

WannaCry ransomware used in widespread attacks all over the world

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Earlier today, our products detected and successfully blocked a large number of ransomware attacks around the world. In these attacks, data is encrypted with the extension “.WCRY” added to the filenames.

Our analysis indicates the attack, dubbed “WannaCry”, is initiated through an SMBv2 remote code execution in Microsoft Windows. This exploit (codenamed “EternalBlue”) has been made available on the internet through the Shadowbrokers dump on April 14th, 2017 and [patched by Microsoft](#) on March 14.

Unfortunately, it appears that many organizations have not yet installed the patch.

Nº	Exploit Name	MS Bulletin	Detection Signatures	Notes
1.	“EternalBlue”	MS17-010	Exploit.Win32/64.ShadowBrokers.* UDS:DangerousObject.Multi.Generic	SMBv2 Exploitation Tool, RCE. The vulnerability was fixed by Microsoft on March 14, 2017. We detect the exploitation tools and are investigating this vulnerability further to create generic defense mechanisms against similar attacks in the future.
2.	“EmeraldThread”	MS10-061	Trojan.Win32/64.EquationDrug.* Exploit.Win32.RPC.* Intrusion.Win.CVE-2010-2729.a.exploit UDS:DangerousObject.Multi.Generic	Printer Spooler vulnerability. This vulnerability was used by the well-known Stuxnet worm; the first exploit for this vulnerability was published in 2010, so this is a well-known issue. This vulnerability was addressed by MS10-061 on September 14, 2010. We have been detecting the exploitation of this vulnerability since 2010.
3.	“EternalChampion”	CVE-2017-0146 CVE-2017-0147	Exploit.Win32/64.ShadowBrokers.* UDS:DangerousObject.Multi.Generic	(CVE-2017-0146) This SMBv1 server exploit allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via specially crafted packets, aka “Windows SMB Remote Code Execution Vulnerability”. (CVE-2017-0147) This SMBv1 server exploit allows remote attackers to obtain sensitive information from the process memory via crafted packets, aka “Windows SMB Information Disclosure Vulnerability”. We detect the exploitation tools and are investigating these vulnerabilities further to create generic defense mechanisms against similar attacks in the future.
4.	“ErraticGopher”	Addressed prior to the release of Windows Vista	Trojan.Win32/64.EquationDrug.* Trojan.Win32/64.ShadowBrokers.* UDS:DangerousObject.Multi.Generic	SMBv1 exploit targeting Windows XP and Server 2003. We detect the exploitation tools and are investigating this vulnerability.

Source: <https://support.kaspersky.com/shadowbrokers>

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A few hours ago, Spain's Computer Emergency Response Team CCN-CERT, posted an [alert](#) on their site about a massive ransomware attack affecting several Spanish organizations. The alert recommends the installation of updates in the [Microsoft March 2017 Security Bulletin](#) as a means of stopping the spread of the attack.

The National Health Service (NHS) in the U.K. [also issued an alert](#) and confirmed infections at 16 medical institutions. We have confirmed additional infections in several additional countries, including Russia, Ukraine, and India.

It's important to understand that while unpatched Windows computers exposing their SMB services can be remotely attacked with the "EternalBlue" exploit and infected by the WannaCry ransomware, the lack of existence of this vulnerability doesn't really prevent the ransomware component from working. Nevertheless, the presence of this vulnerability appears to be the most significant factor that caused the outbreak.

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Detalles

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- Ransomware
- Alerta

Se ha alertado de un ataque masivo de ransomware a varias organizaciones que afecta a sistemas Windows cifrando todos sus archivos y los de las unidades de red a las que estén conectadas, e infectando al resto de sistemas Windows que haya en esa misma red.

El ransomware, una versión de WannaCry, infecta la máquina cifrando todos sus archivos y, utilizando una vulnerabilidad de ejecución de comandos remota a través de SMB, se distribuye al resto de máquinas Windows que haya en esa misma red.

Los sistemas afectados son:

Microsoft Windows Vista SP2
Windows Server 2008 SP2 and R2 SP1
Windows 7
Windows 8.1
Windows RT 8.1
Windows Server 2012 and R2
Windows 10
Windows Server 2016

Microsoft publicó la vulnerabilidad el día 14 de marzo en su boletín y hace unos días se hizo pública una prueba de concepto que parece que ha sido el desencadenante de la campaña.

