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Introduction



Overview

As the tension that started between Russia and Ukraine on February 24 turned into a physical conflict, at the same time, cyber-attacks and malware threats came to the fore. Researchers had found that Russian threat actors developed malware that corrupts MBR (Master Boot Record) and disk volumes for Ukrainian organizations.

First, security researchers from ESET and Symantec detected this type of malware. We then analyzed the sample, making sense of it with various IoC findings. As a result, security providers have named this example HermeticWiper.

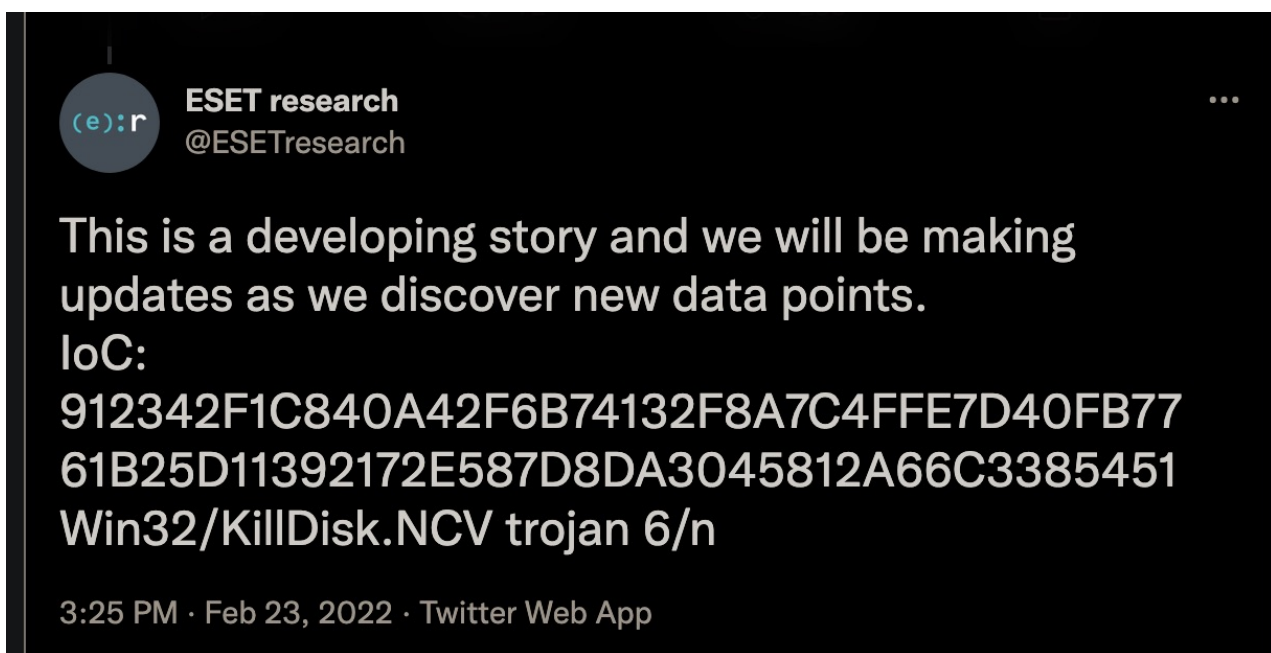


Figure 1: On February 23, IoCs which have shared by ESET

The malware was detected on thousands of different devices in Ukraine and tagged as **KillDisk.NCV**. It is named HermeticWiper because of the digital certificate the malware holds. The certificate, issued with Hermetica Digital Ltd, is valid from 2021.

Researchers state they can obtain the certificate by using it on behalf of a front company or confiscating a closed company. However, security researchers have noticed that malware signed with this certificate is no longer seen.

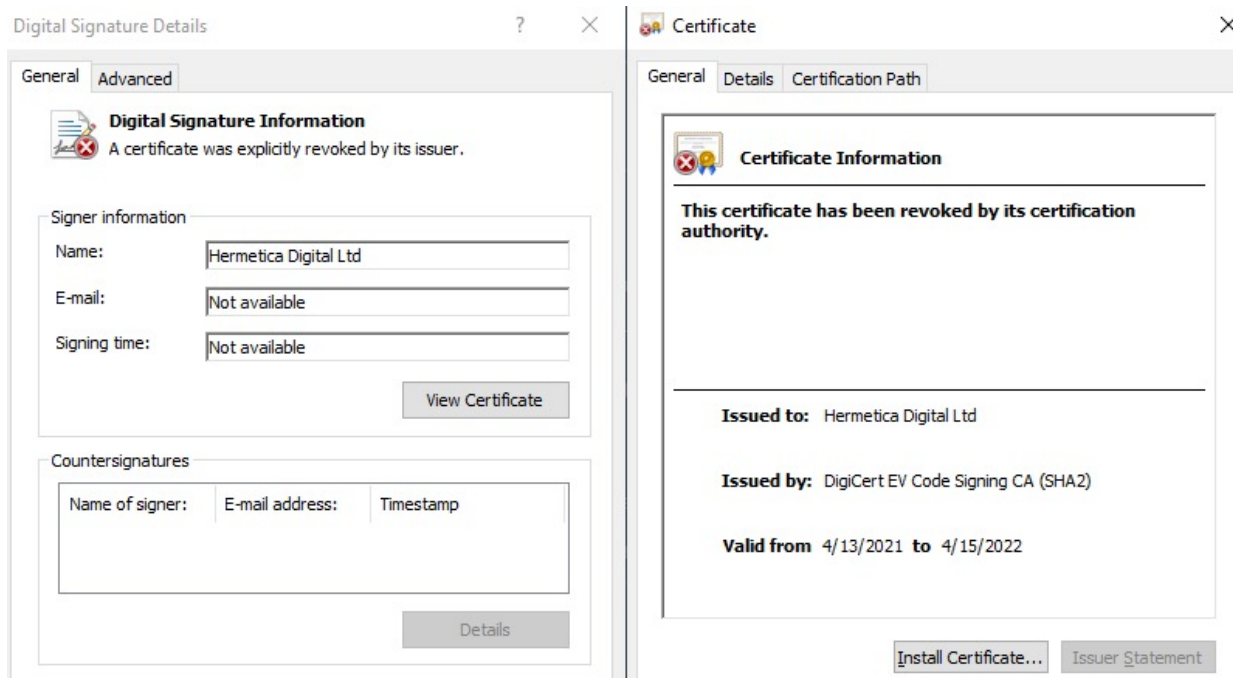


Figure 2: HermeticWiper Software Signed with Hermetica Digital Ltd Certificate

HermeticWiper Technical Analysis

The HermeticWiper malware, the subject of the report, was examined on the Windows 10 64-bit operating system. Additional source files used by HermeticWiper vary according to the target operating system.

