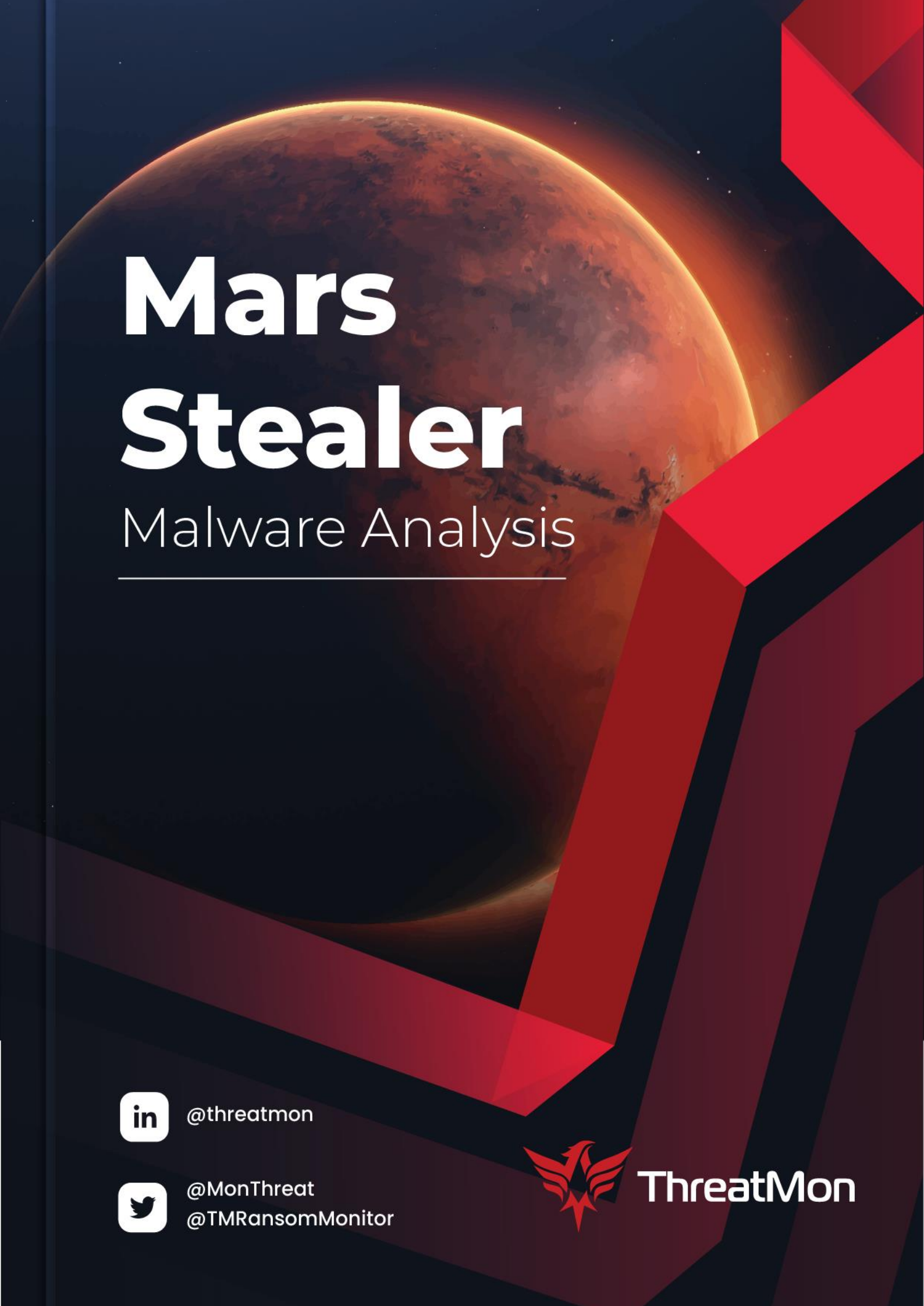
Mars Stealer

Malware Analysis



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Executive Summary

What is Malware?

Malware, short for "Malicious Software", is software developed by cybercriminals to steal information and damage devices connected to the Internet. Common examples of malware are traditionally viruses, worms, trojans, and ransomware. However, stealer pests have also come to the fore in recent years.

What is Stealer Malware?

Stealer, as a term, completes itself as an information thief. This type of malware infects the device and then collects data from the device to send the information to the attacker. Typical targets are credentials used in online banking services, emails, or FTP accounts.

What is Mars Stealer?

Mars stealer is an improved successor of Oski Stealer, supporting stealing from current browsers and targeting crypto currencies and 2FA plugins.

Mars Stealer written in ASM/C using WinApi, weight is 95 kb. Uses special techniques to hide WinApi calls, encrypts strings, collects information in the memory, supports secure SSL-connection with C&C, doesn’t use CRT, STD.Let’s take a look at how it works.

First it uses some evasion techniques. Checks if a Sandbox exists , creates Mutex to make sure no second instance is running etc.