Se recomienda actualizar los sistemas a su última versión o parchear según informa el fabricante:

<https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/security/ms17-010.aspx>

Para los sistemas sin soporte o parche, como Windows 7, se recomienda aislar de la red o apagar según sea el caso.

El CCN-CERT mantendrá actualizada esta información.

CCN-CERT (12/05/2017)

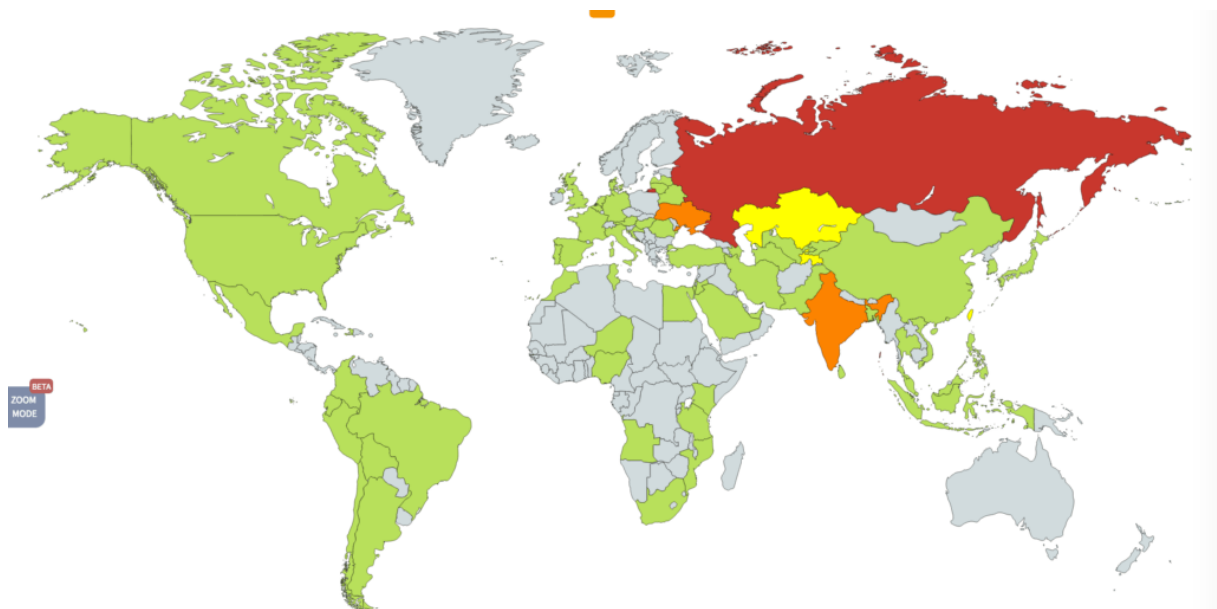
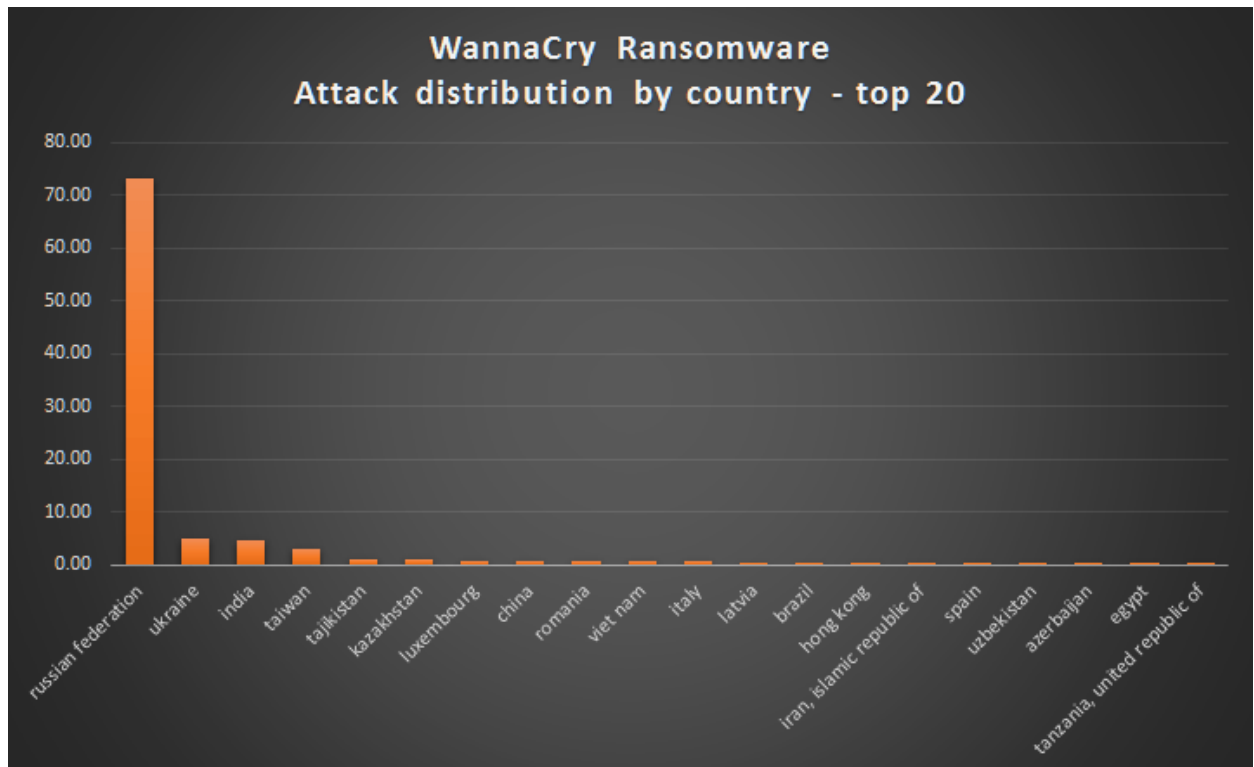
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CCN-CERT alert (in Spanish)

