

Real world computer security

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Aurora experiment

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJyWngDco3g>
- Cyber-physical attack test
- Code can make physical damage
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7g0pi4J8auQ>

Example: Stuxnet

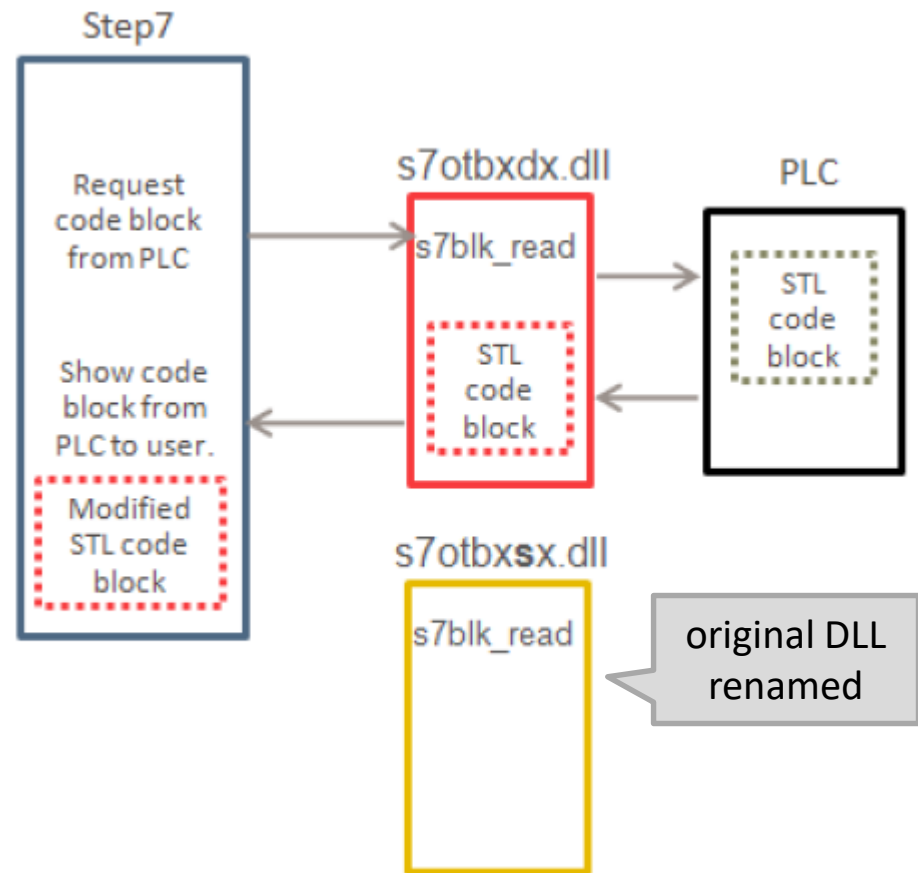
- a computer worm first discovered in July 2010
- designed to physically destroy uranium centrifuges in the Natanz enrichment facility in Iran
- infected computers running Windows and spread by
 - infecting removable drives
 - copying itself over the network using a variety of means
 - copying itself to Step 7 projects (runs automatically when project is opened)
- if not in the target environment, it did nothing
- once inside the target environment, it reprogrammed PLCs controlling the rotation speed of the uranium centrifuges
- manipulation of the rotation speed led to physical damage
 - hundreds of centrifuges were destroyed

Stuxnet – Special features

- very specific target (nuclear facility)
- objective was physical destruction by logical means (sabotage)
- worm-like spreading → thousands of infected machines
- yet, remained uncovered for months (years?)
 - time was enough to reach its target
 - careful testing during development to avoid anomalies on infected machines
- used multiple zero-day exploits and a digitally signed driver
 - signature was created with the possibly compromised key of a Taiwanese hardware manufacturer
- used advanced privilege escalation, code injection, and rootkit techniques, as well as a peer-to-peer update mechanism
- first known malware that contained also a PLC rootkit
- required a testbed similar to the target environment
 - who has a testbed with uranium centrifuges?
- state sponsored attackers behind