If it passes the controls successfully, starts its main operations. First, it contacts the C2 server and downloads the necessary libraries. It steals the

data, puts it in a zip file, and then forwards it to the upload. Finally, it destroys itself.

Technical Analysis of Mars Stealer

Evasion Techniques

Dynamic Linking

This technique is used to make static analysis more difficult and to make it difficult for us to understand how malware behaves. Normally, we could see which API Calls malware going to make from its Import Address Table but it is empty. And as you see “85297062256884302049” RC4 key used for encryption.

```
C705 6C734100 50304100 mov dword ptr ds:[41736C],mars_stealer 0041736C:&"85297062256884302049", 413050:"85297062256884302049"
C705 F0714100 68304100 mov dword ptr ds:[4171F0],mars_stealer 004171F0:&"LoadLibraryA", 413068:"LoadLibraryA"
C705 68744100 78304100 mov dword ptr ds:[417468],mars_stealer 00417468:&"GetProcAddress", 413078:"GetProcAddress"
C705 C0774100 88304100 mov dword ptr ds:[4177C0],mars_stealer 004177C0:&"ExitProcess", 413088:"ExitProcess"
C705 F8704100 94304100 mov dword ptr ds:[4170F8],mars_stealer 004170F8:&"advapi32.dll", 413094:"advapi32.dll"
C705 48764100 A4304100 mov dword ptr ds:[417648],mars_stealer 00417648:&"crypt32.dll", 4130A4:"crypt32.dll"
C705 04774100 B0304100 mov dword ptr ds:[417704],mars_stealer 00417704:&"GetTickCount", 4130B0:"GetTickCount"
C705 34734100 C0304100 mov dword ptr ds:[417334],mars_stealer 00417334:&"Sleep", 4130C0:"Sleep"
C705 AC754100 C8304100 mov dword ptr ds:[4175AC],mars_stealer 004175AC:&"GetUserDefaultLangID", 4130C8:"GetUserDefaultLangID"
C705 A4744100 E0304100 mov dword ptr ds:[4174A4],mars_stealer 004174A4:&"CreateMutexA", 4130E0:"CreateMutexA"
C705 BC744100 F0304100 mov dword ptr ds:[4174BC],mars_stealer 004174BC:&"GetLastError", 4130F0:"GetLastError"
C705 1C734100 00314100 mov dword ptr ds:[41731C],mars_stealer 0041731C:&"HeapAlloc", 413100:"HeapAlloc"
C705 DC764100 0C314100 mov dword ptr ds:[4176DC],mars_stealer 004176DC:&"GetProcessHeap", 41310C:"GetProcessHeap"
C705 9C774100 1C314100 mov dword ptr ds:[41779C],mars_stealer 0041779C:&"GetComputerNameA", 41311C:"GetComputerNameA"
C705 08744100 30314100 mov dword ptr ds:[417408],mars_stealer 00417408:&"VirtualProtect", 413130:"VirtualProtect"
C705 84754100 40314100 mov dword ptr ds:[417584],mars_stealer 00417584:&"GetUserNameA", 413140:"GetUserNameA"
C705 B8704100 50314100 mov dword ptr ds:[4170B8],mars_stealer 004170B8:&"CryptStringToBinaryA", 413150:"CryptStringToBinaryA"
FF15 48794100          call dword ptr ds:[<&GetProcAddress>]
A3 407A4100            mov dword ptr ds:[417A40],eax                 eax:"MZ"
8B15 9C774100          mov edx,dword ptr ds:[41779C]                 edx:"GetUserDefaultLangID", 0041779C:&"GetComputerNameA"
52                     push edx                                      edx:"GetUserDefaultLangID"
A1 2C7A4100            mov eax,dword ptr ds:[417A2C]                 eax:"MZ", 00417A2C:&"MZ"
50                     push eax                                      eax:"MZ"
FF15 48794100          call dword ptr ds:[<&GetProcAddress>]
A3 C4794100            mov dword ptr ds:[4179C4],eax                 eax:"MZ"
8B0D 08744100          mov ecx,dword ptr ds:[417408]                 00417408:&"VirtualProtect"
51                     push ecx
8B15 2C7A4100          mov edx,dword ptr ds:[417A2C]                 edx:"GetUserDefaultLangID", 00417A2C:&"MZ"
52                     push edx                                      edx:"GetUserDefaultLangID"
FF15 48794100          call dword ptr ds:[<&GetProcAddress>]
A3 B4784100            mov dword ptr ds:[4178B4],eax                 eax:"MZ"
A1 F8704100            mov eax,dword ptr ds:[4170F8]                 eax:"MZ", 004170F8:&"advapi32.dll"
50                     push eax                                      eax:"MZ"
FF15 E4794100          call dword ptr ds:[<&LoadLibraryA>]
```