SHA256	1bc44eef75779e3ca1eefb8ff5a64807dbc942b1e4a2672d77b9f6928d292591
SSDEEP	1536:sBOoa7Nn52wurilmw9BgjKu1sPPxaSLyqC:sBOoa7P2wxIPwV1qPkSuqC
File Type	Win32 EXE

Payloads Used

HermeticWiper has four different payloads designed for x64 and x86 architectures according to the operating systems it targets in the .rsrc section called RCDATA. DRV_X64 (64-bit) and DRV_X86 (32-bit) are used for Vista and later operating systems, while the remaining two payloads, DRV_XP_X64 and DRV_XP_X86, are also used for XP operating system.

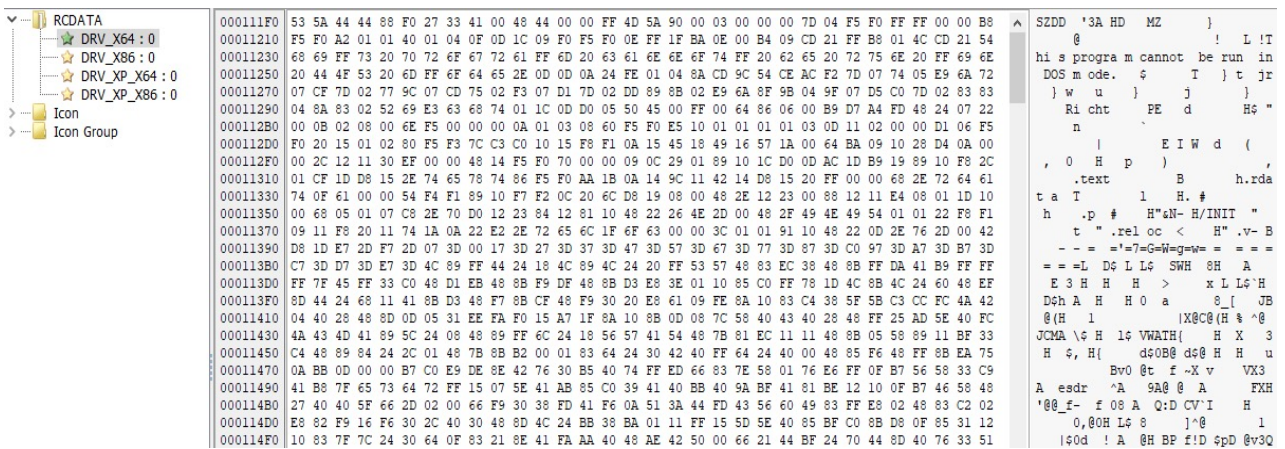


Figure 3: Additional resources embedded in HermeticWiper software

These files are hosted as compressed data and are extracted from the archive by the "LZ" functions (LzOpenFileW, LZClose, LZCopy).

File System Change

HermeticWiper determines which of the additional resources it will use, kept in compressed form, by checking the operating system version it is working on. Malware authors have designed to run on Vista and higher operating systems the 64-bit and 32-bit versions of the payloads and contain additional embedded files for the XP operating system.

```
.text:00FC2A6B
.text:00FC2A6B          loc_FC2A6B:          ; Size
.text:00FC2A6B  68 1C 01 00 00      push    11Ch
.text:00FC2A70  8D 85 80 FE FF FF   lea    eax, [ebp+VersionInformation]
.text:00FC2A76  6A 00              push    0 ; Val
.text:00FC2A78  50                push    eax ; void *
.text:00FC2A79  E8 67 25 00 00     call   memset
.text:00FC2A7E  8B 35 B0 50 FC 00   mov    esi, ds:VerSetConditionMask
.text:00FC2A84  83 C4 0C          add    esp, 0Ch
.text:00FC2A87  C7 85 80 FE FF FF+ mov    [ebp+VersionInformation.dwOSVersionInfoSize], 11Ch
.text:00FC2A87  1C 01 00 00
.text:00FC2A91  C7 85 84 FE FF FF+ mov    [ebp+VersionInformation.dwMajorVersion], 6
.text:00FC2A91  06 00 00 00
.text:00FC2A9B  C7 85 88 FE FF FF+ mov    [ebp+VersionInformation.dwMinorVersion], 0
.text:00FC2A9B  00 00 00 00
.text:00FC2AA5  6A 03            push    3 ; Condition
.text:00FC2AA7  6A 02            push    2 ; TypeMask
.text:00FC2AA9  6A 00            push    0
.text:00FC2AAB  6A 00            push    0 ; ConditionMask
.text:00FC2AAD  FF D6          call   esi ; VerSetConditionMask
.text:00FC2AAF  6A 03            push    3 ; Condition
.text:00FC2AB1  6A 01            push    1 ; TypeMask
.text:00FC2AB3  52              push    edx
.text:00FC2AB4  50              push    eax ; ConditionMask
.text:00FC2AB5  FF D6          call   esi ; VerSetConditionMask
.text:00FC2AB7  52              push    edx
.text:00FC2AB8  50              push    eax ; dwlConditionMask
.text:00FC2AB9  6A 03            push    3 ; dwTypeMask
.text:00FC2ABB  8D 85 80 FE FF FF lea    eax, [ebp+VersionInformation]
.text:00FC2AC1  50              push    eax ; lpVersionInformation
.text:00FC2AC2  FF 15 B4 50 FC 00 call   ds:VerifyVersionInfoW ; Check Vista or later OS version
.text:00FC2AC8  85 C0          test   eax, eax
.text:00FC2ACA  74 19          jz     short loc_FC2AE5
```

Figure 4: Hermeticwiper OS Version Control

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The compressed driver file (without the .sys extension) left in the C:\Windows\System32\drivers directory is extracted from the archive and deleted after the final driver file is created (by adding the .sys extension).

