WannaCry Malware Analysis

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Introduction

Overview of WannaCry ransomware

Impact and significance of the malware

Objectives of the analysis

Agenda:

- Static Analysis
- Dynamic Analysis
- Registry Artifacts
- Ghidra Decompilation

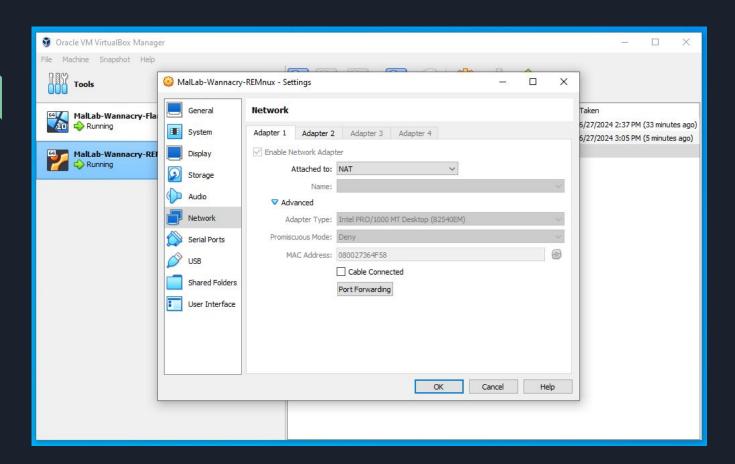
Environmental Setup

Lab Stack:

- Flare VM: Windows-based malware analysis platform
- REMnux: Linux distribution for malware analysis

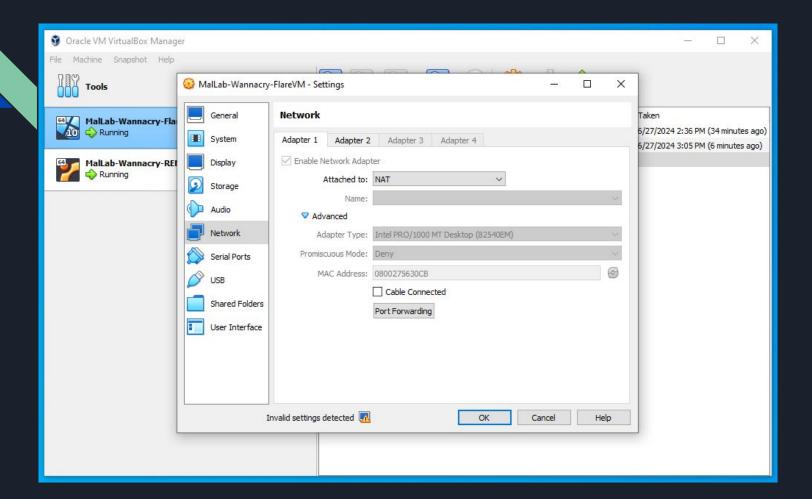
Configuration:

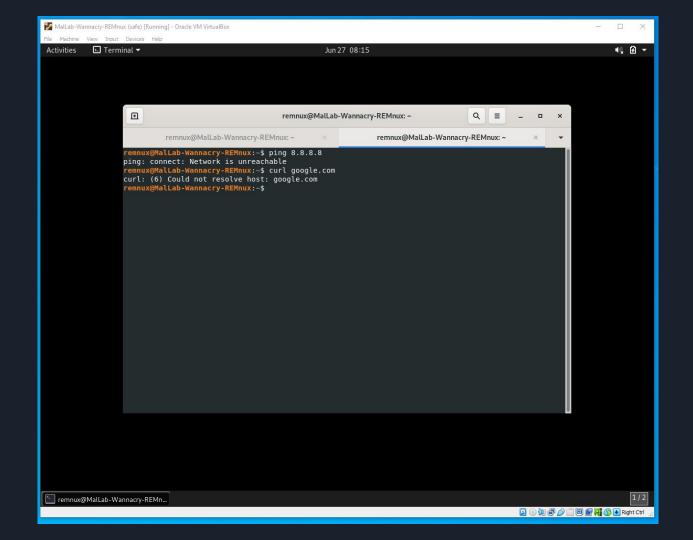
- Ensure VMs are not on the home network
- Set up a dedicated, isolated subnet