Anti-Sandbox

Lots of Sandboxes hook and bypass Sleeps, do not let malware to sleep. GetTickCount() is used to retrieve the number of milliseconds since bootup. First it calls GetTickCount() then sleeps 15 seconds. It calls GetTickCount() again and checks if 10 seconds have passed or not. If not passed , drop execution.

```
FF15 507A4100          call dword ptr ds:[<&GetTickCount>]
8945 FC                mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-4],eax
68 983A0000            push 3A98
FF15 74784100          call dword ptr ds:[<&Sleep>]
FF15 507A4100          call dword ptr ds:[<&GetTickCount>]
2B45 FC                sub eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-4]
8945 F8                mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-8],eax
817D F8 10270000       cmp dword ptr ss:[ebp-8],2710
76 09                  jbe mars_stealer.405738
B8 01000000            mov eax,1
EB 04                  jmp mars_stealer.40573A
EB 02                  jmp mars_stealer.40573A
33C0                   xor eax,eax
8BE5                   mov esp,ebp
5D                     pop ebp
C3                     ret
```

Normally, GetTickCount() Calls are used by malwares for anti-debugging purposes. But here we see a different and more interesting use case.

Anti-Emulator

The third check is an anti-emulation check for Windows Defender Antivirus. The malware checks if the computer name is “HAL9TH” and username is “JohnDoe” or not. Those two parameters are being used by the Windows Defender emulator.

```
68 A8654100            push mars_stealer.4165A8                4165A8:"HAL9TH"
E8 F33F0000            call <mars_stealer.for_Computer_Name_Check
50                     push eax
E8 4D4B0000            call mars_stealer.40A2A0
83C4 08                add esp,8
85C0                   test eax,eax
75 1E                  jne mars_stealer.405778
68 B0654100            push mars_stealer.4165B0                4165B0:"JohnDoe"
E8 2C400000            call <mars_stealer.for_Username_Check>
```

