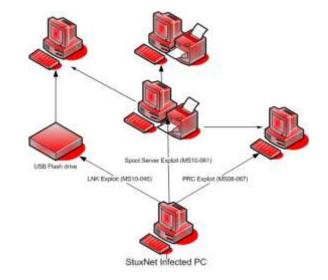
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#### Stuxnet

- Discovery
- Nemesis
- Analy(sz)ing Stuxnet
- Shared printers
- Analysis of network replication
- Spreading via MS10-061
- Elevation of privilege vulnerabilities
- Conclusions



#### Discovery

- Early July fellow researchers at VBA
  - Main point was stolen digital certificates
  - VBA discovered the LNK vulnerability and reported to MS
  - First focus on signed RealTek drivers
  - This was just the beginning
- Questions:
  - What was the purpose of the worm?
  - Full functionality?
  - Show me the money!!!





#### Nemesis

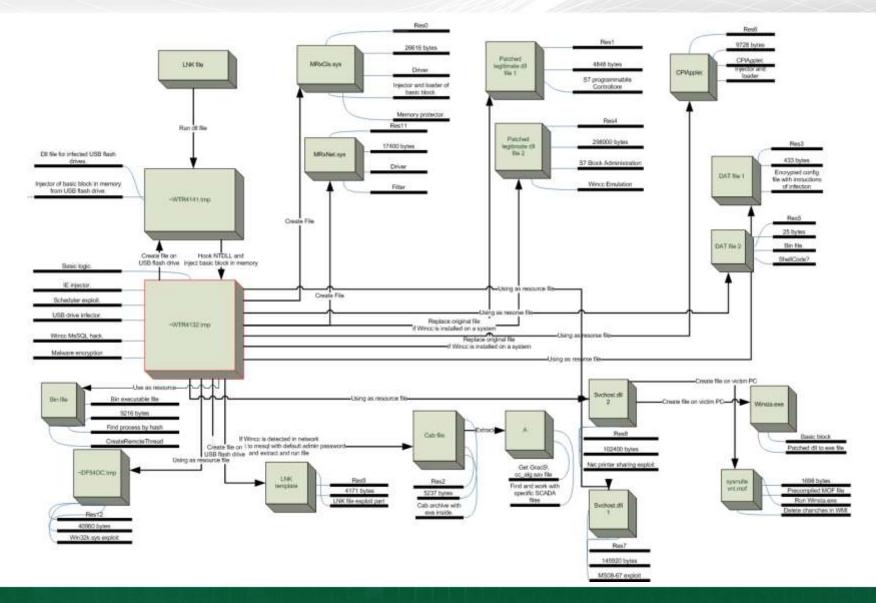
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- Incident response team at KL
- Stuxnet clearly required cross departmental investigation – eventually cross-vendor

### Results:

- Huge amount of code
- Parallel investigation with multiple people/teams
- In the end took 2 months
- MS08-067 but different exploit code from Conficker
- Fully patched computers got infected
- Created virtual test environments
- Used 2 networks only one remotely infected

Stuxnet



# How many of you have shared printers in the test networks you use for malware analysis?

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- Allowed Stuxnet to remotely infect computers with shared printers
- Already researching another vulnerability exploited by Stuxnet – an EoP
- Finding two 0-day vulnerabilities in two days was a **big surprise** for us

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- Stuxnet copies two files via MS10-061 exploit:
  - the worm body "winsta.exe" in %system%
  - and "sysnullevent.mof" in %system%\mof\
- Windows uses MOFCompiler functionality to automatically add contents of ".mof" file to the WMI repository
- Next, Windows attempts to act on the instruction from the repository
- Result the body of the worm is executed

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MOF file contains Visual Basic code which completes three actions

#### Was it really 0-day?

- Hakin9 magazine published an article in April 2009
- Carsten Kohler "Print Your Shell"
- Describes a method to copy arbitrary data to remote systems
- Exactly what Stuxnet used
- Fixed via MS10-061

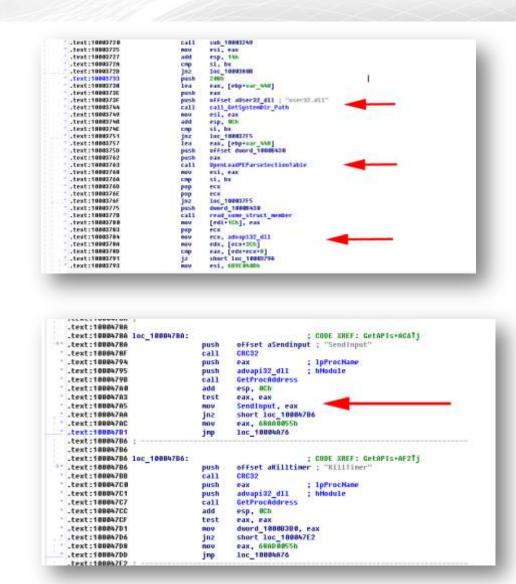
#### Use A Shared Printer to Copy Data to the Target System

Actually this part of the article is quite trivial: if a printer has been shared on a remote system and you have sufficient access to print documents on this printer, you can copy arbitrary data to this system.



#### An EoP vulnerability

- 0-day EoP, found by Maxim Golovkin
- Vulnerability in win32k.sys
- NtUserSendInput function
- Reported to MS via MAPP
- MSRC advisory issued, patch pending



#### Conclusions

- Elegant + dangerous techniques
- AV solutions don't scan CIM repositories
- CIM/MOF not commonly used by malware... YET
- Shared printers => main targets were organizations
  - Extremely common in industrial networks
- Methods show attackers carefully analyzed target systems
- Next steps:
  - adding protection technologies in our products
  - Working together: security vendors, MS, Siemens, etc..

## Thank you! Questions?

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