-history-of-the-darkseoul-group-and-the-sony-intrusion-malware-destover/72

Criminal complaint (2018)



CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Beginning no later than September 2, 2014 and continuing through at least August 3, 2017, in the county of Los

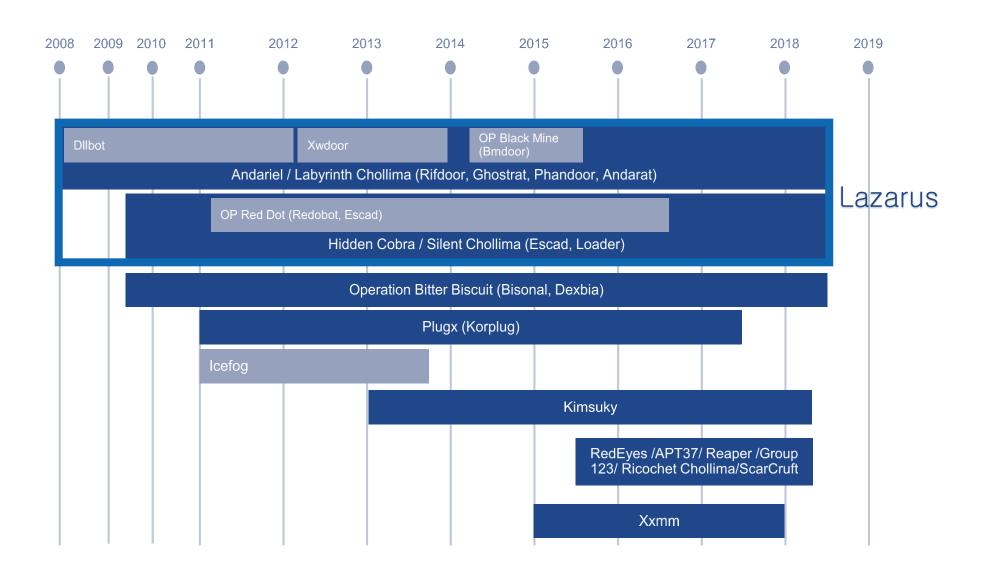
Angeles in the Central District of California, the defendant violated:

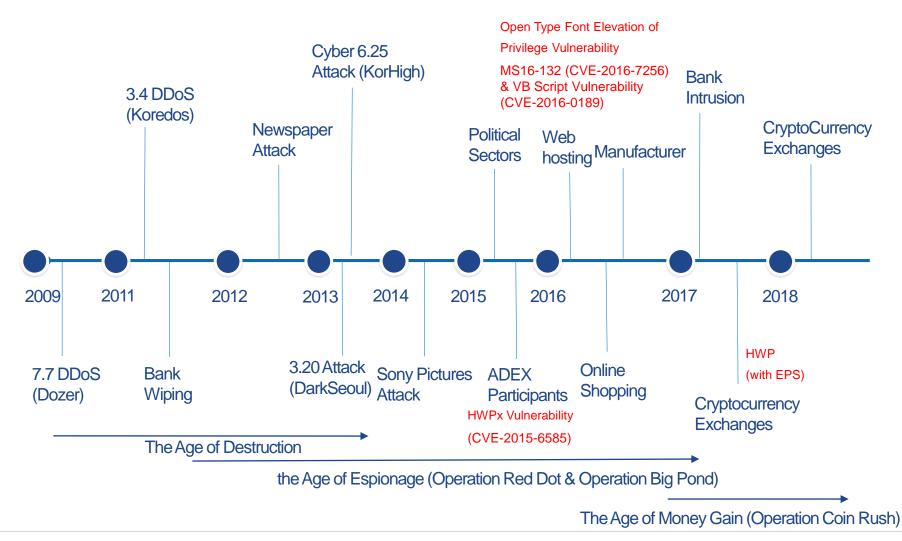
^{*} Source: https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/4834220/2018-09-06-PARK-COMPLAINT-UNSEALED.pdf

02 Lazarus Group's Activities in South Korea



Activity Threat Actors in South Korea





- Newspaper Hacking (June 9, 2012)
- Website defacement and shutdown
- Additional attacks? (2012-xx-19 & 2012-xx-29) -> incidents





시스템 오류로 인한 안내드립니다.

안녕하세요, [입니다.]
6월 8일 오후부터 시스템 오류로 인한 오류가 발생하였습니다.
이에 빠른 조치를 취하고 있으며 작업이 완료 되는대로
다시 공지 사항을 통해 안내해드리겠습니다.

신문구독 관련 고객서비스센터 서비스는 오류 복구시까지 사용이 불기합니다. 조속한 시간 내 이용이 가능하도록 조취하도록 하겠습니다.

감사합니다.