Anti-CIS

Anti-CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) is a technique used by malwares to check if the malware is not infected users from specific countries.

```
0040567   FF15 307A4100      call dword ptr ds:[<&GetUserDefaultLangID>]
0040568   0FB7C0             movzx eax,ax
0040568   8945 F8            mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-8],eax
0040568   817D F8 3F040000   cmp dword ptr ss:[ebp-8],43F
0040569   7F 1D              jg mars_stealer.4056AF
0040569   817D F8 3F040000   cmp dword ptr ss:[ebp-8],43F
0040569   74 3A              je mars_stealer.4056D5
0040569   817D F8 19040000   cmp dword ptr ss:[ebp-8],419
004056A   74 1F              je mars_stealer.4056C3
004056A   817D F8 23040000   cmp dword ptr ss:[ebp-8],423
004056A   74 1F              je mars_stealer.4056CC
004056A   EB 3F              jmp mars_stealer.4056EE
004056A   817D F8 43040000   cmp dword ptr ss:[ebp-8],443
004056E   74 26              je mars_stealer.4056DE
004056E   817D F8 2C080000   cmp dword ptr ss:[ebp-8],82C
004056E   74 26              je mars_stealer.4056E7
004056C   EB 2B              jmp mars_stealer.4056EE
004056C   C745 FC 00000000   mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-4],0
004056C   EB 22              jmp mars_stealer.4056EE
004056C   C745 FC 00000000   mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-4],0
004056D   EB 19              jmp mars_stealer.4056EE
004056D   C745 FC 00000000   mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-4],0
004056D   EB 10              jmp mars_stealer.4056EE
004056D   C745 FC 00000000   mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-4],0
004056E   EB 07              jmp mars_stealer.4056EE