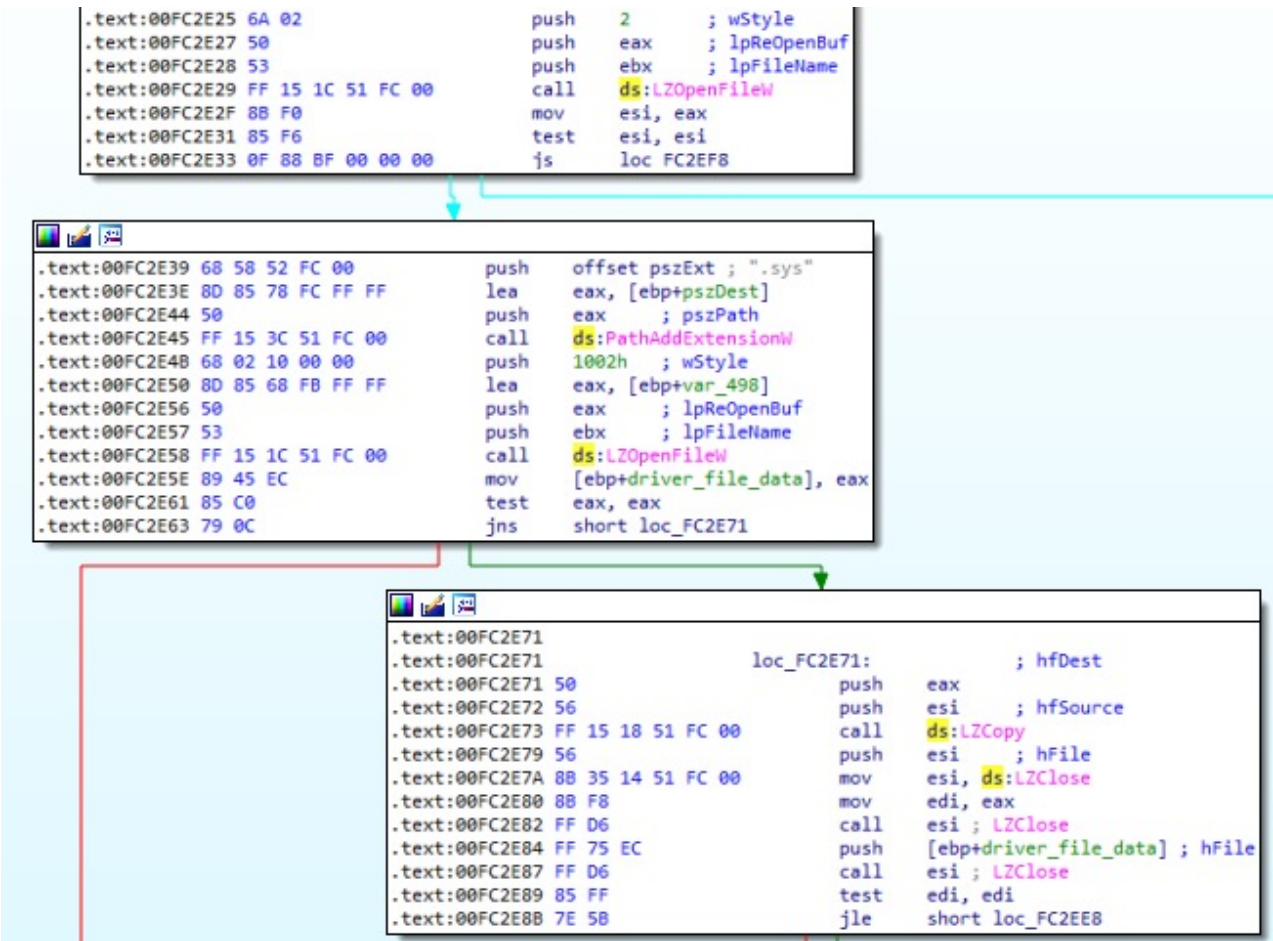


Figure 7: Extracting the compressed file with the help of LZ functions create driver file

