

Wanna Cry Ransomware: Analysis Infection of MS17-010 After Update, Recovery Prevention and Propagation Mechanisms

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Abstract– We are observing a WannaCry ransomware is infected system if getting run in a particular system but myself not identify other shared system is infected or not infected after update patch MS17-010 & SMB version 2.0. if infected system is access other pc files & share folder what would be affected or not getting any effect by WannaCry ransomware currently infected system.

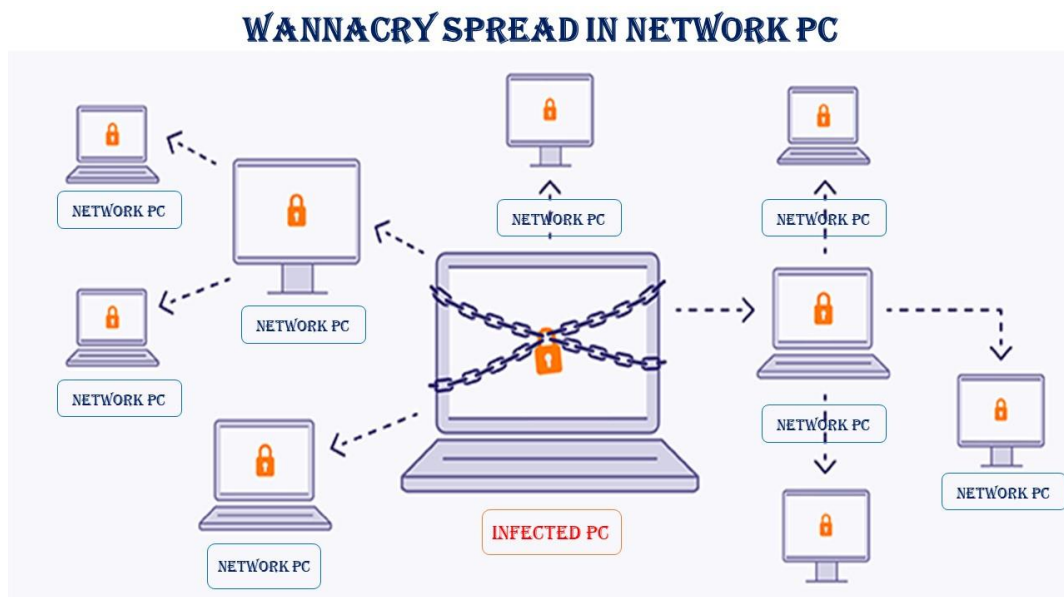
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1. INTRODUCTION

Wannacry is the ransomware worm that rapidly throw across the number of computer in network in may 2017. After infected the systems windows, it encrypts files, folder, other peripherals network drivers. And demanded ransomware payment as a bitcoin for decrypted all files and folder

A. How to WannaCry works

The Wannacry is executable ransomware it works straightforward manners. Its arrived in infected computer as a dropper self content program format and execute the program in other computer or infected their files and folders. This is a an application that encrypt or decrypt the data. Files contain encrypted key. This is the copy of tor, used for command-and-control communication with controlling programmer.



B. How does WannaCry Spread

Wannacry is the flow in windows implementation protocol server message block (SMB). SMB protocols is helps for various network PC shared files one node to

another nodes. Wannacry is infected PC that's are SMB patch is not available. So having EternaBlue vulnerability. That the believe U.S. Nation security was found that vulnerability & reported it to the InfoSec community.

2. TESTBED

A analyze wannacry virtual testbed showing in figure. We have three PC that's installed window 10, 11, Kali Linux for testing purpose and update latest update of windows software and drivers. There IP address of windows 10 PC 192.168.0.50 and windows

11 PC 192.168.0.51 or Kali Linux PC 192.168.0.52 all PC are connected from single 5-Port switch. In window 10, 11 PC create a shared folder that's contained all types of files samples like audio, video, docs, excel, PPTs etc.



we a done for network scanning in kali linux tools by ARP-SCAN and find network IP 192.168.0.50 and 192.168.0.51 two PC are available in same network. we are tested both PC open port with help of kali Linux tool N-Map command 'nmap -v' and find open port 139/tcp, 445/tcp, 135/tcp. In both PC of windows 10, 11. And launched Wireshark software for network packet capture software in kali linux PC.