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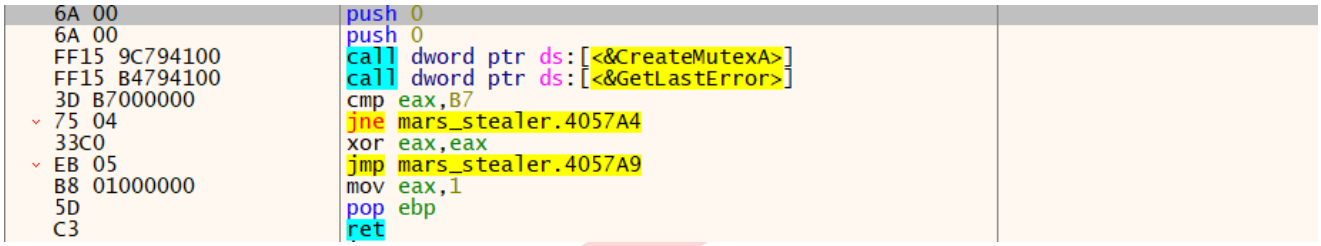
Language ID	Country
0x43F	Kazakhstan
0x419	Russia
0x423	Belarus
0x443	Uzbekistan
0x82C	Azerbaijan

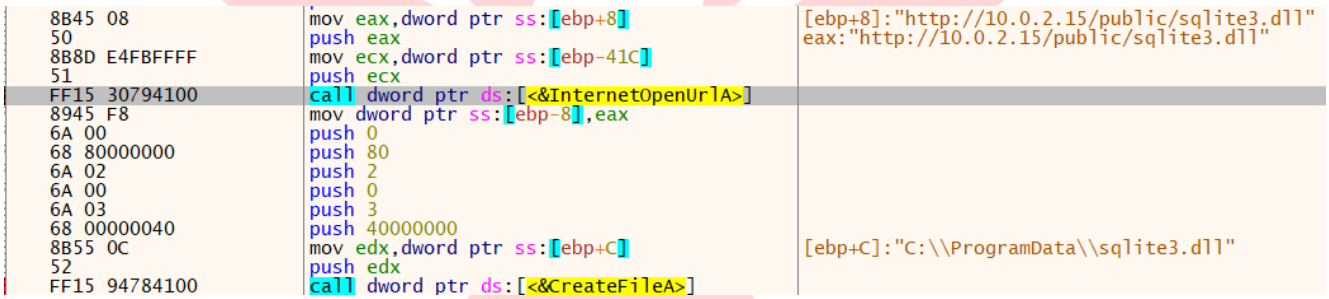
Creating Mutex

Creates Mutex to make sure another instance does not work at the same time.



C2 Communication

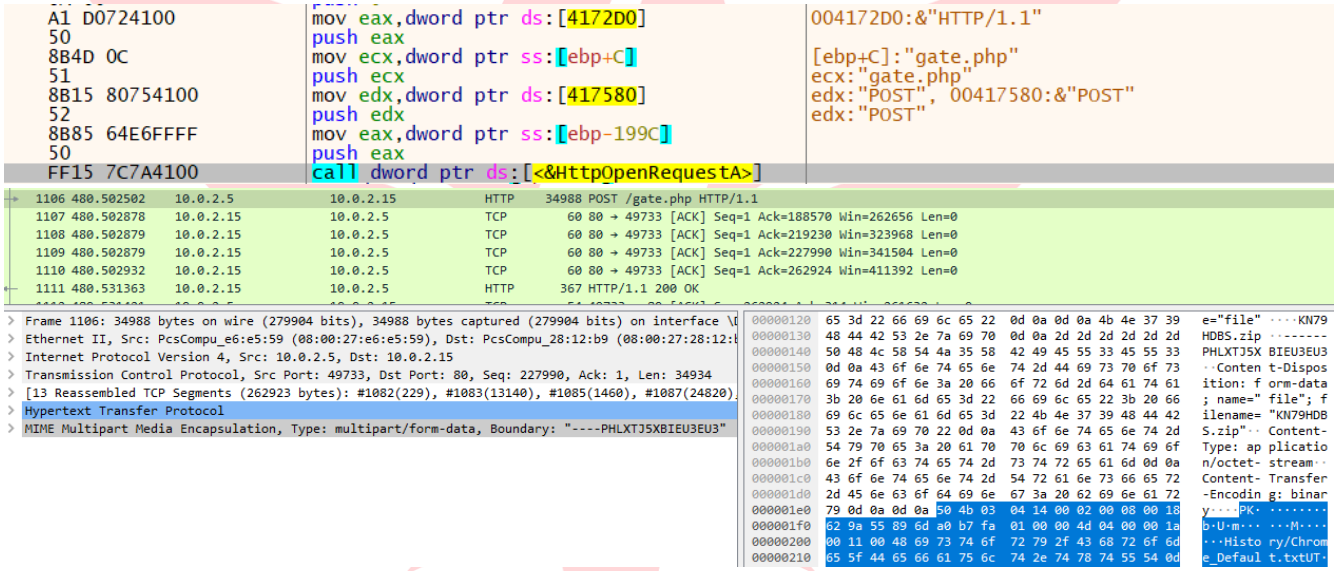
After connecting to the C2 server, malware downloads the necessary libraries.



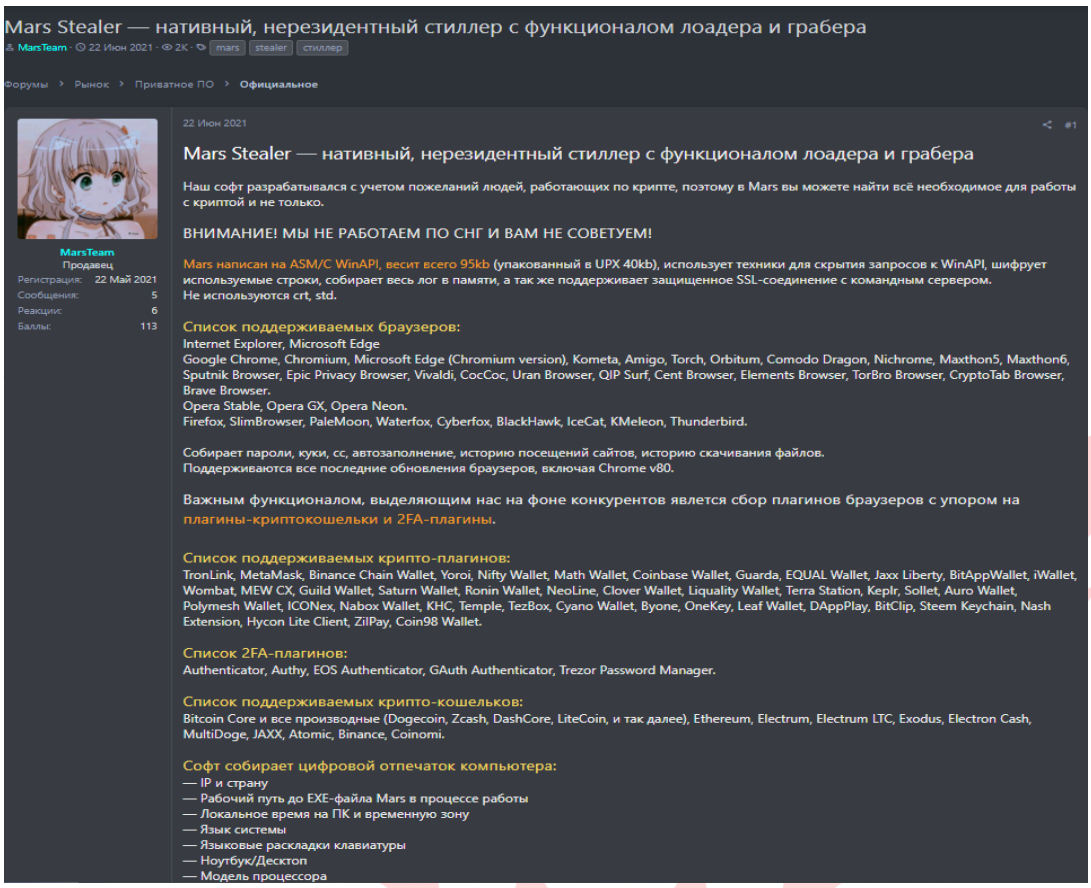
Library Name	Explanation
freebl3.dll	freebl3.dll is a module belonging to Network Security Services from Mozilla Foundation.
mozglue.dll	Mozglue.dll a DLL (Dynamic Link Library) file, developed by Mozilla, which is referred to essential system files of the Windows OS. It usually contains a set of procedures and driver functions, which may be applied by Windows.
msvcp140.dll	msvcp140. dll is a Microsoft C Dynamic

	Linked Library file responsible for running certain Windows apps and games – especially those built on C++.
sqlite3.dll	Sqlite3.dll a DLL (Dynamic Link Library) file which is referred to essential system files of the Windows OS. It usually contains a set of procedures and driver functions, which may be applied by Windows.

After the stealing phase ,which we will talk about later, it zips all the data and uploads it to C2 Server using POST request.



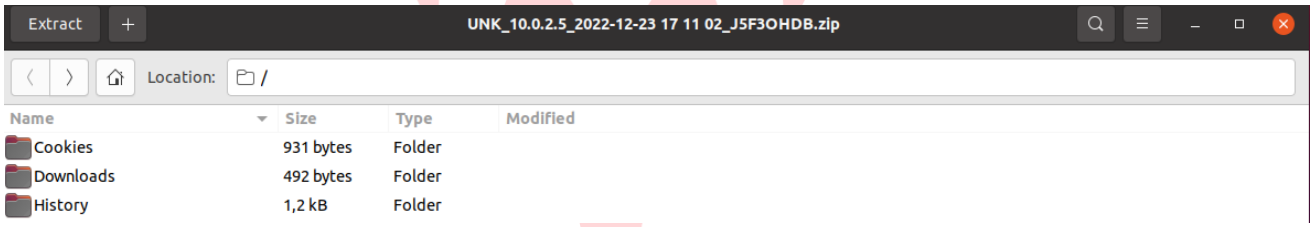
Data Stealing Phase



Mars stealer collects passwords, cookies, autocomplete, site visit history, file download history from Browsers. Here are supported browsers:

- Internet Explorer
- Microsoft Edge
- Google Chrome
- Chromium
- Microsoft Edge (Chromium version)
- Kometa