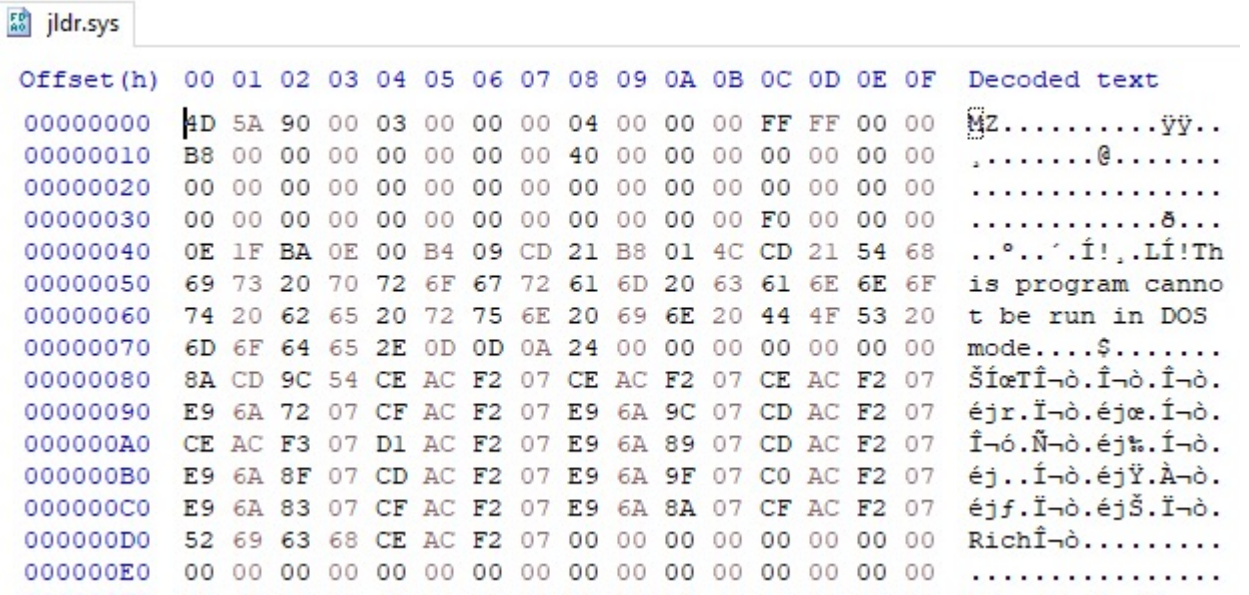


Figure 8: Actual content of the additional source file extracted from the archive



Service Creation

After creating the driver file, HermeticWiper starts the service creation process by calling the OpenSCManager API function.

First, the malware checks whether there is an existing service through the driver file created. If there is no service available, the binary file with the same name as the file name is created as a service.

<pre> push 16 push dword ptr ss:[ebp-C] push eax call dword ptr ds:[<&OpenServiceW>] mov edi,eax test edi,edi jne hermet.333ABA call esi mov esi,eax cmp esi,424 jne hermet.333A4C mov eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-C] push edi push edi push edi push edi push dword ptr ss:[ebp-4] push 1 push 3 push 1 push F01FF push eax push eax push dword ptr ss:[ebp-8] call dword ptr ds:[<&CreateServiceW>] mov edi,eax test edi,edi jne hermet.333A67 call dword ptr ds:[<&GetLastError>] </pre>	<pre> [ebp-C]:L"jldr" eax:L"jldr" eax:L"jldr" eax:L"jldr" [ebp-C]:L"jldr" [ebp-4]:L"C:\\Windows\\system32\\Drivers\\jldr.sys" eax:L"jldr" eax:L"jldr" [ebp-8]:"€\x1E" eax:L"jldr" </pre>
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Figure 9: Using the extracted file as a driver service

This service is created with SERVICE_ALL_ACCESS (0xF01FF) access rights indicating full access rights and has the following attributes:

- SERVICE_KERNEL_DRIVER: Installed as a driver service
- SERVICE_DEMAND_START: HermeticWiper sets the service to be started by the Service Control Manager when a process calls the StartService function.

Service Configuration Change

After the driver service is created, it opens the connection to the VSS service. VSS (Volume Shadow Copy) is used in Microsoft Windows to make backups and consistent point-in-time data copies. This service has access rights SERVICE_CHANGE_CONFIG (0X0002) to change the service configuration settings and SERVICE_STOP (0x0020) to stop the service.



```

.text:00333DE1
.text:00333DE1          loc_333DE1:          ; dwDesiredAccess
.text:00333DE1  6A 22                push    22h ; ""
.text:00333DE3  68 B4 58 33 00       push    offset ServiceName ; "vss"
.text:00333DE8  50                   push    eax ; hSCManager
.text:00333DE9  FF 15 20 50 33 00   call   ds:OpenServiceW
.text:00333DEF  8B D8                mov     ebx, eax
.text:00333DF1  85 DB                test   ebx, ebx
.text:00333DF3  75 0C                jnz    short loc_333E01

.text:00333E01
.text:00333E01          loc_333E01:          ; lpDisplayName
.text:00333E01  6A 00                push    0
.text:00333E03  6A 00                push    0 ; lpPassword
.text:00333E05  6A 00                push    0 ; lpServiceStartName
.text:00333E07  6A 00                push    0 ; lpDependencies
.text:00333E09  6A 00                push    0 ; lpdwTagId
.text:00333E0B  6A 00                push    0 ; lpLoadOrderGroup
.text:00333E0D  6A 00                push    0 ; lpBinaryPathName
.text:00333E0F  6A FF                push    0FFFFFFh ; dwErrorControl
.text:00333E11  6A 04                push    4 ; dwStartType
.text:00333E13  6A 10                push    10h ; dwServiceType
.text:00333E15  53                   push    ebx ; hService
.text:00333E16  FF 15 14 50 33 00   call   ds:ChangeServiceConfigW
.text:00333E1C  85 C0                test   eax, eax
.text:00333E1E  75 04                jnz    short loc_333E24
    
```

Figure 10: VSS service configuration change

HermeticWiper tries to affect the functionality of the VSS service by changing its configuration parameters. The change can be explained as follows:

- HermeticWiper has changed the start type of the service to SERVICE_DISABLED. This status means that the VSS service cannot be started/disabled. This change ensures the defender cannot perform data recovery or system restoration operations. After the service configuration change is complete, the control code SERVICE_CONTROL_STOP (0x00000001) is sent to the VSS service using the ControlService API function to stop working.

```

.text:00333E24
.text:00333E24          loc_333E24:          ; lpServiceStatus
.text:00333E24  6A 00                push    0
.text:00333E26  6A 01                push    1 ; dwControl
.text:00333E28  53                   push    ebx ; hService
.text:00333E29  FF 15 04 50 33 00   call   ds:ControlService
.text:00333E2F  8B 3D 08 50 33 00   mov     edi, ds:CloseServiceHandle
.text:00333E35  53                   push    ebx ; hSCObject
.text:00333E36  FF D7                call   edi ; CloseServiceHandle
    
```

Figure 11: Stopping VSS service with Controlservice function call



Registry Change

HermeticWiper performs several different registry changes. We have explained these changes in detail below.

- With the creation of the driver service mentioned earlier, information about the driver service is saved in the **HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services** registry key, but HermeticWiper deletes this registry key. We consider this behavior to be a privacy effort.