- Released internal data
 - IsOne claimed responsibility



^{*} Source: http://www.seoprise.com/board/view.php?uid=63383&table=global_2

03 Operation Red Dot (2011-2015)



Dropper (2011)

- Dropper (2011)
 - Creates Isacfg.dll, c_1581.nls, msvcrt.bat
 - Contains '.'

```
N∘if
                                                                                            goto 11
                                                                                 /0040161A loc_40161A:
                                                                                                                                    ; CODE XREF: XorA7 40160E+1F↓j
                                                                                                                    al, [ecx]
                                                                                  0040161A
                                                                                                           mov
                                                                                  0040161C
                                                                                                                    al, al
                                                                                                            test
                                                                                                                    short loc 401628
                                                                                  0040161E
                                                                                  00401620
                                                                                                                    al, 0A7h
                                                                                                           cmp
                                                                                                           jz
                                                                                                                    short loc 401628
                                                                                  00401622
                                                                                                                    al, 0A7h
                                                                                 00401624
                                                                                                           xor
                                                                                                                                     ; xor AL, 0xA7
                                                                                  00401626
                                                                                                                    [ecx], al
                                                                                  00401628
                                                                                 00401628 loc 401628:
                                                                                                                                     ; CODE XREF: XorA7_40160E+10^j
- xor 0xA7
                                                                                                                                     ; XorA7_40160E+14↑j
                                                                                  00401628
                                                                                                                    byte ptr [ecx], 6Dh; 'm'
                                                                                  00401628
                                                                                                           add
- Interesting submission (!)
                                                                                                           inc
                                                                                  0040162B
                                                                                                                    ecx
                                                                                  0040162C
                                                                                                           dec
                                                                                                                    edx
                                                                                                                    short loc_40161A
                                                                                                           jnz
                                                                                  0040162D
                                                                                  0040162F
```

Timeline

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Discovery Data	Targets	Description
2011.7	Universities	National Defense-related colleges
2014.4	Medical institutions	One of the samples was linked to the Wannacry Ransomware. Keylogger software was also found

Redobot (2011-2014)

- Dropper Redobot (2011-2014)
 - Different xor key
 - Check BMZA. What is "BM"?

```
int __stdcall WinMain(HINSTANCE
{
   int v4; // esi

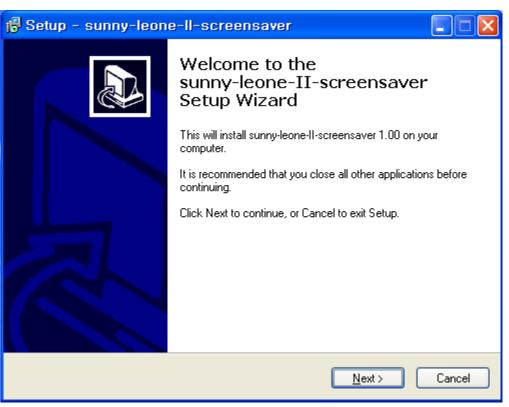
   GetAPI_401617();
   GetAPI_401C7A();
   GetAPI_401E64();
   if ( !Dropper_40102C() )
   {
      service_4012F5();
      Service_40142F(v4);
   }
   DropBAT_40147D();
   return 0;
}
```

Redobot (2011-2014)

- Backdoor Redobot (2011-2014)
 - DLL files (30 40 KB)
 - Filename: wines.dll, winsec.dll, rdmgr.dll, tcpsys.dll, svcmgr.dll, rnamsvc.dll, httpcmgr.dll, icmpsec.dll, netmag.dll

```
U .RL .Do.wnl o.
                                                               G.>etD<ri..ve Tv
                                                                L.ocal..Ti
100050E0:
```

- Dropper Fake installer (2014)
 - Fake Sunny Leone screensaver
 - tmsn.exe -> drop netmonsvc.dll, tmscompg.msi, BAT



Sunny Leone

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Karenjit Kaur Vohra^[6] (born May 13, 1981),^[1] known by her stage name Sunny Leone (/liˈoʊni/), is a Canadian-born Indian-American actress and model, currently active in Indian film industry.^[7] She is a former pornstar.^{[8][9]} She has an American citizenship. She has also used the stage name Karen Malhotra.^{[10][11]} She was named Penthouse Pet of the Year in 2003, was a contract performer for Vivid Entertainment, and was named by Maxim as one of the 12 top porn stars in 2010.

She has played roles in independent mainstream events, films and television



^{*} Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunny_Leone

Fake Screensaver Installer (2014)

- Uninstaller: un.exe
 - Stops services & deletes related files

```
tmscom
                                                                         M S 1
            v2 = OpenServiceW(v0, L"NetMonSvc", 0xF01FFu);
63 00
            if ( v2 )
                                                                         "%s"♪oif ex
0A 64
                                                                             goto L1
                                                                          "%s" №
                ControlService(v2, 1u, &ServiceStatus);
              while ( ServiceStatus.dwCurrentState != 1 );
                                                                       001pdm.bat
38 22 4
              DeleteService(v2);
05 00
          else
             v2 = v4;
          CloseHandle(v2);
          CloseHandle(v1);
           delete_401000(aPmsconfigMsi);
                                                      // pmsconfig.msi
           delete_401000(aPmslogMsi);
                                                      // pmslog.msi
           delete 401000(aNetmonsvcDll);
                                                      // netmonsvc.dll
           delete_401000(aTmscompgMsi);
                                                      // tmscompg.msi
```

Operation Red Dot (2014-2015)

- Operation Red Dot (2014-2015)
 - Main targets: North Korea Research institutes, Political Organization, Defense Industry
 - Infection Vectors: Disguised as documents (e.g., HWP, PDF), Fake Installer, HWP exploit
 - Malware: Escad, Duuzer
 - Filenames: AdobeArm.exe, msnconf.exe