- Amigo
- Torch
- Orbitum
- Comodo Dragon
- Nichrome
- Maxthon5
- Maxthon6
- Sputnik Browser

- Epic Privacy Browser
- Vivaldi
- CocCoc
- Uran Browser
- QIP Surf
- Cent Browser
- Elements Browser
- TorBro Browser
- CryptoTab Browser
- Brave Browser
- Opera Stable
- Opera GX
- Opera Neon.
- Firefox
- SlimBrowser
- PaleMoon
- Waterfox
- Cyberfox
- BlackHawk
- IceCat
- KMeleon
- Thunderbird



Targeted crypto extensions:

Extension Name	**Extension ID**
TronLink	ibnejdfjmmkpcnlpebklmnkoeoihofec
MetaMask	nkbihfbeogaeaoehlefnkodbefgpgknn
Binance Chain Wallet	fhbohimaelbohpjbbldcngcnapndodjp
Yoroi	ffnbelfdoeiohenkjibnmadjiehjhajb
Ronin Wallet	fnjhmkhhmkbjkkabndcnnogagogbneec

NeoLine	cphhlgmgameodnhkjdmkpanlelnlohao
Clover Wallet	nhnkbkgjikgcigadomkphalanndcapjk
Liquality Wallet	kpfopkelmapcoipemfendmdcghnegimn
Terra Station	aiifbnbfobpmeekipheeijimdpnlpgpp
Keplr	dmkamcknogkgcdfhhbddcghachkejeap
Nifty Wallet	jbdaocneiiinmjbjlgalhcelgbejmnid
Math Wallet	afbcbjpbpfadlkmhmclhkeeodmamcflc
Coinbase Wallet	hnfanknocfeofbddgcijnmhnfnkdnaad
Guarda	hpglfhgfnhbgpjdenjgmdgoeiappafln
BitClip	ijmpgkjfkbfhoebgogflfebnmejmfbml
Steem Keychain	lkcjlnjfpbikmcmbachjpdbijejflpcm
Nash Extension	onofpnbbkehpmmoabgpcpmigafmmnjhl
Hycon Lite Client	bcopgchhojmggmffilplmbdicgaihlkp
ZilPay	klnaejjgbibmhlephnhpmaofohgkpgkd
Sollet	fhmfendgdocmcbmfikdcogofphimnkno
Auro Wallet	cnmamaachppnkjgnildpdmkaakejnhae
EQUAL Wallet	blnieiiffboillknjnepogjhkgnoapac
Jaxx Liberty	cjelfplplebdjjenllpjcblmjkfcffne
BitApp Wallet	fihkakfobkmkjojpchpfgcmhfjnmnfpi
Cyano Wallet	dkdedlpgdmmkkfjabffeganieamfklkm
Byone	nlgbhdfgdhgbiamfdfmbikcdghidoadd
OneKey	infeboajgfhgbjpjbeppbkgnabfdkdaf
LeafWallet	cihmoadaighcejopammfbmddcmdekcje