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Analysis of the attack

Currently, we have recorded more than 45,000 attacks of the WannaCry ransomware in 74 countries around the world, mostly in Russia. It's important to note that our visibility may be limited and incomplete and the range of targets and victims is likely much, much higher.



Geographical target distribution according to our telemetry for the first few hours of the attack

The malware used in the attacks encrypts the files and also drops and executes a decryptor tool. The request for \$600 in Bitcoin is displayed along with the wallet. It's interesting that the

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initial request in this sample is for \$600 USD, as the first five payments to that wallet is approximately \$300 USD. It suggests that the group is increasing the ransom demands.



The tool was designed to address users of multiple countries, with translated messages in different languages.



Language list that the malware supports

Note that the "payment will be raised" after a specific countdown, along with another display raising urgency to pay up, threatening that the user will completely lose their files after the set timeout. Not all ransomware provides this timer countdown.

To make sure that the user doesn't miss the warning, the tool changes the user's wallpaper with instructions on how to find the decryptor tool dropped by the malware.

Ooops, your important files are encrypted.

If you see this text, but don't see the "Wana Decrypt0r" window, then your antivirus removed the decrypt software or you deleted it from your computer.

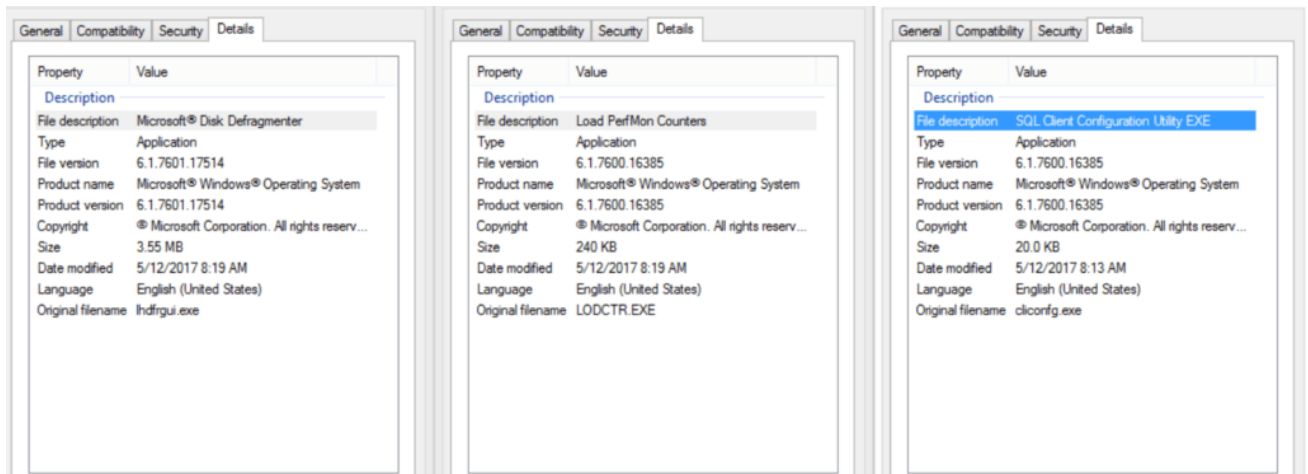
If you need your files you have to run the decrypt software.