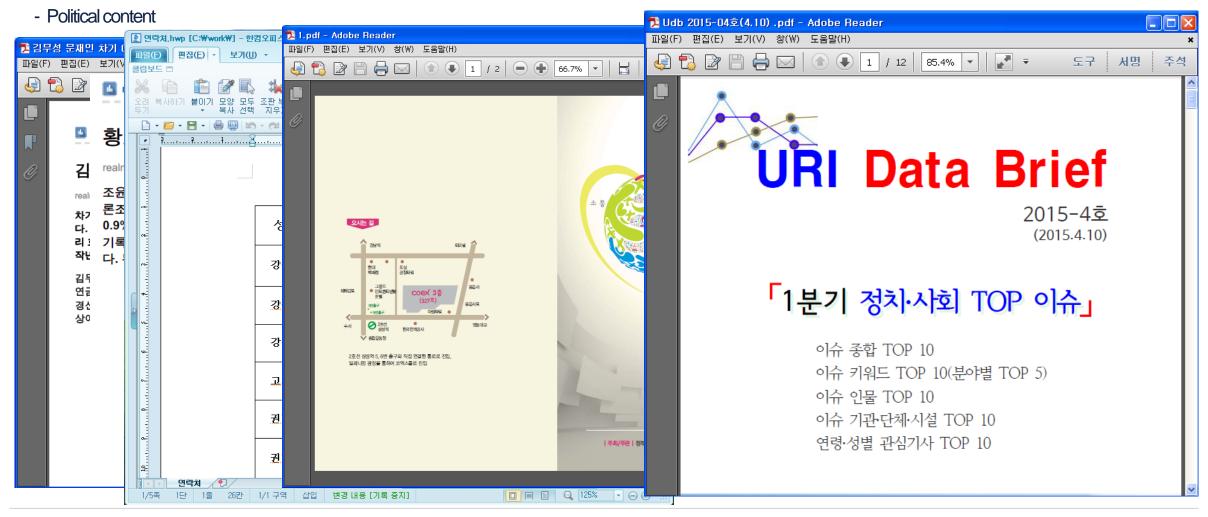
```
sMem.orv
u alAl.locEx
Sv st..emDi.rect
```

Operation Red Dot (2014-2015)

Date	Attack Target	Infection Vector	Description
2014.11	Sony Pictures	?	Sample for the Sony Pictures hack. This sample was first uploaded to Virustotal in August 2014 but had been discovered in July 2014 in Korea.
2015.3	Political organizations	Fake Security Installer	
2015.4	Defense Industry	Disguised as a document file	Disguised as a deposit slip. First report of Duuzer.
2015.4	Defense Industry	Disguised as a document file	Masqueraded as a web invitation to a Korean Association conference. Similar to an attack code sample for the Sony Pictures Hack.
2015.5	Political organizations	Disguised as a document file	Document file related to a presidential election
2015.7	Conglomerates	?	Variant of Duuzer
2015.8	Governments	?	Variant of Duuzer
2015.9	Defense Industry	HWP Exploit	Loader
2015.9		Masqueraded as a security program	Korean Security program module that used normal certificates
2015.10	?	HWPx Exploit (CVE-201 5-6585)	Resume of a person with military experience
2015.10 - 11	Defense Industry (ADE X Participants)	HWPx Exploit (CVE-201 5-	Masqueraded as promotional document for a defense seminar

Political organization attacks (2015)

Decoy documents



- National Assembly Hacked (2015)
 - NIS: Three lawmakers and 11 assistant PCs were hacked by North Korea and some of their documents were leaked.
 - Targets: Blue House (Presidential Office), Ministry of National Defense, Ministry of Unification, The National Assembly of the Republic of Korea

국정원 "北, 국회의원 PC 3대·보좌진 PC 11대 해킹"

NSI: Three lawmakers and 11 assistant PCs were hacked by North Korea





^{*} Source: https://news.joins.com/article/18899410 & http://www.ohmynews.com/NWS_Web/View/at_pg.aspx?CNTN_CD=A0002154495

Political organization attacks (2015)

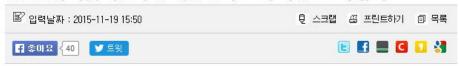
- Fake Security program Installer
 - Modified Security Installer -> attack on a Political Organization



Seoul ADEX 2015 Attendees

- "There is a possibility that this hacking group could be connected with the Sony Pictures hacking group"

방산업체 타깃 북한 추정 해킹 공격...소니 악성코드와 유사



'서울 ADEX 2015' 문영본부 사칭한 북한 추정 스피어피싱 공격 포착 자료수집 및 원격제어 악성코드 추가 전송...소니픽쳐스 악성코드와 뮤사

[보안뉴스 김경애] 북한 추정 해커조직이 지난 10월 20일부터 25일까지 경기도 성남 서울 공항에서 개최된 '서울 ADEX(Aerospace & Defense Exhibition) 2015' 전시회 참가업체들을 대상으로 한글 취약점을 악용한 스피어피싱 공격을 감행한 정황이 포착됐다.