DAppPlay	lodccjjbdhfakaekdiahmedfbieldgik
Polymesh Wallet	jojhfeoedkpkglbfimdfabpdfjaoolaf
ICONex	flpiciilemghbmfalicajoolhkkenfel
Nabox Wallet	nknhiehlklippafakaeklbeglecifhad

KHC	hcflpincpppdclinealmandijcmnkbgn
Temple	ookjlbkiijinhpmnjffcofjonbfbgaoc
TezBox	mnfifefkajgofkcjkemidiaecocnkjeh
Coin98 Wallet	aeachknmefphepccionboohckonoeemg
iWallet	kncchdigobghenbbaddojjnnaogfppfj
Wombat	amkmjjmmflddogmhpjloimipbofnfjih
MEW CX	nlbmnnijcnlegkjjpcfjclmcfggfefdm
GuildWallet	nanjmdknhkinifnkgdcggcfnhdaammmj
Saturn Wallet	nkddgncdjgjfcddamfgcmfnlhccnimig

It not just targets crypto extensions , also targets CryptoCurrency Apps.

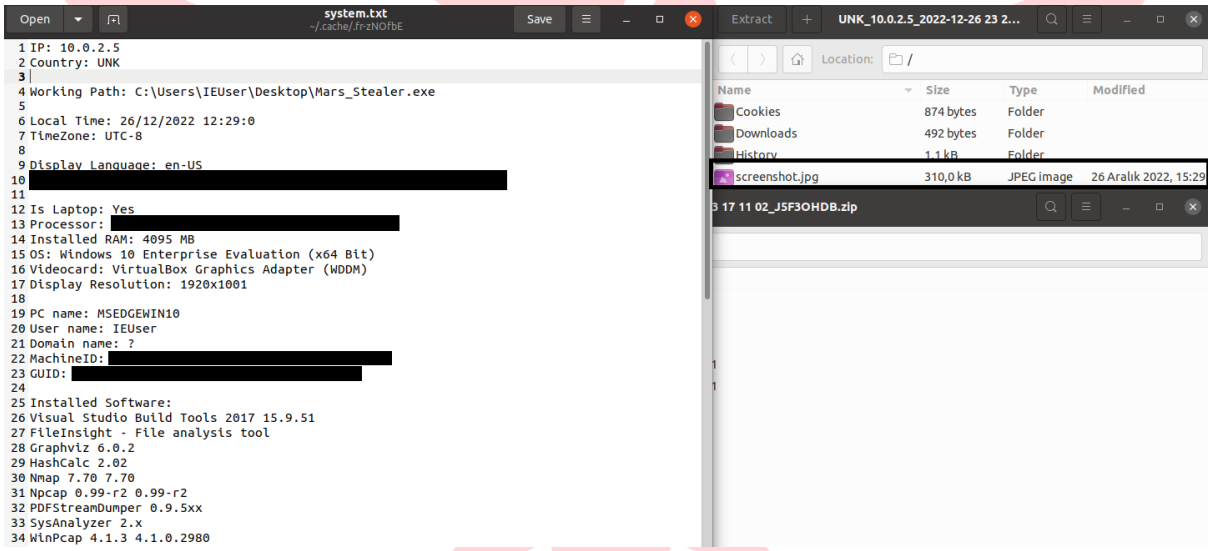
- Ethereum
- Exodus
- Multidoge
- Atomic
- Jaxx
- Binance
- Coinomi
- Electrum
- Electrum LTC
- Electron Cash

2FA Extensions are also targeted:

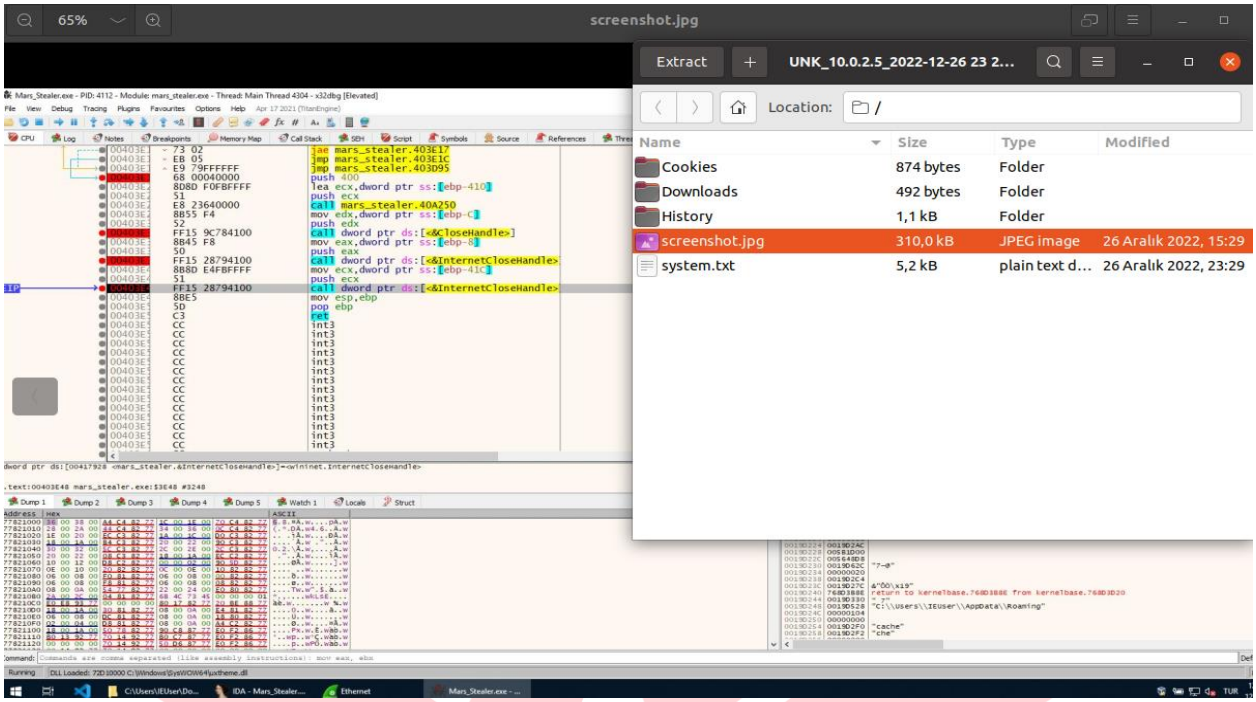
Extension Name	**Extension ID**
Authenticator	bhghoamapcdpbohphigoooaddinpkbai
Trezor Password Manager	imloifkgjagghnncjkhggdhalmcnfklk
EOS Authenticator	oeljdldpnmdbchonielidgobddfffflal
Authy	gaedmjdfmmahhbjefcbgaolhhanlaolb
GAuth Authenticator	ilgcnhelpchnceeipipijaljkblbcobl

The malware collects a digital fingerprint of the computer:

- IP and country
- Working path to the Mars EXE file during operation
- Local time on the PC and time zone
- System language
- Keyboard language layouts
- Laptop / Desktop
- Processor model
- Installed RAM size
- Operating system version system and its bit depth
- Graphics card model
- Computer name



Finally, it takes a screenshot and zips them to make all the data ready to be sent.



Self Deletion and Exit

After all the operations the malware deletes itself and exits.