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
DisplayName	REG_SZ	jldr
ErrorControl	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
ImagePath	REG_EXPAND_SZ	\??\C:\Windows\system32\Drivers\jldr.sys
Start	REG_DWORD	0x00000003 (3)
Type	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)

Figure 12: Generated registry information associated with the driver service

```
.text:00332EB5 8D 85 60 F9 FF FF    lea    eax, [ebp+Destination]
.text:00332EBB 50                  push   eax
.text:00332EBC 68 20 54 33 00      push   offset aSystemCurrentc_0 ; "SYSTEM\\CurrentControlSet\\services\\"
.text:00332EC1 8D 85 58 F7 FF FF    lea    eax, [ebp+SubKey]
.text:00332EC7 68 68 54 33 00      push   offset aSS ; "%s%s"
.text:00332ECC 50                  push   eax ; LPWSTR
.text:00332ECD FF 15 68 51 33 00    call   ds:wsprintfW
.text:00332ED3 83 C4 10            add    esp, 10h
.text:00332ED6 8D 85 58 F7 FF FF    lea    eax, [ebp+SubKey]
.text:00332EDC 50                  push   eax ; lpSubKey
.text:00332EDD 68 02 00 00 80      push   80000002h ; hKey
.text:00332EE2 FF 15 34 50 33 00    call   ds:RegDeleteKeyW
```

Figure 13: Deleting the registry key associated with the driver service

HermeticWiper changes the default value of the **CrashDumpEnabled** subkey (7) to 0 in the registry path **SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\CrashControl**. The threat actor does this to block functionality that can prevent data recovery and automatically dump memory in the event of a system crash.

According to Microsoft, the **CrashDumpEnabled** key is set to 7 to allow the Automatic Memory Dump feature, while it is set to 0 to disable this feature.



```

.text:00A72B71
.text:00A72B71          loc_A72B71:
.text:00A72B71 8D 45 FC          lea    eax, [ebp+phkResult]
.text:00A72B74 C7 45 FC 00 00 00+  mov    [ebp+phkResult], 0
.text:00A72B74 00
.text:00A72B7B 50                push   eax    ; phkResult
.text:00A72B7C 68 E0 56 A7 00    push   offset SubKey ; "SYSTEM\\CurrentControlSet\\Control\\Cra...
.text:00A72B81 68 02 00 00 80    push   80000002h ; hKey
.text:00A72B86 FF 15 4C 50 A7 00  call   ds:RegOpenKeyW
.text:00A72B8C 85 C0            test   eax, eax
.text:00A72B8E 75 24            jnz    short loc_A72BB4

.text:00A72B90 6A 04            push   4    ; cbData
.text:00A72B92 89 45 F4          mov    dword ptr [ebp+Data], eax
.text:00A72B95 8D 45 F4          lea   eax, [ebp+Data]
.text:00A72B98 50                push   eax    ; lpData
.text:00A72B99 6A 04            push   4    ; dwType
.text:00A72B9B 6A 00            push   0    ; Reserved
.text:00A72B9D 68 3C 57 A7 00    push   offset ValueName ; "CrashDumpEnabled"
.text:00A72BA2 FF 75 FC          push   [ebp+phkResult] ; hKey
.text:00A72BA5 FF 15 54 50 A7 00  call   ds:RegSetValueExW
.text:00A72BAB FF 75 FC          push   [ebp+phkResult] ; hKey
.text:00A72BAE FF 15 50 50 A7 00  call   ds:RegCloseKey
    
```

Figure 14: Setting the Crash Dump Enabled registry key

File Privilege Change

The HermeticWiper file uses the privilege (authorization) constants described below to provide the necessary rights for the operations it will perform. These are:

- **SeBackupPrivilege**

Enabling this feature means the relevant process is excluded from ACL (Access-control list) control. In this way, it can access each file's contents, even if the necessary access permission does not provide.

```

.text:00FC3D69 50                push   eax    ; lpLuid
.text:00FC3D6A 68 A8 55 FC 00    push   offset aSebackupprivil ; "SeBackupPrivilege"
.text:00FC3D6F 6A 00            push   0    ; lpSystemName
.text:00FC3D71 FF D6            call   esi ; LookupPrivilegeValueW
.text:00FC3D73 6A 00            push   0    ; ReturnLength
.text:00FC3D75 6A 00            push   0    ; PreviousState
.text:00FC3D77 6A 00            push   0    ; BufferLength
.text:00FC3D79 53                push   ebx    ; NewState
.text:00FC3D7A C7 03 02 00 00 00  mov    dword ptr [ebx], 2
.text:00FC3D80 6A 00            push   0    ; DisableAllPrivileges
.text:00FC3D82 C7 43 0C 02 00 00+  mov    dword ptr [ebx+0Ch], 2
.text:00FC3D82 00
.text:00FC3D89 C7 43 18 02 00 00+  mov    dword ptr [ebx+18h], 2
.text:00FC3D89 00
.text:00FC3D90 FF 74 24 24      push   [esp+544h+TokenHandle] ; TokenHandle
.text:00FC3D94 FF 15 28 50 FC 00  call   ds:AdjustTokenPrivileges
    
```

Figure 15: Setting the SeBackupPrivilege privilege constant



- **SeShutdownPrivilege**

The user or process with this privilege has the right to shut down the system.