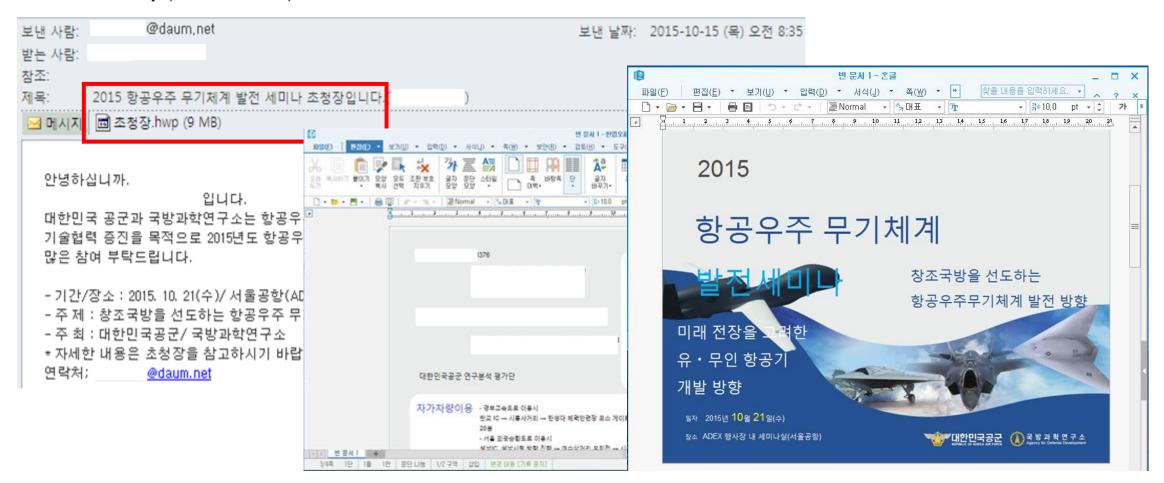
(최근 국내서 소니픽처스 해킹에 사용된 것과 같은 구조 약성코드가 발견됐다. 사진은 해킹된 소니픽처스 PC에 나타난 문구.>

지난해 미국 소니픽쳐스 주요 기밀자료를 빼돌린 해킹조직 활동이 국내에서 포착됐다. KTX 서울메트로 한국 수력원자력 등 주요 기반시설이 줄줄이 해킹당한 사실이 공개된 가운데 대형 사이버 공격 전초전이 될 수 있 어 주의가 요구된다.

* Source: http://www.boannews.com/media/view.asp?idx=48598&kind=0 & http://www.etnews.com/20151007000172

Seoul ADEX 2015 Attendees Attack (2015)

- ADEX 2015 Attendees (1)
 - HWP Vulnerability (CVE-2015-6585)



Malware Sample Comparison

- Sony Pictures hack vs. attack in South Korea

```
v4 = &word 413B88;
                                                                   v4 = &word 41AF68;
                                                                   do
do
                                                                    wcscpy(v4, a0 0 0 0);
  wcscpy(v4, a0_0_0_0);
                                                                    U4 += 20;
  V4 += 20;
                                                                  while ( (signed int)v4 < (signed int)&unk_41B0F8 );
                                                                   wcscpy(&word 41AF68, a1 186 114 229);
while ( (signed int) v4 < (signed int) & unk 413D18 );
                                                                   dword 41B1F8 = 443;
wcscpy(&word 413B88, a203 131 222 10);
                                                                   wcscpy(&word 41AFB8, a1 34 78 122);
*( DWORD *)dword 413E18 = 443;
                                                                   dword 41B200 = 443;
wcscpy(&word 413050, a208 105 226 23);
                                                                   wcscpy(&word 418008, a103 10 60 70);
                                                                   dword 41B208 = 443;
dword 413E2C = 443;
                                                                   wcscpy(&word 418058, a111 11 86 230);
dword 413E50 = 60:
                                                                  dword 41B210 = 443;
dword 413E58 = 0;
                                                                  wcscpy(&word_41B0A8, a115_115_68_51);
dword 413E54 = 0;
                                                                   dword 41B218 = 443;
dword 413E48 = 0:
                                                                  dword_41B230 = 60;
                                                                   dword 41B238 = 0;
dword\ 413E4C = 0;
                                                                   dword 41B234 = 0;
dword 413E5C = 5;
                                                                   dword 41B228 = 0;
v5 = time(0);
                                                                   dword 41B22C = 0;
v6 = GetTickCount();
                                                                   dword_41B23C = 5;
sub 4068EF(v6 ^ v5);
                                                                   v5 = time(0);
                                                                   v6 = GetTickCount();
qword 413E40 = rand();
                                                                  sub_40B43F(v6 ^ v5);
Movefile 403FF0();
                                                                   qword 41B220 = rand();
sub_401350(v7, 0);
                                                                   Move_404300();
sub 4068BE((int)aEnd, v9);
                                                                   sub 401390(v7, 0);
return 0;
                                                                   sub 40B40E((<mark>int</mark>)aEnd, ∨9);
                                                                   return 0;
```

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Operation Big Pond (2015-2017) & Operation Coin Rush (2017-2018)



- Operation Big Pond (2015.11 2017.2)
 - Targets: Defense Contractors, Large Korean companies, Web hosting companies, Shopping malls
- Vulnerabilities: CVE-2016-0189 (Microsoft Internet Explorer 11 VBScript Memory Corruption), CVE-2016-7256 (Open Type Font Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability)
 - Techniques: Big Size (> 50 MB), Loader -> Attempt to bypass the behavior-based security program
 - Backdoor remained almost the same

Open Type Font Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability

- CVE-2016-7256 (MS16-132)
 - AhnLab & KrCERT reported this vulnerability.