Network Isolation Checks

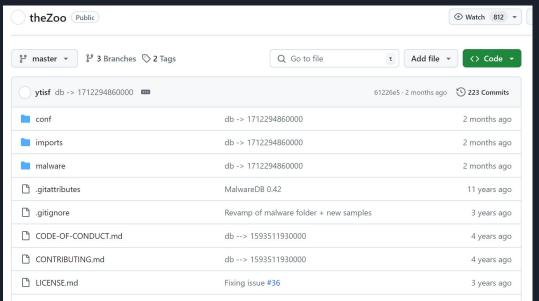
- Verify VMs cannot access the internet or home network
- Ping tests to confirm isolation





Sourcing Binaries

- Obtaining WannaCry sample from theMalwareZoo.zip
- Download path and file details



Basic Static Analysis

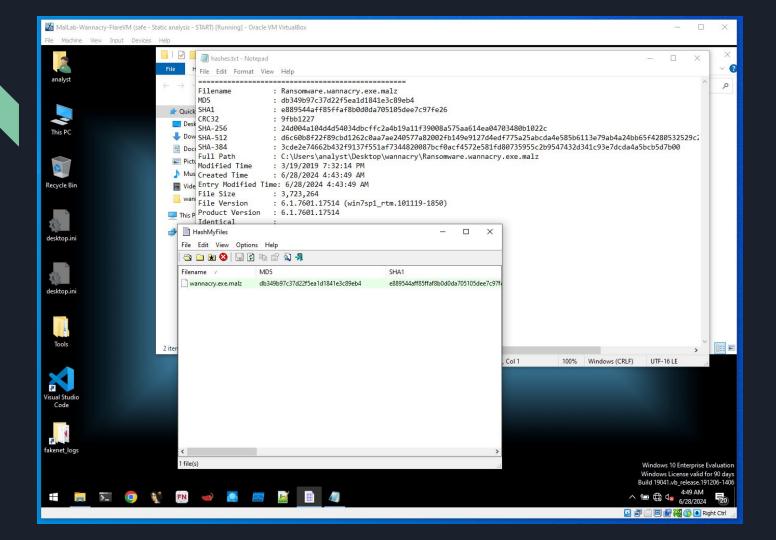
Hash Calculation:

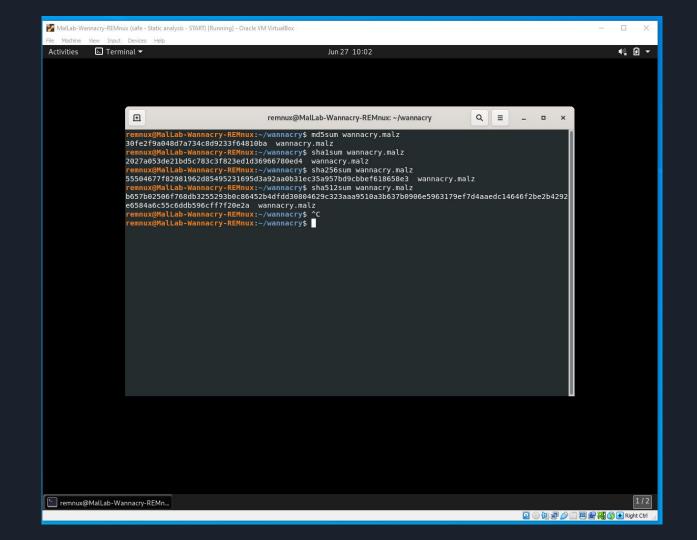
- Using HashMyFiles and REMnux commands
- VirusTotal check for hash verification

Tool: Floss

- Extracting text strings from the binary
- Key findings (API calls, URLs, executable names)