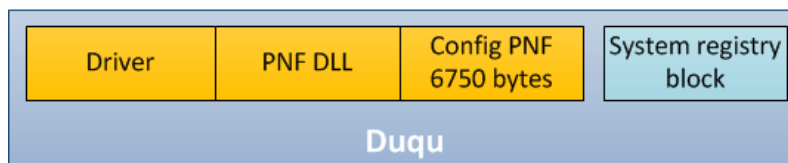
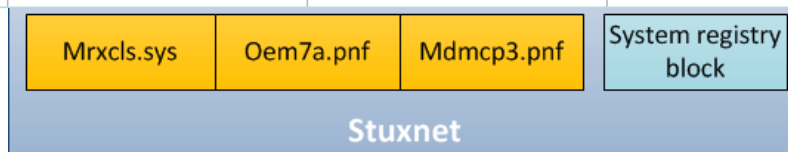
Stuxnet – PLC attack

- PLC devices are loaded with blocks of code and data by a programming device (engineering workstation running a PLC management software on Windows)
- PLC block exchange between the programming device and the PLC is handled by a DLL (s7otbxdx.dll)
- Stuxnet replaces this DLL with its own copy
 - can monitor PLC blocks being written to and read from the PLC
 - can infect a PLC by inserting its own blocks and replacing or infecting existing blocks
 - can mask the fact that a PLC is infected



- Stuxnet kernel drivers

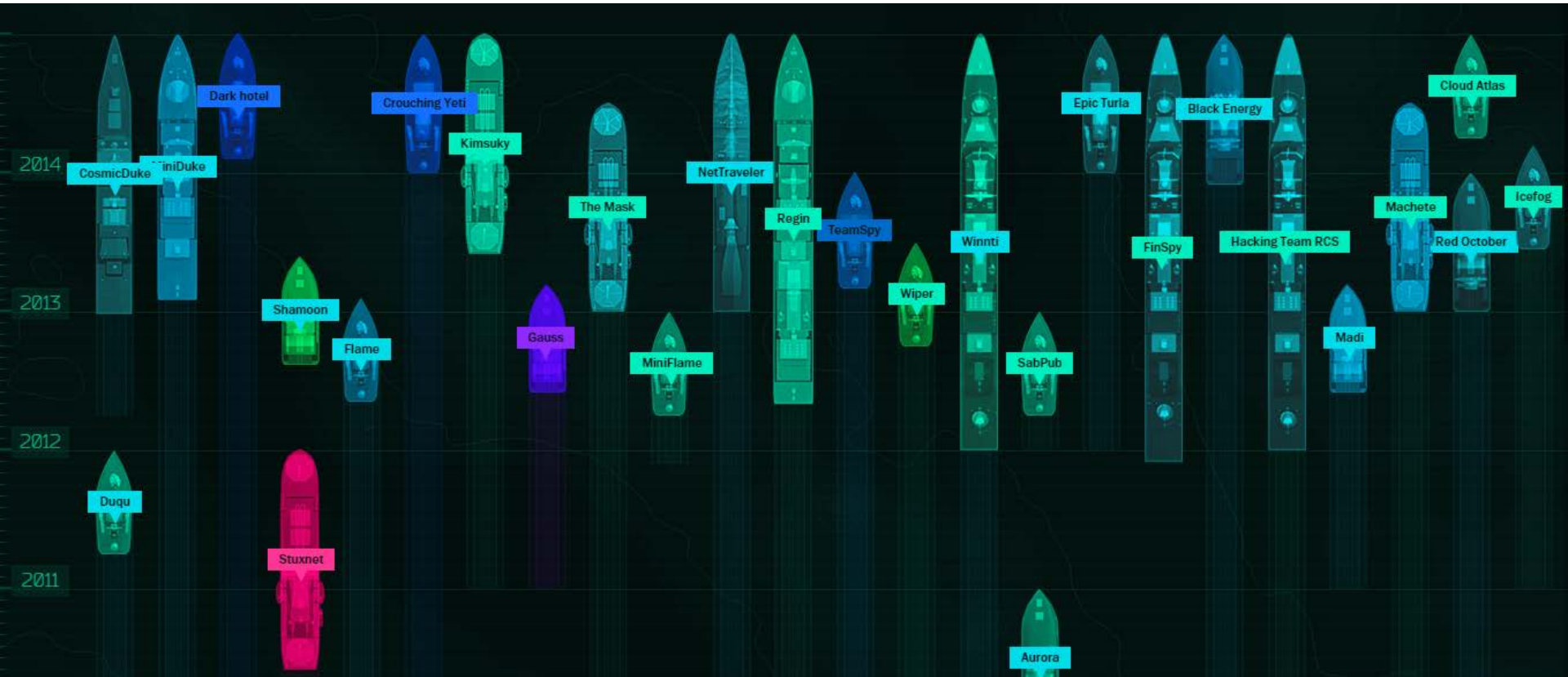
File name	Size (bytes)	Compilation date	Where and when it was used	Digital signature/signing date
Mrxcls.sys	19840	01.01.2009	Stuxnet (22.06.2009)	No
Mrxcls.sys	26616	01.01.2009	Stuxnet (01.03.2010/14.04.2010)	Realtek, 25.01.2010
Mrxnet.sys	17400	25.01.2010	Stuxnet (01.03.2010/14.04.2010)	Realtek, 25.01.2010
Jmidebs.sys	25552	14.07.2010	Presumably, Stuxnet	Jmicron, unknown