	Open Type Font Elevation of Privi Vulnerability		Kijong Son of KrCERT/CC in Korean Internet & Se Agency (KISA)
CVE-ID		<u>'</u>	
CVE-	2016-7256	Learn more at National Vulnerate • Severity Rating • Fix Information • Vulnerate	oility Database (NVD) erable Software Versions • SCAP Mappings
Descripti	ion		
Windows S execute ar	Server 2012 Gold and bitrary code via a craf		ndows Server 2008 SP2 and R2 SP1, Windows 7 SP1, Windows 8.1, 1511, and 1607, and Windows Server 2016 allows remote attackers to te Code Execution Vulnerability."
Referen			
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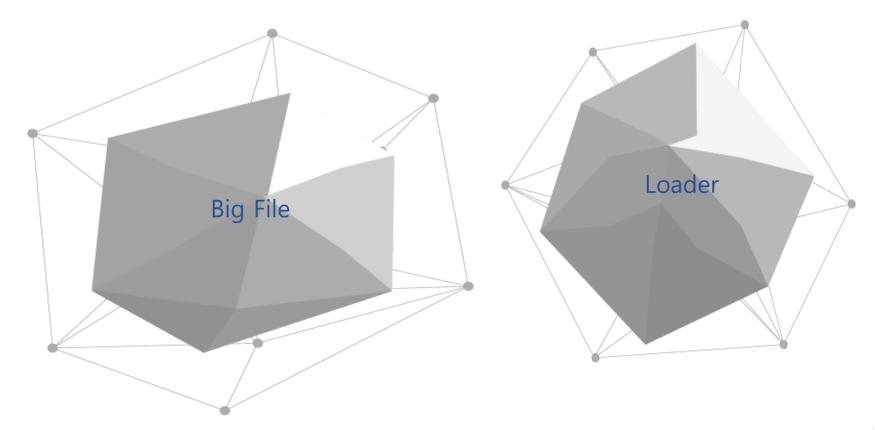
^{*} Source: https://technet.microsoft.com/ko-kr/library/security/mt674627.aspx, http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2016-7256