Please find an application file named "@WanaDecryptor@.exe" in any folder or restore from the antivirus quarantine.

Run and follow the instructions!

An image used to replace user's wallpaper

Malware samples contain no reference to any specific culture or codepage other than universal English and Latin codepage CP1252. The files contain version info stolen from random Microsoft Windows 7 system tools:



Properties of malware files used by WannaCry

For convenient bitcoin payments, the malware directs to a page with a QR code at btcfrog, which links to their main bitcoin wallet [13AM4VW2dhxYgXeQepoHkHsQuY6NgaEb94](https://blockchain.info/address/13AM4VW2dhxYgXeQepoHkHsQuY6NgaEb94). Image metadata does not provide any additional info:



One of the Bitcoin wallets used by the attackers: [13AM4VW2dhxYgXeQepoHkHSQuy6NgaEb94](https://www.bitfrog.com/qr/bitcoinPNG.php?address=13AM4VW2dhxYgXeQepoHkHSQuy6NgaEb94)

Summary		Transactions	
Address	13AM4VW2dhxYgXeQepoHkHSQuy6NgaEb94	No. Transactions	5
Hash 160	17b4bd9a139158614e8f54c6b800a1822609436a	Total Received	0.88148677 BTC
Tools	Related Tags - Unspent Outputs	Final Balance	0.88148677 BTC

One of the attacker wallets received 0.88 BTC during the last hours

Another Bitcoin wallets included in the attackers' "readme.txt" from the samples are: 115p7UMMngo1pMvvpHjicRdfJNXj6LrLn – 0.32 BTC

Bitcoin Address Addresses are identifiers which you use to send bitcoins to another person.











Summary		Transactions	
Address	115p7UMMngo1pMvvpHjicRdfJNXj6LrLn	No. Transactions	2
Hash 160	00e8fd98ca34f195b020af4a8b1c7238663d4212	Total Received	0.31719976 BTC
Tools	Related Tags - Unspent Outputs	Final Balance	0.31719976 BTC



12t9YDPgwueZ9NyMgw519p7AA8isjr6SMw – 0.16 BTC
 1QAc9S5EmycqjzzWDc1yiWzr9jJLC8sLiY

For command and control, the malware extracts and uses Tor service executable with all necessary dependencies to access the Tor network:

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Name	Date modified	Type	Size
 libeay32.dll	12/31/1999 11:00 PM	Application extens...	3,123 KB
 libevent_core-2-0-5.dll	12/31/1999 11:00 PM	Application extens...	408 KB
 libevent_extra-2-0-5.dll	12/31/1999 11:00 PM	Application extens...	402 KB
 libevent-2-0-5.dll	12/31/1999 11:00 PM	Application extens...	703 KB
 libgcc_s_sjlj-1.dll	12/31/1999 11:00 PM	Application extens...	511 KB
 libssp-0.dll	12/31/1999 11:00 PM	Application extens...	91 KB
 ssleay32.dll	12/31/1999 11:00 PM	Application extens...	695 KB
 tasksvcs.exe	12/31/1999 11:00 PM	Application	3,026 KB
 tor.exe	12/31/1999 11:00 PM	Application	3,026 KB
 zlib1.dll	12/31/1999 11:00 PM	Application extens...	105 KB

A list of dropped files related to Tor service

In terms of targeted files, the ransomware encrypts files with the following extensions:

.der, .pfx, .key, .crt, .csr, .p12, .pem, .odt, .ott, .sxw, .stw, .uot, .3ds, .max, .3dm, .ods, .ots, .sxc, .stc, .dif, .slk, .wb2, .odp, .otp, .sxd, .std, .uop, .odg, .otg, .sxm, .mml, .lay, .lay6, .asc, .sqlite3, .sqlitedb, .sql, .accdb, .mdb, .dbf, .odb, .frm, .myd, .myi, .ibd, .mdf, .ldf, .sln, .suo, .cpp, .pas, .asm, .cmd, .bat, .ps1, .vbs, .dip, .dch, .sch, .brd, .jsp, .php, .asp, .java, .jar, .class, .mp3, .wav, .swf, .fla, .wmv, .mpg, .vob, .mpeg, .asf, .avi, .mov, .mp4, .3gp, .mkv, .3g2, .flv, .wma, .mid, .m3u, .m4u, .djvu, .svg, .psd, .nef, .tiff, .tif, .cgm, .raw, .gif, .png, .bmp, .jpg, .jpeg, .vcd, .iso, .backup, .zip, .rar, .tgz, .tar, .bak, .tbk, .bz2, .PAQ, .ARC, .aes, .gpg, .vmx, .vmdk, .vdi, .sldm, .sldx, .sti, .sxi, .602, .hwp, .snt, .onetoc2, .dwg, .pdf, .wk1, .wks, .123, .rtf, .csv, .txt, .vsdx, .vsd, .edb, .eml, .msg, .ost, .pst, .potm, .potx, .ppam, .ppsx, .ppsm, .pps, .pot, .pptm, .pptx, .ppt, .xltm, .xltx, .xlc, .xlm, .xlt, .xlw, .xlsb, .xlsm, .xlsx, .xls, .dotx, .dotm, .dot, .docm, .docb, .docx, .doc

The file extensions that the malware is targeting contain certain clusters of formats including:

1. Commonly used office file extensions (.ppt, .doc, .docx, .xlsx, .sxi).
2. Less common and nation-specific office formats (.sxw, .odt, .hwp).
3. Archives, media files (.zip, .rar, .tar, .bz2, .mp4, .mkv)
4. Emails and email databases (.eml, .msg, .ost, .pst, .edb).
5. Database files (.sql, .accdb, .mdb, .dbf, .odb, .myd).
6. Developers' sourcecode and project files (.php, .java, .cpp, .pas, .asm).
7. Encryption keys and certificates (.key, .pfx, .pem, .p12, .csr, .gpg, .aes).
8. Graphic designers, artists and photographers files (.vsd, .odg, .raw, .nef, .svg, .psd).
9. Virtual machine files (.vmx, .vmdk, .vdi).

The WannaCry dropper drops multiple "user manuals" on different languages:

Bulgarian, Chinese (simplified), Chinese (traditional), Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Filipino, Finnish, French, German,

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Greek, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latvian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Vietnamese

The example of a “user manual” in English:

What Happened to My Computer?

Your important files are encrypted.

Many of your documents, photos, videos, databases and other files are no longer accessible because they have been encrypted. Maybe you are busy looking for a way to recover your files, but do not waste your time. Nobody can recover your files without our decryption service.

Can I Recover My Files?

Sure. We guarantee that you can recover all your files safely and easily. But you have not so enough time.

You can decrypt some of your files for free. Try now by clicking .

But if you want to decrypt all your files, you need to pay.

You only have 3 days to submit the payment. After that the price will be doubled.

Also, if you don't pay in 7 days, you won't be able to recover your files forever.

We will have free events for users who are so poor that they couldn't pay in 6 months.

How Do I Pay?

Payment is accepted in Bitcoin only. For more information, click .

Please check the current price of Bitcoin and buy some bitcoins. For more information, click .

And send the correct amount to the address specified in this window.

After your payment, click . Best time to check: 9:00am – 11:00am GMT from Monday to Friday.

Once the payment is checked, you can start decrypting your files immediately.

Contact

If you need our assistance, send a message by clicking .

We strongly recommend you to not remove this software, and disable your anti-virus for a while, until you pay and the payment gets processed. If your anti-virus gets updated and removes this software automatically, it will not be able to recover your files even if you pay!

It also drops batch and VBS script files, and a “readme” (contents are provided in the appendix).

Just in case the user closed out the bright red dialog box, or doesn't understand it, the attackers drop a text file to disk with further instruction. An example of their “readme” dropped to disk as “@Please_Read_Me@.txt” to many directories on the victim host. Note that the English written here is done well, with the exception of “How can I trust?”. To date, only two transactions appear to have been made with this 115p7UMMngoj1pMvKpHijcRdfJNXj6LrLn bitcoin address for almost \$300:

Q: What's wrong with my files?

A: Oops, your important files are encrypted. It means you will not be able to access them anymore until they are decrypted.

If you follow our instructions, we guarantee that you can decrypt all your files quickly and

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safely!
Let's start decrypting!

Q: What do I do?