DPRK – North Korea

- Dark Hotel: A DPRK related APT
- Nuclear program: many unsuccessful rocket experiments ... strange
- Stuxnet kernel driver: maybe it is not related to Stuxnet, but to DPRK somehow?

Other examples for targeted attacks



<https://apt.securelist.com/>

The Duqu font vulnerability

- Font parsing problem
- Kernel space
- All windows versions (nearly)
- Bitmap fonts – composite bitmap offset
- Glyph routines

- [Font dump](#)
- [Write-up](#)
- [Repro font](#)
- After fix, Microsoft ran a project to find cloned code with same problem

Duqu dropper – the idea

- Duqu dropper was a .doc file
- With embedded font
- Font exploited Windows kernel vulnerability (CVE-2011-3402)
- Creating such exploit needs lots of effort, even understanding it needs much work
- Shell code runs then at kernel level – designing it needs precise work, much effort
- (It took a long time for exploit pack creators to incorporate Duqu exploit)
- Idea: Let's change only user space components from the dropper
- Duqu exploit and kernel level parts will do the hard work for us

Dropper structure

Word document

Character string that uses Dexter
“:)” in size 4



Embedded font file “Dexter” with exploit

Dropper font file logical structure

kernel space

Exploit stage – gaining control

Stage 0 – decrypting Stage 1 (tiny code)

Stage 1 – initializations and decompression Stage 2

Stage 2 – Kernel driver to load User Space stage 1

User Space stage 1 – injects Stage 2

User Space stage 2 – installs malware

Main PNF (compressed with Duqu LZO-like compression)

replaced

compressed

Major problems, work to be done

- Kernel level parts are not yet documented in detail publicly
- Decrypting parts and analysis of kernel level code was needed
- Compression used in kernel level is not documented
- User space stages were also not documented in detail

How to perform

- Let all kernel level stuff as it is (from exploit to stage 2)
- Let user space stage 1 to inject our malware
- Replace User space stage 2 and PNF payload

- First we had to decipher encrypted parts and analyze code
- Kernel level parts are not detailed much in public reports
- Problem: Some parts are compressed by stage 1 kernel code
- Compression is not documented by public reports either
- The code contains the decompression routine. We cannot compress our own payload as we need the proper compression routine (or a workaround to turn off decompression at all)

Decompressor in Duqu dropper

Duqu dropper decompressor	LZMA at read.pudn.com/downloads94/sourcecode/zip/372835/Source/lzma_depack.inc_.htm
<pre>seg000:000011C0 000 lea eax, [ebx+eax*4] seg000:000011C3 000 mov ecx, eax seg000:000011C5 000 mov eax, [ecx] seg000:000011C7 000 mov edx, [ebp-0Ch] seg000:000011CA 000 shr edx, 0Bh ; seg000:000011CD 000 mul edx seg000:000011CF 000 cmp eax, [ebp-10h] seg000:000011D2 000 jbe short loc_11FC seg000:000011D4 000 mov [ebp-0Ch], eax seg000:000011D7 000 mov edx, 800h seg000:000011DC 000 sub edx, [ecx] ; seg000:000011DE 000 shr edx, 5 ; seg000:000011E1 000 add [ecx], edx</pre>	<pre>@loc_401320: mov ecx,[edi] mov edx,eax shr edx,0Bh imul edx,ecx cmp [ebp+0Ch],edx jnb @loc_40136C mov esi,[ebp-10h] mov eax,edx mov edx,800h sub edx,ecx shr edx,5 add edx,ecx xor ecx,ecx</pre>