Open Type Font Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability

• Exploit (2015-2016)

```
- The attacker had been using it since 2015.
                              if (!CreatePipe(&hReadPipe, &hWritePipe, 0, 0x1064u))
                                                                                              v17 = fopen(&FileName, "r+b");
                                                                                                                                                 not Create
                                                                                              v18 = v17;
                                printf("%s\n", "Could not Create a pipe!");
                                                                                              if (!v17)
                                return 0;
                                                                                                printf("%s\n", "There is no font files!");
                              if (!WriteFile(hWritePipe, v11, 0x1064u, &v26, 0))
                                                                                                return 0:
                                printf("%s\n", "Could not write a pipe!");
                                                                                              fseek(v17, 3327, 0);
                                                                                                                                           nere is no font
                                return 0:
                                                                                              fwrite(&dword 71126F78, 4u, 1u, v18);
                                                                                              fseek(v18, 3016, 0);
                                                                                                                                           iles! H
                              if ( dword 71126F90(66, v12, 0x400000, &v26) < 0 )
                                                                                              v19 = 0:
                                                                                               v20 = (char *)malloc(0x354u);
              06 9E 02
                                                                                                                     awdf.bat
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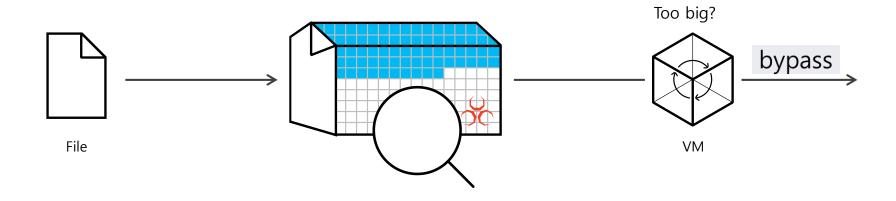