A: First, you need to pay service fees for the decryption.
Please send \$300 worth of bitcoin to this bitcoin address:
115p7UMMngoj1pMvkcHijcRdfJNXj6LrLn

Next, please find an application file named "@WanaDecryptor@.exe". It is the decrypt software.

Run and follow the instructions! (You may need to disable your antivirus for a while.)

Q: How can I trust?

A: Don't worry about decryption.
We will decrypt your files surely because nobody will trust us if we cheat users.

* If you need our assistance, send a message by clicking on the decryptor window.

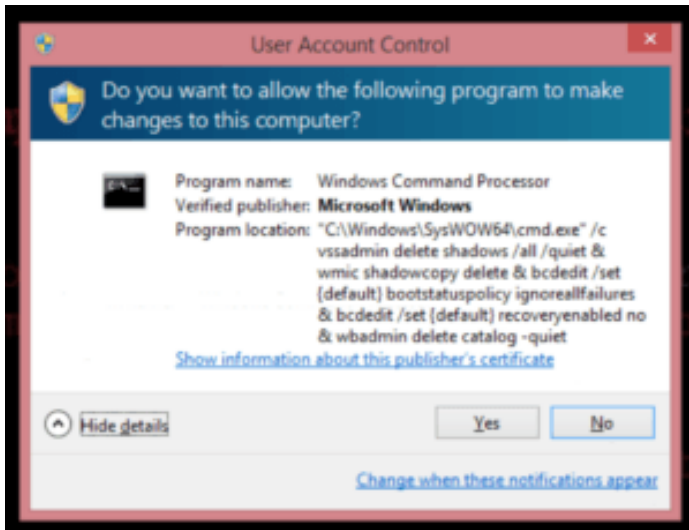
Once started it immediately spawns several processes to change file permissions and communicate with tor hidden c2 servers:

- attrib +h .
- icacls . /grant Everyone:F /T /C /Q
- C:\Users\xxx\AppData\Local\Temp\taskdl.exe
- @WanaDecryptor@.exe fi
- 300921484251324.bat
- C:\Users\xxx\AppData\Local\Temp\taskdl.exe
- C:\Users\xxx\AppData\Local\Temp\taskdl.exe

The malware checks the mutexes "Global\MsWinZonesCacheCounterMutexA" and "Global\MsWinZonesCacheCounterMutexA0" (Update: [Thanks Didier Stevens for the correction on the extra mutex](#) name!) to determine if a system is already infected. It also runs the command:

```
cmd.exe /c vssadmin delete shadows /all /quiet & wmic shadowcopy delete & bcdedit /set {default} bootstatuspolicy ignoreallfailures & bcdedit /set {default} recoveryenabled no & wbadm delete catalog - quiet
```

This results in an UAC popup that user may notice.



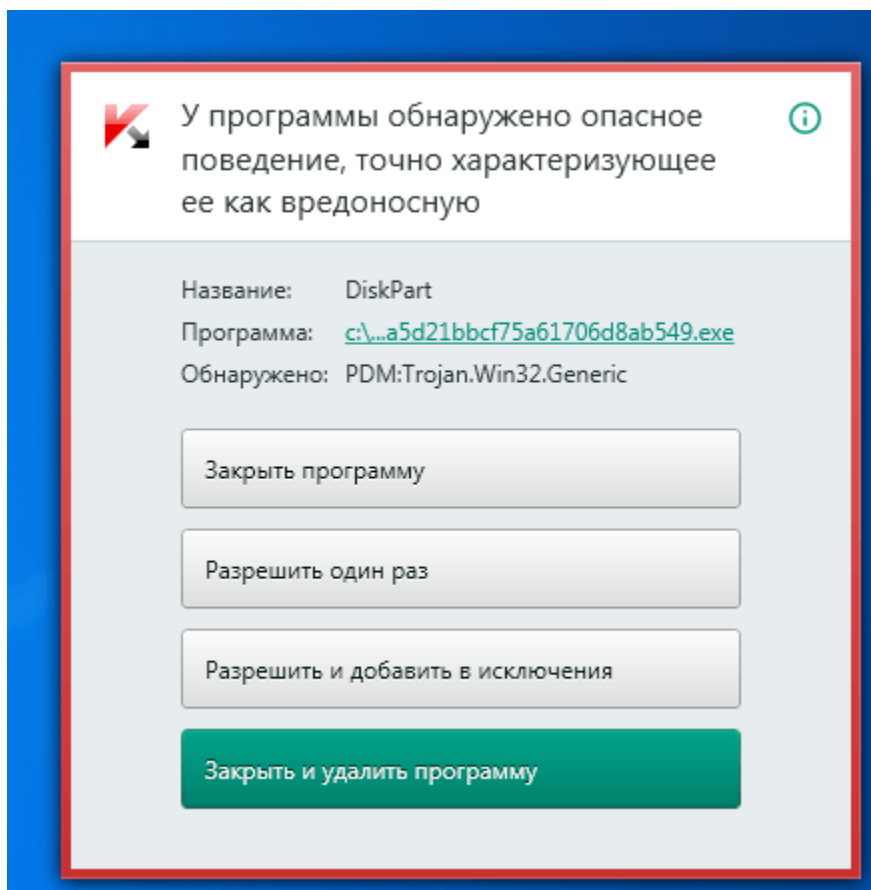
UAC popup to disable Volume Shadow Service (System Restore)