- **SeLoadDriverPrivilege**

Defines the user permission required to install and uninstall the device driver.

```
.text:00FC3979 8D 47 04      lea    eax, [edi+4]
.text:00FC397C 50           push  eax    ; lpLuid
.text:00FC397D 68 54 55 FC 00 push  offset aSeloaddriverpr ; "SeLoadDriverPrivilege"
.text:00FC3982 53           push  ebx    ; lpSystemName
.text:00FC3983 FF 15 2C 50 FC 00 call   ds:LookupPrivilegeValueW
.text:00FC3989 53           push  ebx    ; ReturnLength
.text:00FC398A 53           push  ebx    ; PreviousState
.text:00FC398B 53           push  ebx    ; BufferLength
.text:00FC398C 57           push  edi    ; NewState
.text:00FC398D C7 07 01 00 00 00 mov   dword ptr [edi], 1
.text:00FC3993 53           push  ebx    ; DisableAllPrivileges
.text:00FC3994 C7 47 0C 02 00 00+ mov   dword ptr [edi+0Ch], 2
.text:00FC3994 00
.text:00FC399B FF 75 EC     push  [ebp+TokenHandle] ; TokenHandle
.text:00FC399E FF 15 28 50 FC 00 call   ds:AdjustTokenPrivileges
.text:00FC39A4 89 45 F8     mov   [ebp+hSCManager], eax
```

Figure 16: Setting the SeLoadDriverPrivilege privilege constant

Harddisk Discovery

HermeticWiper tries to detect the hard disks connected to the target computer. For this, it tries to detect physical disks using the expression `\\\\.\\PhysicalDrive\\%u`. For example:

```
λ wmic diskdrive list brief
Caption                DeviceID                Model                    Partitions  Size
Samsung SSD 970 EVO 250GB  \\.\\PHYSICALDRIVE0    Samsung SSD 970 EVO 250GB  1           80525491200
```

Figure 17: Detection of physical disks connected to the computer

PhysicalDrive0, PhysicalDrive1, etc., each of the expressions represent a physical hard disk. The HermeticWiper makes queries to detect the connected disks from 0 to 100 (PhysicalDrive0, PhysicalDrive1, PhysicalDrive2, etc.).

```
.text:00FC3E70
.text:00FC3E70      loc_FC3E70:
.text:00FC3E70 68 10 1D FC 00      push  offset sub_FC1D10
.text:00FC3E75 8D 54 24 20         lea  edx, [esp+534h+var_514]
.text:00FC3E79 8B CE              mov  ecx, esi
.text:00FC3E7B E8 E0 DE FF FF     call  get_disk_partition_table_info ; like PhysicalDrive0, PhysicalDrive1
.text:00FC3E80 46                inc  esi
.text:00FC3E81 83 FE 64          cmp  esi, 64h ; 'd'
.text:00FC3E84 7E EA            jle  short loc_FC3E70
```

Figure 18: Detecting physical disks

Additionally, it obtains the physical location of a specified volume on one or more disks. When searching for files/directories critical to the target system, it calls the DeviceIoControl API function using the IoControlCode value 0x560000.

```

.text:00FC2087 68 80 00 00 00      push    80h        ; dwBytes
.text:00FC208C 6A 08              push    8          ; dwFlags
.text:00FC208E 89 7C 24 38       mov     [esp+250h+BytesReturned], edi
.text:00FC2092 FF 15 60 50 FC 00  call    ds:GetProcessHeap
.text:00FC2098 50                push    eax        ; hHeap
.text:00FC2099 FF 15 5C 50 FC 00  call    ds:HeapAlloc
.text:00FC209F 6A 00              push    0          ; lpOverlapped
.text:00FC20A1 8B F0             mov     esi, eax
.text:00FC20A3 8D 44 24 34       lea    eax, [esp+24Ch+BytesReturned]
.text:00FC20A7 50                push    eax        ; lpBytesReturned
.text:00FC20A8 68 80 00 00 00    push    80h        ; nOutBufferSize
.text:00FC20AD 56                push    esi        ; lpOutBuffer
.text:00FC20AE 6A 00              push    0          ; nInBufferSize
.text:00FC20B0 6A 00              push    0          ; lpInBuffer
.text:00FC20B2 68 00 00 56 00    push    560000h    ; dwIoControlCode
.text:00FC20B7 53                push    ebx        ; hDevice
.text:00FC20B8 89 74 24 54       mov     [esp+268h+var_214], esi
.text:00FC20BC FF 15 64 50 FC 00  call    ds:DeviceIoControl
.text:00FC20C2 85 C0             test   eax, eax
.text:00FC20C4 0F 84 9A 01 00 00  jz     loc_FC2264
    
```

Figure 19: Call used to get information about disk volumes

Other IoControlCode values and identifiers detected used by HermeticWiper at runtime are listed below:

- 0x9006F - FSCTL_GET_VOLUME_BITMAP
- 0x2d1080 - IOCTL_STORAGE_GET_DEVICE_NUMBER
- 0x700A0 - IOCTL_DISK_GET_DRIVE_GEOMETRY_EX
- 0x70050 - IOCTL_DISK_GET_DRIVE_LAYOUT_EX
- 0x56000 - IOCTL_VOLUME_GET_VOLUME_DISK_EXTENTS
- 0x90018 - IOCTL_LOCK_VOLUME
- 0x90020 - FSCTL_DISMOUNT_VOLUME
- 0x90073 - FSCTL_GET_RETRIEVAL_POINTERS
- 0x90074 - FSCTL_MOVE_FILE
- 0x90068 - FSCTL_GET_NTFS_FILE_RECORD
- 0x90064 - FSCTL_GET_NTFS_VOLUME_DATA

After detecting all storage devices connected to the computer, specific directories are searched with some attributes of the NTFS file system.

We have mentioned these directories and attributes on the next page.



Directories

C:\System Volume Information\
C:\Documents and Settings\
C:\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs
C:\Windows\SYSTEM
C:\Users\%USERNAME%\AppData
C:\Users\Default\My Documents
C:\Users\%USERNAME%\Desktop

NTFS File System Attributes

\$Bitmap
\$INDEX_ALLOCATION
\$LogFile

In addition to the above-mentioned NTFS file system attributes, the HermeticWiper sample also contains expressions for the following. But we couldn't detect any query to these attributes in the analyzed sample.