Unpacking binaries to find additional executables

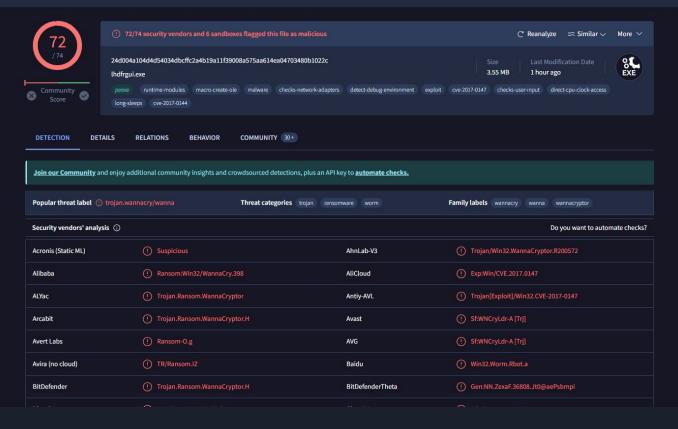


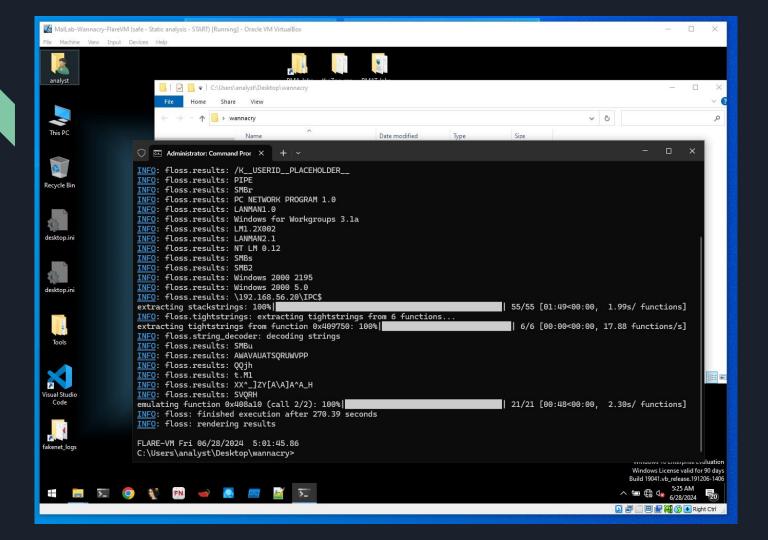


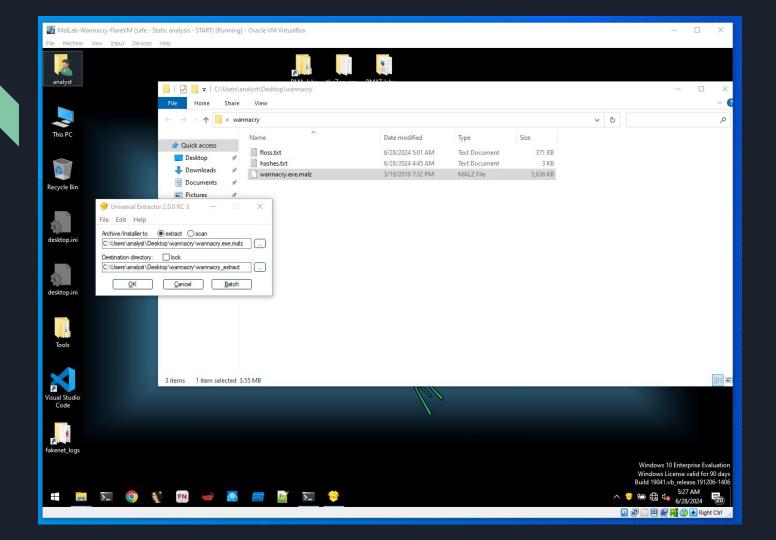


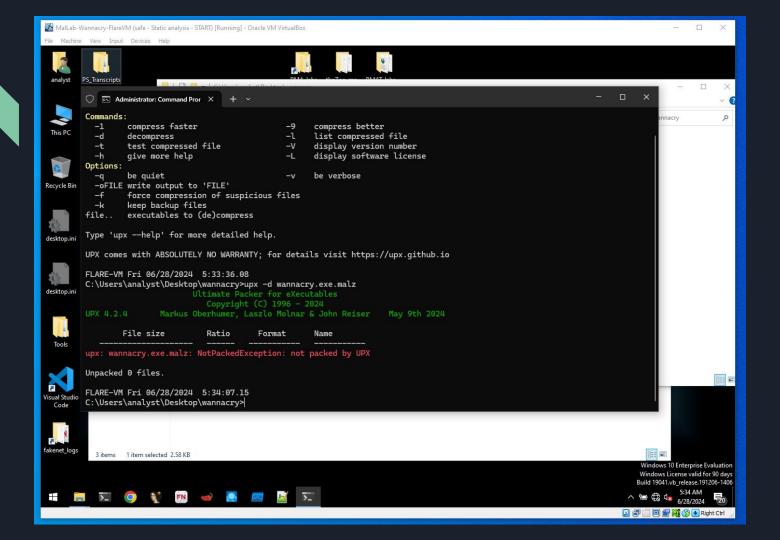
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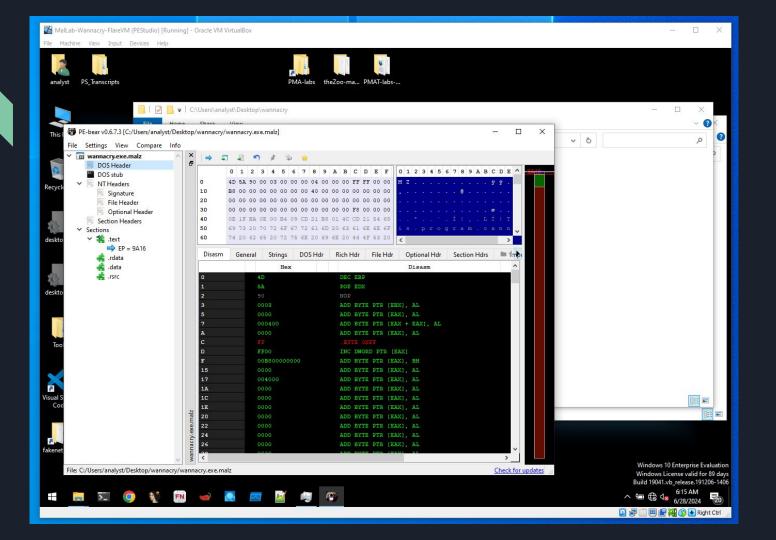