Duqu dropper compression

- We found very similar code chunks in LZMA
- However, we could not find an exactly same implementation
- We ran Duqu decompressor to decompress payload
- Re-compressed with LZMA to prove that it is LZMA
- We got back the original byte stream with command line:
lzma.exe e Zd Zdc -a1 -d16
- Dictionary size is in Duqu between d15-17, default of lzma.exe is d22

Duqu dropper LZMA verified

font_0_stage2_55431238592_lzma <--> Zdc - Hex Compare - Beyond Compare

Session File Search View Tools Help

Sessions

C:\prj\duqu-co\dropper\font_enc_stage1\unpacker\font_0_stage2_55431238592_lzma

2013.01.28. 23:12:45 238 592 bytes

00000000 4E 12 04 00 00 52 85 N. . .R...
00000007 7C 17 54 60 C3 FC 4D 2D F9 F8 A1 99 8B 11 68 0D |.T`ÄÜm-ûř™<.k.
00000017 B8 32 B2 10 EB AB 0B 48 30 35 C8 89 83 41 D6 BA .2.ë«.H05ČšA0š
00000027 57 0D 89 2B C2 AB A6 CF BF AE EE B5 16 00 9A 68 W.š+Ä«|Đž®iμ..šh
00000037 5F 7F A6 B9 44 24 C5 E5 7B D7 8B 26 89 48 BA 94 |_|aĐš|Í{x&šHš™
00000047 50 C6 E4 B4 C4 AF D3 B6 99 51 61 B8 B3 7C 2F 24 PČä`Äž0š™Qa.ž|/\$
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C:\prj\duqu\lzma\lzma920\Zdc

2013.01.29. 21:01:05 238 601 bytes

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00000040 5F 7F A6 B9 44 24 C5 E5 7B D7 8B 26 89 48 BA 94 |_|aĐš|Í{x&šHš™
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Binary differences