\$ATTRIBUTE_LIST
\$EA_INFORMATION
\$SECURITY_DESCRIPTOR
\$DATA
\$INDEX_ROOT
\$REPARSE_POINT
\$LOGGED_UTILITY_STREAM

Disk Overwrite

After HermeticWiper detects the locations of the files and directories on the physical disk that it considers critical to the system, it enters a waiting period of approximately 20 minutes before starting to overwrite the disk.

```
.text:00FC4048  
.text:00FC4048          loc_FC4048:          ; dwMilliseconds  
.text:00FC4048 57          push     edi  
.text:00FC4049 FF 15 0C 51 FC 00    call    ds:Sleep ; Almost 20 minutes long sleep before disk overwrite  
.text:00FC404F FF 74 24 68          push    [esp+530h+hEvent] ; hEvent  
.text:00FC4053 FF 15 FC 50 FC 00    call    ds:SetEvent  
.text:00FC4059 8B 35 D0 50 FC 00    mov     esi, ds:WaitForSingleObject  
.text:00FC405F 68 30 75 00 00      push    7530h ; dwMilliseconds  
.text:00FC4064 53          push    ebx ; hHandle  
.text:00FC4065 FF D6          call    esi ; WaitForSingleObject  
.text:00FC4067 85 DB          test    ebx, ebx  
.text:00FC4069 74 05          jz     short loc_FC4070
```

Figure 20: Sleep time before disk overwrite



After the time has expired, it creates a thread responsible for writing data to the disk.

The device/directory where HermeticWiper will be overwriting data is numbered as `\\\\.\\EPMNTDRV\\%u`, similar to the previously determined `\\\\.\\PhysicalDrive\\%u` format and opens the connection to the relevant disk/directory.

```
.text:00FC27F0
.text:00FC27F0      overwrite_disk_and_storage_device_thread proc near
.text:00FC27F0
.text:00FC27F0      Handles = dword ptr -190h
.text:00FC27F0  55                push    ebp
.text:00FC27F1  8B EC            mov     ebp, esp
.text:00FC27F3  81 EC 90 01 00 00 sub     esp, 190h
.text:00FC27F9  53                push   ebx
.text:00FC27FA  8B D9            mov     ebx, ecx
.text:00FC27FC  56                push   esi
.text:00FC27FD  57                push   edi
.text:00FC27FE  33 F6            xor     esi, esi
.text:00FC2800  8B 3B            mov     edi, [ebx]
.text:00FC2802  85 FF            test   edi, edi
.text:00FC2804  74 58            jz     short loc_FC285E
```

```
.text:00FC2806
.text:00FC2806      loc_FC2806:          ; lpThreadId
.text:00FC2806  6A 00            push   0
.text:00FC2808  6A 00            push   0          ; dwCreationFlags
.text:00FC280A  57                push   edi        ; lpParameter
.text:00FC280B  68 A0 26 FC 00   push   offset StartAddress ; lpStartAddress
.text:00FC2810  6A 00            push   0          ; dwStackSize
.text:00FC2812  6A 00            push   0          ; lpThreadAttributes
.text:00FC2814  FF 15 9C 50 FC 00 call   ds:CreateThread
.text:00FC281A  89 84 B5 70 FE FF+ mov   [ebp+esi*4+Handles], eax
.text:00FC281A  FF
.text:00FC2821  85 C0            test   eax, eax
.text:00FC2823  74 01            jz     short loc_FC2826
```

Figure 21: Creating the thread responsible for overwriting the disk



Next, the thread-executed piece of code (StartAddress) overwrites it with the WriteFile API function loop.

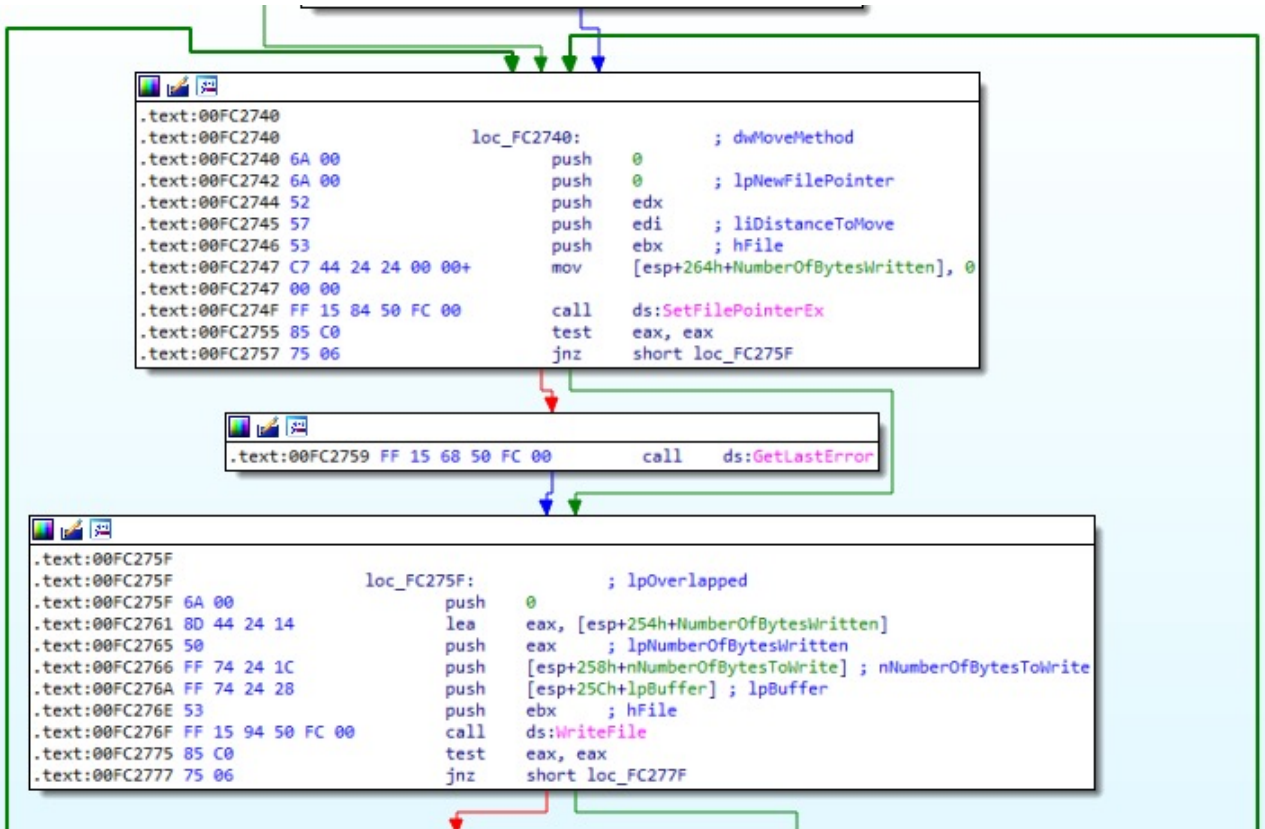


Figure 22: Writefile function loop used to write data to disk

Conclusion



Conclusion

With increased invasion intervention against Ukraine, threat actors widely started to use DDoS attacks and Wiper malware for damaging digital systems.