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root@kali: /home/kali
File Actions Edit View Help

(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# arp-scan -l
Interface: eth0, type: EN10MB, MAC: 08:00:27:c7:e1:36, IPv4: 192.168.0.52
WARNING: Cannot open MAC/Vendor file ieee-oui.txt: Permission denied
WARNING: Cannot open MAC/Vendor file mac-vendor.txt: Permission denied
Starting arp-scan 1.10.0 with 256 hosts (https://github.com/royhills/arp-scan)
192.168.0.50    08:00:27:85:6d:13    (Unknown)
192.168.0.51    08:00:27:d7:df:74    (Unknown)

2 packets received by filter, 0 packets dropped by kernel
Ending arp-scan 1.10.0: 256 hosts scanned in 1.872 seconds (136.75 hosts/sec).
2 responded

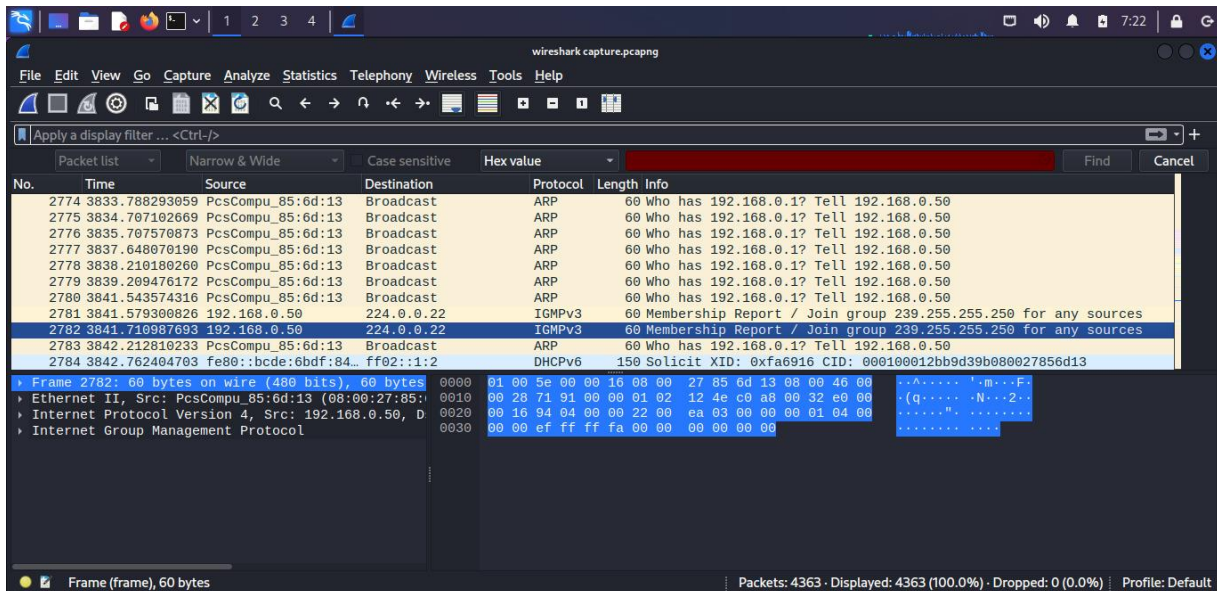
(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# nmap -v 192.168.0.50
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-04-02 02:59 EDT
Initiating ARP Ping Scan at 02:59
Scanning 192.168.0.50 [1 port]
Completed ARP Ping Scan at 02:59, 0.06s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 02:59
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 02:59, 13.00s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 02:59
Scanning 192.168.0.50 [1000 ports]
Discovered open port 139/tcp on 192.168.0.50
Discovered open port 445/tcp on 192.168.0.50
Discovered open port 135/tcp on 192.168.0.50
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 02:59, 4.79s elapsed (1000 total ports)
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2.1 Windows 10 Desktop PC

We are first execute wannacry ransomware program in windows 10 and find its inbuilt antivirus is quarantines this ransomware after real-time scanning off in windows 10 we are re-execute this ransomware and find all are files are infected by this program getting message.



Payment done in bitcoin for getting files back on readable format this message appeared after run the wannacry ransomware program and find a new IP 239.255.255.250 advise to join this IP by any source of protocol IGMPv3 of destination IP 224.0.0.22 in capturing by wireshark that's have want to connected in third party server. Its find after capturing execute of wannacry ransomware in windows 10 desktop PC. This encrypted are all types file in contains in shared folder and other drives of windows10 desktop PC.