Techniques



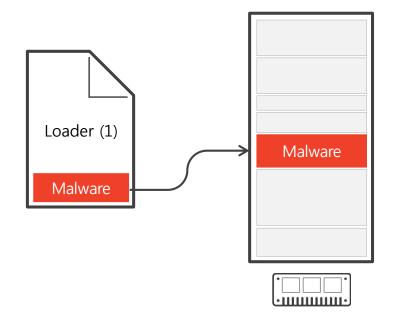
- Create Big size file (> 50 MB)
- Attempt to bypass behavior detection

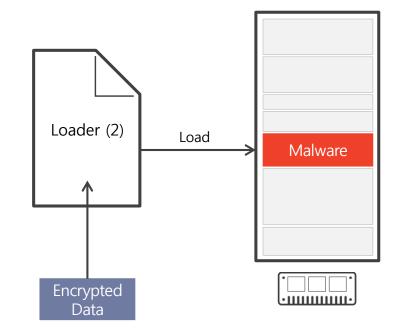
- · Actual malicious code exists in Loader or external file
- Don't drop additional file(s)

Techniques - Big File



Techniques - Loader





Cryptocurrency Exchange Attacks in South Korea

CYBER RISK DECEMBER 16, 2017 / 11:34 AM / 9 MONTHS AGO

Economy

Cryptocurrency firm Youbit to shut down North Korean hacker after hack

cryptocurre South Korean cryptocurrency exchange newspaper hack sees \$40m in altcoin stolen



South Korean cryptocurrency exchange Coinrail has suffered a hack and lost some 30 percent of its coins worth

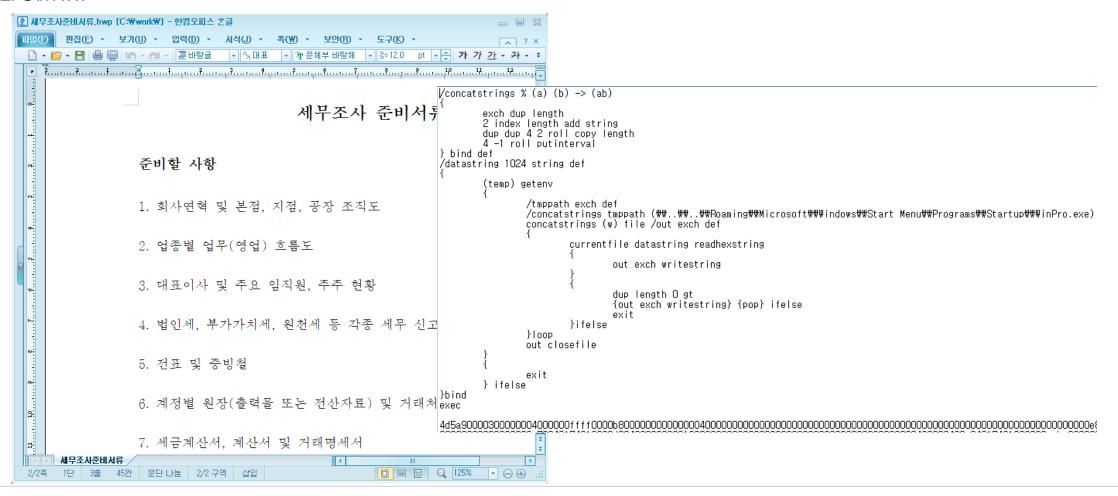
Bithumb Hacked Second Time in a Year. Hackers Steal \$31 Million

By Catalin Cimpanu June 20, 2018 🧭 04:00 AM 🔲 0

* Source: https://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-southkorea-cryptocurrency/north-korean-hackers-behind-attacks-on-cryptocurrency-exchanges-south-korean-newspaper-reports-idUSKBN1EA02F & https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/cryptocurrency-firm-youbit-to-shut-down-after-hack/2017/12/19/aa54d586-e4d1-11e7-a65d-1ac0fd7f097e_story.html & https://www.zdnet.com/article/south-korean-cryptocurrency-exchange-hack-sees-40m-in-altcoin-stolen/ & https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/bithumb-hacked-second-time-in-a-year-newspaper-reports-iduSKBN1EA02F & https://www.zdnet.com/article/south-korean-cryptocurrency-exchange-hack-sees-40m-in-altcoin-stolen/ & https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/bithumb-hacked-second-time-in-a-year-newspaper-reports-iduSKBN1EA02F & https://www.bleepingcomputer-reports-iduSKBN1EA02F & https://www.bleeping

2017 – Cryptocurrency Exchange Attacks

- Attacks on Cryptocurrency Exchanges in South Korea
 - EPS in HWP

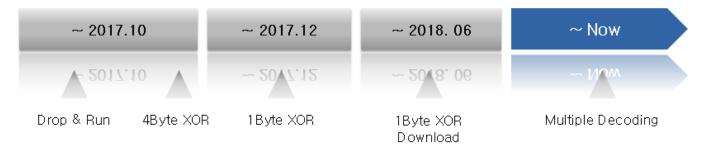


EPS Shellcode in HWPs

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EPS Shellcode

- EPS TYPE A. Drop & Run
- EPS TYPE B. 4Byte XOR
- EPS TYPE C. 1Byte XOR
- EPS TYPE D. 1Byte XOR and Download
- EPS TYPE E, Multiple Decoding and Download

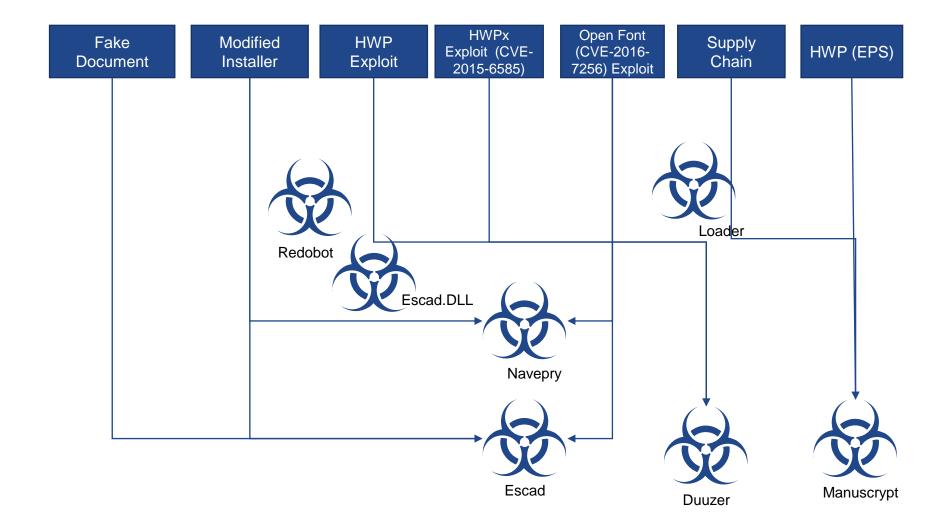


^{*} Source: Deep dive analysis of HWP malware targeting cryptocurrency exchange @ Seculnside

05 Lazarus Connections



Lazarus Connections



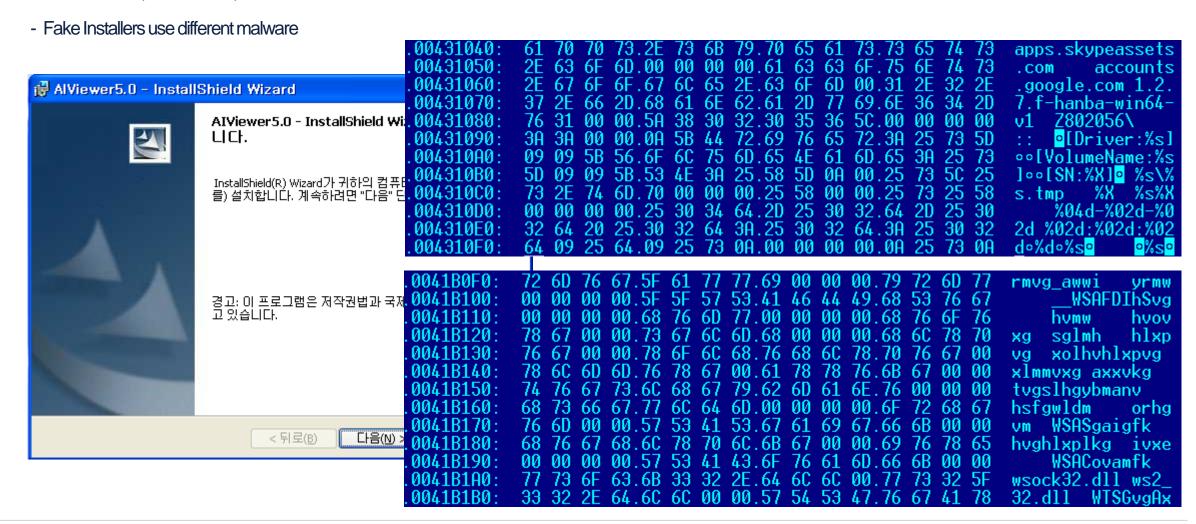
Similar Code

Unique execute command