PE Analysis

Using PEStudio or PE View to analyze binary headers

Inspecting imported functions and data sections

Indicators and API calls related to internet activity

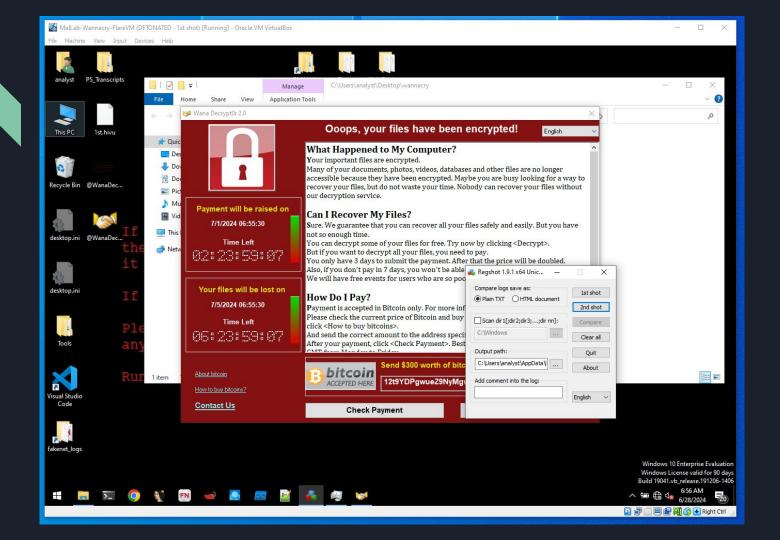


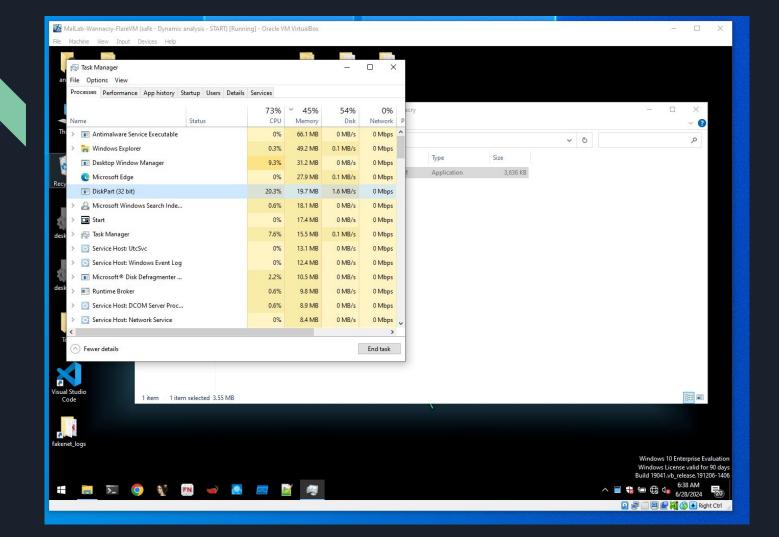
Basic Dynamic Analysis