2.2 Windows 11 Desktop PC

Same condition follow in windows 11 desktop PC and we are find windows 11 having same inbuilt antivirus that's are quarantine wannacry ransomware and after realtime scanning off we are re-execute this ransomware and find all files are infected and we are find if we access some other window 10,11 SMB sharing folder they are not infected by this ransomware and all files are safe. We are find wannacry working directory its modifies folder pattern and find working condition.


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Created      C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\b.wnry
Modified 15F936 C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\b.wnry
Created      C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\c.wnry
Modified 30C   C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\c.wnry
Created      C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg
Created      C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_bulgarian.wnry
Modified     C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg
Created      C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_bulgarian.wnry
Created      C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_chinese (simplified).wnry
Modified D457 C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_chinese (simplified).wnry
Created      C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_chinese (traditional).wnry
Modified 135F2 C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_chinese (traditional).wnry
Created      C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_croatian.wnry
Modified 989E  C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_croatian.wnry
Created      C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_czech.wnry
Modified 9E40  C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_czech.wnry
Created      C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_danish.wnry
Modified 90B5  C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_danish.wnry
Created      C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_dutch.wnry
Modified 907B  C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_dutch.wnry
Created      C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_english.wnry
Modified 906D  C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_english.wnry
Created      C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_filipino.wnry
Modified 92CC  C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_filipino.wnry
Created      C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_finnish.wnry
Modified 95E9  C:\ProgramData\midtxzggg900\msg\m_finnish.wnry
    
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In summary of dynamic analysis of wannacry ransomware that to archived persistence of infected machines –

- Creates a entry of windows registry to ensure that’s execute every restart
- Archive to attempt memory auto start programs
- Uses windows icacls command for granting full access in windows files and machines functions
- Deleted all backups (shadow) copy are find ifopen safe mode. Execute several command in background process
- By using the windows command lines its create VB scripts files for encryption of data and deleted its backup files
- Try to kill ms access and mysql data base by several command line process

3. ENCRYPTION PROCESS

Wannacry ransomware encryption component is invoked with the task start system thread. During the encryption component checks is one of the following component is available

GlobalnMsWinZonesCacheCounterMutexA, GlobalnMsWinZonesCacheCounterMutexW, MsWinZonesCacheCounterMutexA

If the mutex “MsWinZonesCacheCounterMutexA” is present, then the encryption component is automatically stops without talking any further action. If the mutex is not available in the system, the encryption process is start. In particular task created a new mutex name “MsWin ZonesCache CounterMutexA” and read the content of c.wnry files from the current directory. After the wannacry create three new files as per given below –

WannaCry configuration files

Filename	Description
00000000.res	TOR/C2 info
00000000.pky	Public RSA key
00000000.eky	Encrypted private RSA key

After these three files creation component is ready for encryption files on the system. It is the spawns server threads. First wannacry attempt to load existing two keys in the 00000000.pky and 00000000.dky files present decrypt by RSA key which received after payment verify.

4. RECOVERY

1. First we try to unhide all folder and files for recovery process. So find some shadow /Hide files.
2. Second things reboot the PC in Safe mode this is provide in advance boot option.
3. Enter task manager and terminate all suspicious process
4. Try to 'MSCONFIG' command and terminate all suspicious auto start process
5. After this we select location which have files lost/deleted and encrypt
6. Using registry key edit and deleted 'CryptLocker' and 'CryptoLocker' folder by manually.
7. And go to MyComputer local dis C: User admin mode and deleted 'cupidlogus' files

We recover all deleted files and encrypted by wannacry ransomware with Wondershare Recovery tool in Kali linux. Its provide facility recover lost or deleted files from wide range of devices, including NAS server, Compute/Laptops, Hard drives, USB drives, and Memory Cards, Its support multiple files system including NTFS, FAT16/32, exFAT.

Some other software for recover wannacry ransomware encrypted files likes DiskDrill, Steller Data Recovery Professional, Recoverit(IS), Recuva decryptor software.

5. CONCLUSION

Stay Calm: Ransomware attack can be stressful its infected more importance files and images. Its more pain full and going to more mistakes and we care full for tacking any decision before paid any types of money

Quarantine Affected System: ransomware is try to spread attacks in a network to infected more system. So disconnect and quarantine affected device don't connect any networks.

Backups: taking backups of infected system/Hard Disk. Make a other copy for every recovery process

Identify the variant: Many different types variant of ransomware circulate in a system. Its list change constantly. So are very difficult to identify which types of variant encrypted data.

To Pay or Not: this question is more difficult one. If paid so one thing to data recovered easily and not pays so getting more research for data recovery. Second Condition paid are not guarantee to recover all data.

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