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8B15 5C774100  mov edx,dword ptr ds:[41775C]      edx:"C:\\\\Windows\\\\System32\\\\cmd.exe", 0041775C:&"C:\\\\Windows\\\\System32\\\\cmd.exe"
8955 D4        mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-2C],edx      [ebp-2C]:"C:\\\\Windows\\\\System32\\\\cmd.exe"
8D85 B0FDFFFF  lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-250]
8945 D8        mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-28],eax      [ebp-28]:/c timeout /t 5 & del /f /q \"C:\\Users\\IEUser\\Desktop\\Mars_Stealer.exe\" & exit"
C745 DC 00000  mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-24],0
C745 E0 00000  mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-20],0
C745 E4 00000  mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-1C],0
8D4D C4        lea ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-3C]
51             push ecx
FF15 4C7A4100  call dword ptr ds:[<&ShellExecuteEx>
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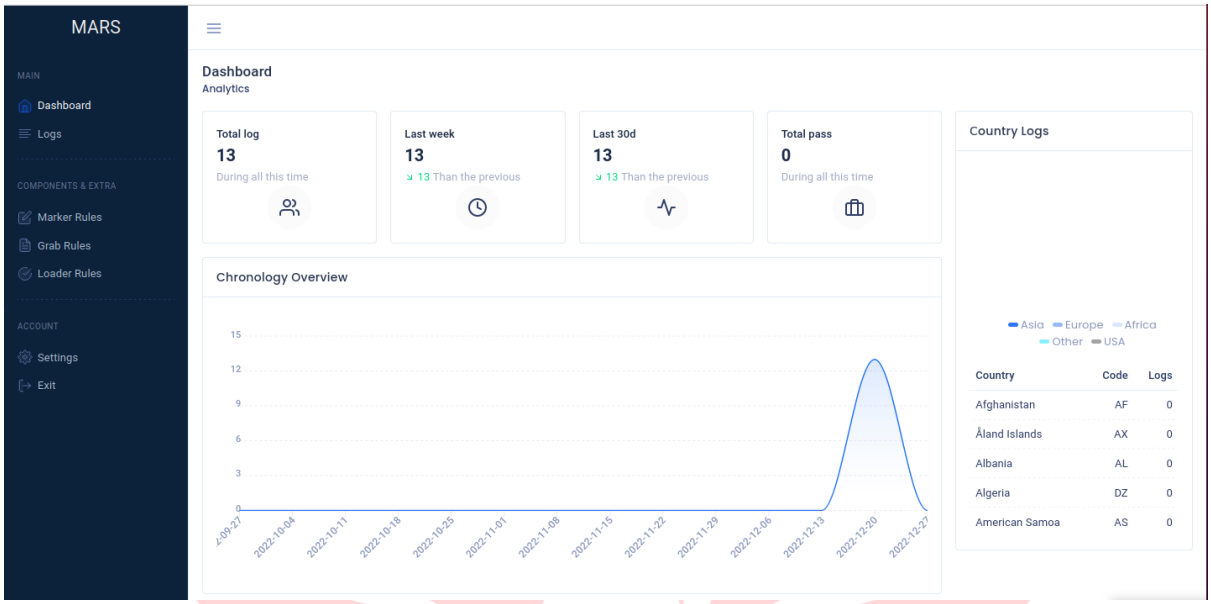
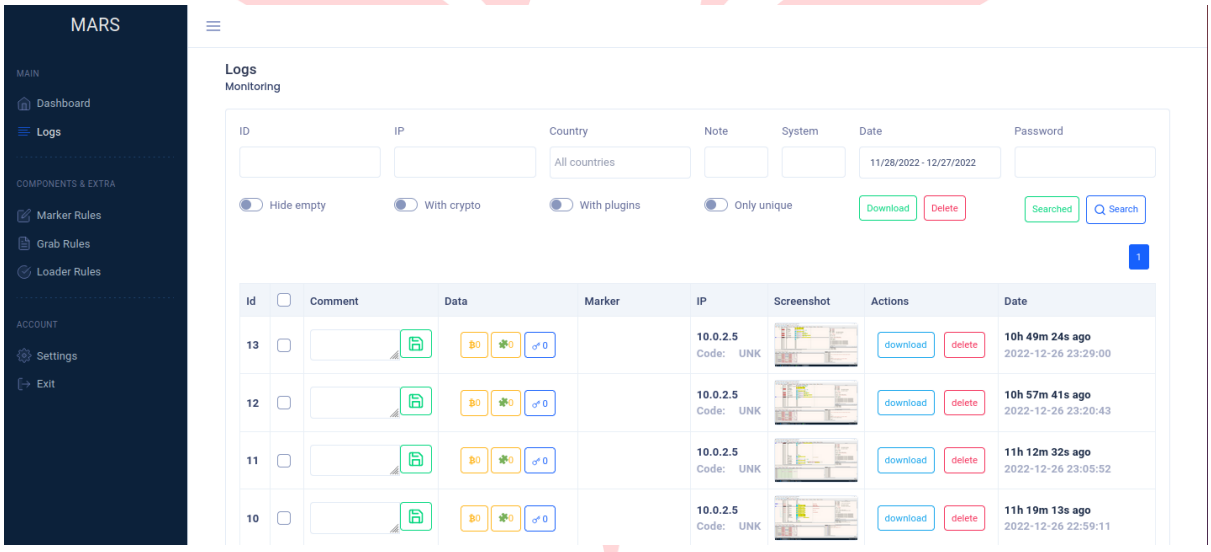
"/c timeout /t 5 & del /f /q "C:\\Users\\IEUser\\Desktop\\Mars_Stealer.exe\" & exit"

Web Panel

Here are some screenshots of the web-panel:





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TECHNIC	ID
Steal Web Session Cookie	T1539
Credentials From Password Stores	T1555
Unsecured Credentials	T1552
Query Registry	T1012
Software Discovery	T1518
System Information Discovery	T1082
Ingress Tool Transfer	T1105
Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol	T1048
Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion	T1497

Debugger Evasion	T1622
File Deletion	T1070.004

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