The malware use TOR hidden services for command and control. The list of .onion domains inside is as following:

- gx7ekbenv2riucmf.onion
- 57g7spgrzlojinas.onion
- Xxlvbrloxvriy2c5.onion
- 76jdd2ir2embyv47.onion
- cwwnhwhlz52maq7.onion
- sqjolphimrr7jqw6.onion

Mitigation and detection information

Quite essential in stopping these attacks is the [Kaspersky System Watcher](#) component. The System Watcher component has the ability to rollback the changes done by ransomware in the event that a malicious sample managed to bypass other defenses. This is extremely useful in case a ransomware sample slips past defenses and attempts to encrypt the data on the disk.



System Watcher blocking the WannaCry attacks

Mitigation recommendations:

1. Make sure that all hosts are running and have enabled endpoint security solutions.
2. Install the official patch ([MS17-010](#)) from Microsoft, which closes the affected SMB Server vulnerability used in this attack.
3. Ensure that Kaspersky Lab products have the System Watcher component enabled.
4. Scan all systems. After detecting the malware attack as MEM:Trojan.Win64.EquationDrug.gen, reboot the system. Once again, make sure MS17-010 patches are installed.

Samples observed in attacks so far:

4fef5e34143e646dbf9907c4374276f5
5bef35496fcbdbe841c82f4d1ab8b7c2
775a0631fb8229b2aa3d7621427085ad
7bf2b57f2a205768755c07f238fb32cc
7f7ccaa16fb15eb1c7399d422f8363e8
8495400f199ac77853c53b5a3f278f3e
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8dd63adb68ef053e044a5a2f46e0d2cd
b0ad5902366f860f85b892867e5b1e87
d6114ba5f10ad67a4131ab72531f02da
db349b97c37d22f5ea1d1841e3c89eb4

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e372d07207b4da75b3434584cd9f3450
f529f4556a5126bba499c26d67892240

Kaspersky Lab detection names:

Trojan-Ransom.Win32.Gen.djd
Trojan-Ransom.Win32.Scatter.tr
Trojan-Ransom.Win32.Wanna.b
Trojan-Ransom.Win32.Wanna.c
Trojan-Ransom.Win32.Wanna.d
Trojan-Ransom.Win32.Wanna.f
Trojan-Ransom.Win32.Zapchast.i
PDM:Trojan.Win32.Generic

Kaspersky Lab experts are currently working on the possibility of creating a decryption tool to help victims. We will provide an update when a tool is available.

Appendix

Batch file

```
@echo off
echo SET ow = WScript.CreateObject("WScript.Shell")> m.vbs
echo SET om =
ow.CreateShortcut("C:\Users\ADMINI~1\AppData\Local\Temp\@WanaDecryptor@.exe.lnk")>> m.vbs

echo om.TargetPath =
"C:\Users\ADMINI~1\AppData\Local\Temp\@WanaDecryptor@.exe">> m.vbs

echo om.Save>> m.vbs
cscript.exe //nologo m.vbs
del m.vbs
del /a %0

m.vbs

SET ow = WScript.CreateObject("WScript.Shell")
SET om =
ow.CreateShortcut("C:\Users\ADMINI~1\AppData\Local\Temp\@WanaDecryptor@.exe.lnk")
om.TargetPath =
"C:\Users\ADMINI~1\AppData\Local\Temp\@WanaDecryptor@.exe"
om.Save
```