```
FF1564C0D360
                                         GetTempFileNameA
                            call
         8D542468
                            lea
                                        edx,[esp][068]
         8D84247C080000
                                         eax.[esp][00000087C]
                            lea
                            push
                                         edx
                            push
                                         eax
          686CE1D360
                                        060D3E16C ; 'xe ' --↓2
                            push
                                        060D3E168 --↓3
         6868E1D360
                            push
                                        ecx,[esp][000000C8C]
          8D8C248C0C0000
                            lea
                                        06003E154 : '%sd.e%s/c "%s > %s"' -- \ \ 4
         6854E1D360
                            push
                            push
                                        ecx
         FF15C8C1D360
                                         wsprintfA
                            call
 .0002F46: FF1594500<u>0</u>10
                           call
                                       GetTempFileNameA
10002F4C: 8D4C2474
                                       ecx,[esp][074]
                           lea
10002F50: 8D94247C020000 lea
                                       edx,[esp][00000027C]
10002F57: 8BB42478440000 mov
                                       esi,[esp][000004478]
10002F5E: 51
                          push
                                       ecx
                                    00401472: FF1524A04000
                          push
                                                                            GetTempFileNameA
                                                               call
          68D8610010
                          push
                                    00401478: 8B9424C4080000
                                                                            edx,[esp][0000008C4]
                                                               MOV
10002F65: 68D4610010
                          push
                                    0040147F: 8D4C2474
                                                                            ecx,[esp][074]
                                                               lea
10002F6A: 68BC610010
                          push
                                    00401483: 51
                                                               push
                                                                            ecx
10002F6F: 52
                          push
                                    00401484: 52
                                                               push
                                                                            edx
10002F70: FF1540510010
                          call
                                                                            00040B050 ; 'xe /' -- 12
                                    00401485: 6850B04000
                                                               push
                                    0040148A: 684CB04000
                                                                            00040B04C -- 13
                                                               push
                                    0040148F: 8D8424D8060000
                                                               lea
                                                                            eax,[esp][0000006D8]
                                                                            00040B038 ; '%sd.e%sc "%s > %s"' --14
                                    00401496: 6838B04000
                                                               push
                                    0040149B: 50
                                                               push
                                                                            eax
                                    0040149C: E83F1D0000
                                                                           .0004031E0 -- $5
                                                               call
```

Fake Installer (2013-2014)

• Fake Installer (2013-2014)



Mystery BM

• BM?

-Andariel's Dllbot (2009) vs. Redobot Dropper (2011) vs. Cyber 6.25 (2013) vs. Andariel's Bmdoor (2014) %s%s %SystemR oot% \system3 suchost.exe 00404080: 00404090: 10010230: 68 Fê₹

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06 Who is behind it?



Who?

North Korea?

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PARK JIN HYOK

Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud; Conspiracy to Commit Computer-Related Fraud (Computer Intrusion)



* Source: https://www.fbi.gov/wanted/cyber/park-jin-hyok/download.pdf

Similar Code

Similar Code

- Attackers can mimic well-known characteristics
- The drill samples in Korea are similar to this group's malwares.

Recorded Future decided to not attribute this attack to any actor; however, they claimed that they found similarities to

BlueNoroff/Lazarus LimaCharlie malware loaders that are widely be

We can't dispute that part of the code really does resemble the Laz (MD5: 3c0d740347b0362331c882c2dee96dbf) and Bluenoroff (MD code to wipe files.

Buffer = 0; bunnet(&vir, 0, 0xFFCu); vis = 0; vis = 0; vis = 0; vis = (Anote)-1. return GettastError(); SetFilePointer(vi, -1, 0, 2u); vis = (SetFilePointer(vi), -1, 0, 2u); vis = (SetFilePointer(vi), -1, 0, 2u); vis = (SetFilePointer(vi), -1, 0, 2u); FlushFileBuffers(vi), -1, 0, 2u); vis = (SetFilePointer(vi), -1, 0, 0); vis = (SetFi

OnionDog is not a Targeted Attack-It's a Cyber Drill

Posted on: August 9, 2017 at 5:00 am Posted in: Malware Author: Trend Micro Forward-Looking Threat Research Team









by Feike Hacquebord, Stephen Hilt and Fernando Mercês

Alleged attacks from North Korean actors are a hot security research topic. The infamous Sony Pictures hack in 2014, for instance, was reported by some to be the work of North Korean threat actors. There is a lot of interest in Lazarus too, which is purportedly a North Korea-linked group responsible for a couple of global bank heists that attempted to steal staggering amounts of money.



Fig.12 Comparison of wiping module (left: Bluenoroff tool; right: OlympicDestroyer)

* Source: https://securelist.com/olympicdestroyer-is-here-to-trick-the-industry/84295 & https://blog.trendmicro.com/trendlabs-security-intelligence/oniondog-not-targeted-attack-cy/ber-drill/

IP Address

- Reuses C&C Server
- Found North Korean IPs in C&C Servers
- Malware analysis training material included a North Korean IP

北, '눈엣가시' 데일리NK 지속적으로 해된

한국인터넷진흥원 "공격자 IP에 '북한' 확인…서버공격·악성코드 심기

이상용 기자 | 2015-05-14 10:20

북한 해킹 조직이 데일리NK 사이트와 서버에 대한 해킹을 지속: 성코드를 심고 있는 것으로 알려졌다. 김정은을 비롯한 북한 내 악의를 품고 이를 약화시키기 위한 해킹이라는 지적이 나온다.

한국인터넷진흥원(KISA)가 11일 본지에 발송한 분석결과에 따르홈페이지 해킹 관련, 공격자 IP(Internet Protocol) 중 '북한'이 있 (server)에서 웹셸이 발견됐고 해당 웹셸에 접근한 공격자 IP 중 었던 것.

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IP Owner:	■ Star Joint Venture Co Ltd	通化
Owner Full IP Range:	175.45.176.0 - 175.45.179.255	U &
Owner Address:	Ryugyong-Dong Potong-Gang District	15 M
Owner Country:	■ North Korea	丹东
Owner Phone:	+66 81 208 7602, +850 2 381 2321	HO!
Owner Website:	www.loxley.co.th	
All Owner IP Ranges:	175.45.176.0 - 175.45.179.255	
All Owner CIDR:	175.45.176.0/22	서울
All Owner IP Reverse DNS (Host)s:	naenara.com.kp	인천 대한민국
Whois Record Updated:	02 Dec 2014	대군
	Whois Additional Information from whois://whois.apnic.net ↓	Google NEGOTE OF

^{*} Source: http://www.dailynk.com/korean/read.php?catald=nk00100&num=106135 & http://www.dailynk.com/korean/read.php?catald=nk00100&num=106135

Language

Awkward Korean

- Nonsul (논술) in South Korean vs. Ronsul (론술) in North Korean, both have the meaning of "logical writing"
- Is this a mistake? If not, why are they so sloppy?

07 Conclusion



Conclusion

Takeaways

- Lazarus Group (including the Andariel Group): Motivation for attack seems to have changed (Confidential Information → Monetary benefit)
- They know Korean very well and understand Korea's culture and environment
- They used many Zeroday vulnerabilities
- They attack vulnerabilities in Korean software and disguised as famous Korean software
- Don't be fooled by Korean cyber drill
- They're active outside of South Korea

Cooperation

- -Attribution hell
- It's important to disclose and share information
- -We must cooperate to fight them
- -AhnLab will share relevant information with the members of industry



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