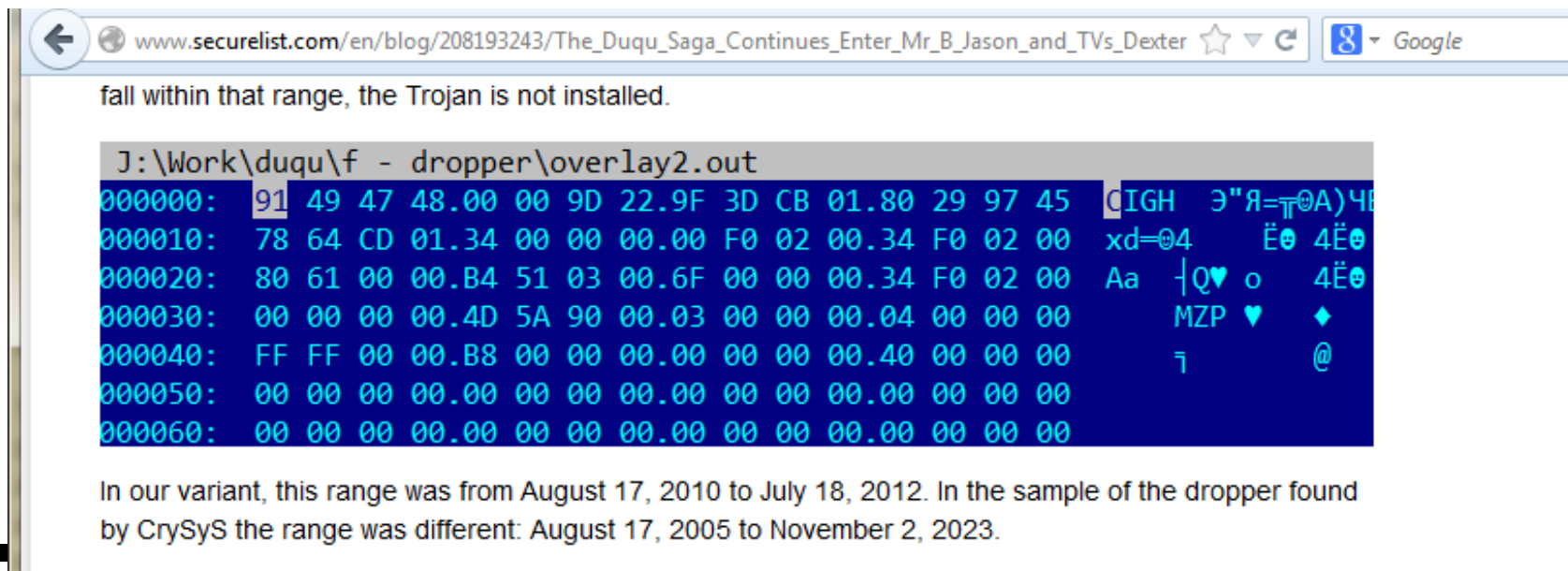
Load time: 0 seconds

Further steps

- We made our own malware DLL with four exports, Duqu will call them
- Replaced User Space Stage 2 code with that
- Recompressed the parts “Kernel space stage 2” – end of file and inserted raw compressed block into dropper
- Re-wrote compressed part header (size of compressed and uncompressed part in 32-bit integers)
- Modified **activation date limits** (not documented)
- All done, ready to test

Dropper time limit

- It was known that User Space stage 2 has some date limit



fall within that range, the Trojan is not installed.

```
J:\Work\duqu\f - dropper\overlay2.out
000000: 91 49 47 48.00 00 9D 22.9F 3D CB 01.80 29 97 45 CIGH Э"Я=т@A)48
000010: 78 64 CD 01.34 00 00 00.00 F0 02 00.34 F0 02 00 xd=@4  È 4È
000020: 80 61 00 00.B4 51 03 00.6F 00 00 00.34 F0 02 00 Aa |Q♥ o 4È
000030: 00 00 00 00.4D 5A 90 00.03 00 00 00.04 00 00 00 MZP ♥ ♦
000040: FF FF 00 00.B8 00 00 00.00 00 00 00.40 00 00 00 ǎ @
000050: 00 00 00 00.00 00 00 00.00 00 00 00.00 00 00 00
000060: 00 00 00 00.00 00 00 00.00 00 00 00.00 00 00 00
```

In our variant, this range was from August 17, 2010 to July 18, 2012. In the sample of the dropper found by CrySys the range was different: August 17, 2005 to November 2, 2023.

checking as dropper reproduction only worked withing much tight date points

- [Video](#)

User Space Stage 1 time checking

The screenshot shows a debugger window titled 'view Zd_mz5805 - Far 2.0.1807 x86'. The main area displays a memory dump for the file 'Zd_mz5805' at address 1250. The dump consists of 16 columns of hex data. A yellow box highlights the row starting at address 0000005080, with the following hex values: 1D AB 03 00 F5 05 03 5C 00 40 E9 9C B9 57 CC 01. The address 0000005090 is also highlighted. The right side of the window shows a disassembled instruction stream with various symbols and characters. The bottom status bar includes navigation buttons: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5Print, 6, 7Prev, 8Goto, 9Video, 10.

Address	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
0000005030:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0000005040:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0000005050:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0000005060:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0000005070:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0000005080:	1D	AB	03	00	F5	05	03	5C	00	40	E9	9C	B9	57	CC	01
0000005090:	01	00	00	00	80	A9	9E	EF	02	5E	CC	01	01	00	00	00
00000050A0:	00	00	00	00	5C	00	42	00	61	00	73	00	65	00	4E	00
00000050B0:	61	00	6D	00	65	00	64	00	4F	00	62	00	6A	00	65	00
00000050C0:	63	00	74	00	73	00	5C	00	78	00	78	00	78	00	00	00
00000050D0:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000050E0:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000050F0:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0000005100:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0000005110:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0000005120:	00	00	00	00	2C	01	00	00	01	00	00	00	01	00	00	00
0000005130:	71	AA	03	00	71	00	00	00	00	AA	03	00	01	00	00	00
0000005140:	61	00	00	00	1F	00	00	00	73	00	65	00	72	00	76	00
0000005150:	69	00	63	00	65	00	73	00	2E	00	65	00	78	00	65	00
0000005160:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0000005170:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0000005180:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00
0000005190:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	01	00	00	00

- Time limits: 2011-08-11 Thu Aug 11 02:00:00 to 2011-08-19 Fri Aug 19 01:59:59