It shows that the attacks, which are primarily aimed at Ukraine for now, are likely to be directed to neighboring and cooperating states in the long run, depending on how the ongoing processes will take shape.

Information sharing among cyber threat intelligence teams working proactively among effective solutions against such attacks, which are likely to occur shortly, is vital. However, existing threats can be neutralized at the beginning of the attack attempt by using signature-based detection systems due to the techniques, tactics, procedures, and rules established by security researchers.

In this prepared report, we have examined HermeticWiper malware technically. The pest's features, functions, and payloads create an essential awareness in creating a security phenomenon. We recommend taking action with security devices for the IoC findings and the YARA rule shared in the report. To not be a potential target for malware attacks, we recommended taking precautions by considering the attack vectors used.

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Table 1: Embedded additional payload files detected in the analyzed sample (Compressed)

Hash (MD5 / SHA1 / SHA256)	Description
e5f3ef69a534260e899a36cecc459440dc572388defd8f1d98760d31c700f42d5	DRV_X64
b01e0c6ac0b8bcde145ab7b68cf246deea9402fa7ea3aede7105f7051fe240c1	DRV_X86
bd0141e88a0d56b508bc52db4dab68a49b6027a486e4d9514ec0db006fe71eed	DRV_XP_X64
b6f2e008967c5527337448d768f2332d14b92de22a1279fd4d91000bb3d4a0fd	DRV_XP_X86

Table 2: Embedded additional payload files detected in the analyzed sample (Extracted from Archive)

Hash (MD5 / SHA1 / SHA256)	Description
96b77284744f8761c4f2558388e0aee2140618b484ff53fa8b222b340d2a9c84	DRV_X64
8c614cf476f871274aa06153224e8f7354bf5e23e6853358591bf35a381fb75b	DRV_X86
23ef301ddba39bb00f0819d2061c9c14d17dc30f780a945920a51bc3ba0198a4	DRV_XP_X64
2c7732da3dcfc82f60f063f2ec9fa09f9d38d5cfbe80c850ded44de43bdb666d	DRV_XP_X86

Table 3: Various additional files embedded in the .rsrc section in other samples

Hash (MD5 / SHA1 / SHA256)	Description
5ceebaf1cbb0c10b95f7edd458804a646c6f215e	RCDATA_DRV_X64
0231721ef4e4519ec776ff7d1f25c937545ce9f4	RCDATA_DRV_X86
9c2e465e8dfdfc1c0c472e0a34a7614d796294af	RCDATA_DRV_XP_X64
ee764632adedf6bb4cf4075a20b4f6a79b8f94c0	RCDATA_DRV_XP_X86



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Table 4: Other HermeticWiper executables detected

Hash (MD5 / SHA1 / SHA256)	Description
0d8cc992f279ec45e8b8dfd05a700ff1f0437f29	HermeticWiper EXE
61b25d11392172e587d8da3045812a66c3385451	HermeticWiper EXE
912342f1c840a42f6b74132f8a7c4ffe7d40fb77	HermeticWiper EXE
9518e4ae0862ae871cf9fb634b50b07c66a2c379	HermeticWiper EXE
d9a3596af0463797df4ff25b7999184946e3bfa2	HermeticWiper EXE
1bc44eef75779e3ca1eefb8ff5a64807dbc942b1e4a2672d77b9f6928d292591	HermeticWiper EXE
0385eeab00e946a302b24a91dea4187c1210597b8e17cd9e2230450f5ece21da	HermeticWiper EXE
ca3c4cd3c2edc816c1130e6cac9bdd08f83aef0b8e6f3d09c2172c854fab125f	HermeticWiper EXE
3c557727953a8f6b4788984464fb77741b821991acbf5e746aebdd02615b1767	HermeticWiper EXE
912342F1C840A42F6B74132F8A7C4FFE7D40FB77	HermeticWiper EXE
61B25D11392172E587D8DA3045812A66C3385451	HermeticWiper EXE
2c10b2ec0b995b88c27d141d6f7b14d6b8177c52818687e4ff8e6ecf53adf5bf	HermeticWiper EXE



YARA Rule - 1

```
rule hermeticwiper {
  meta:
    hash= "1bc44eef75779e3ca1eefb8ff5a64807dbc942b1e4a2672d77b9f6928d292591"
  strings:
    $s1 = "\\?\\C:\\Windows\\System32\\winevt\\Logs" fullword wide
    $s2 = "\\?\\C:\\Documents and Settings" fullword wide
    $s3 = "C:\\System Volume Information" fullword wide
    $s4 = "\\\\.\\EPMNTDRV\\%u" fullword wide
    $s5 = "C:\\Windows\\SYSVOL" fullword wide
    $s6 = "PhysicalDrive%u" wide ascii nocase
    $cert = "Hermetica Digital Ltd" wide ascii nocase
  condition:
    uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and filesize < 300KB and
    all of them
}
```

YARA Rule - 2

```
import "hash"
import "pe"

rule find_hermetic
{
  strings:
    $a1 = {57 56 53 33 ff 8b 44} // HEX from offset @ 0x0400
    $a2 = {48 73 28 73 ac 8c} // HEX from offset @ 0x010
  condition:
    $a1 or $a2
    or hash.md5(0, filesize) == "84ba0197920fd3e2b7dfa719fee09d2f"
    or hash.md5(0, filesize) == "94bc2ff3969d9775de508e1181318deb"
}
```



Contact

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