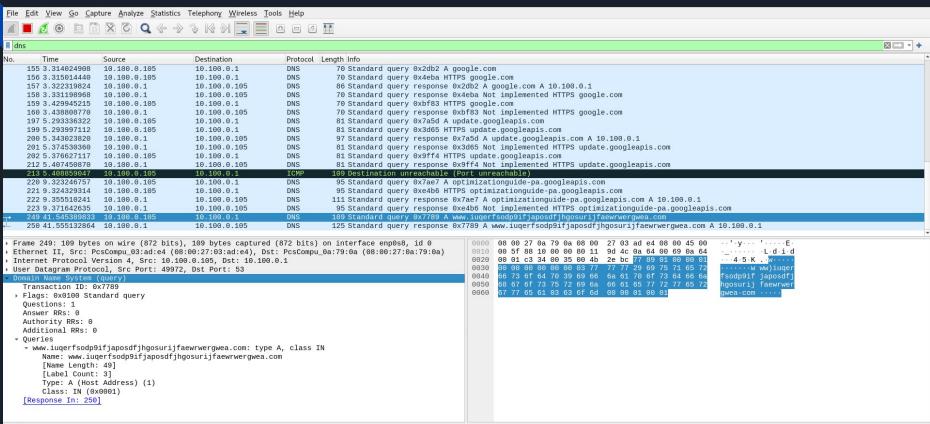
Executing the malware in a controlled environment

Immediate effects (file encryption, system changes)

Network traffic analysis using Wireshark and FakeNet-NG/inetSim



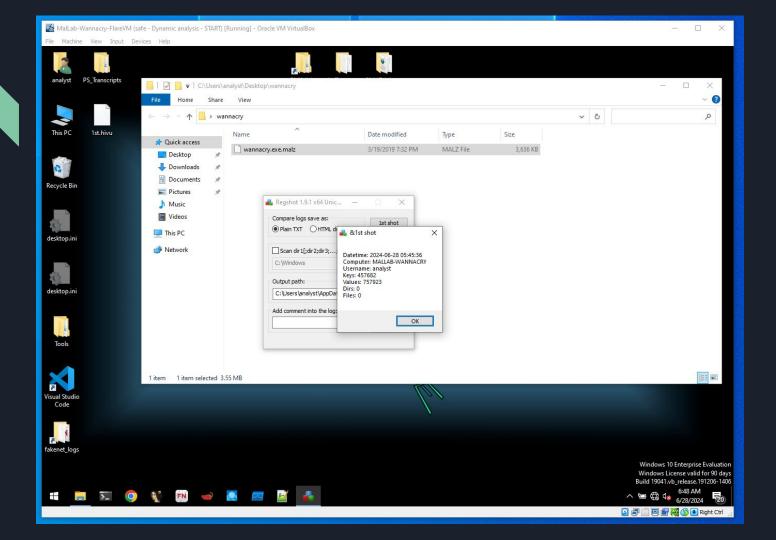


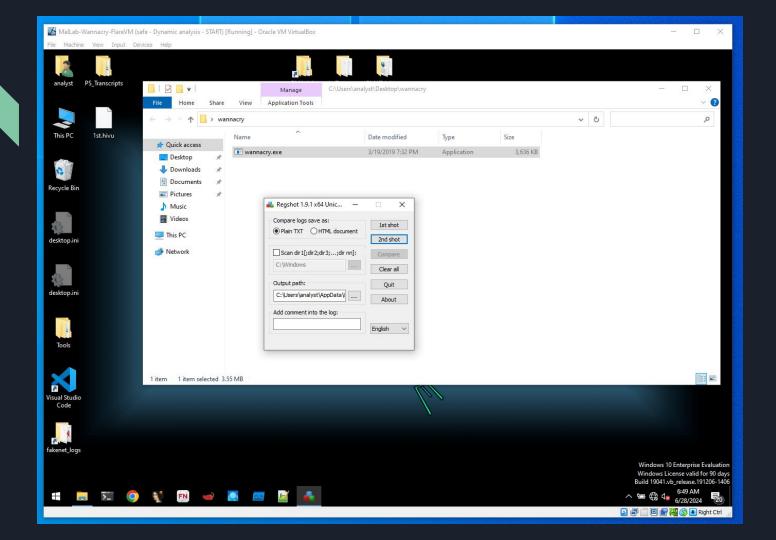


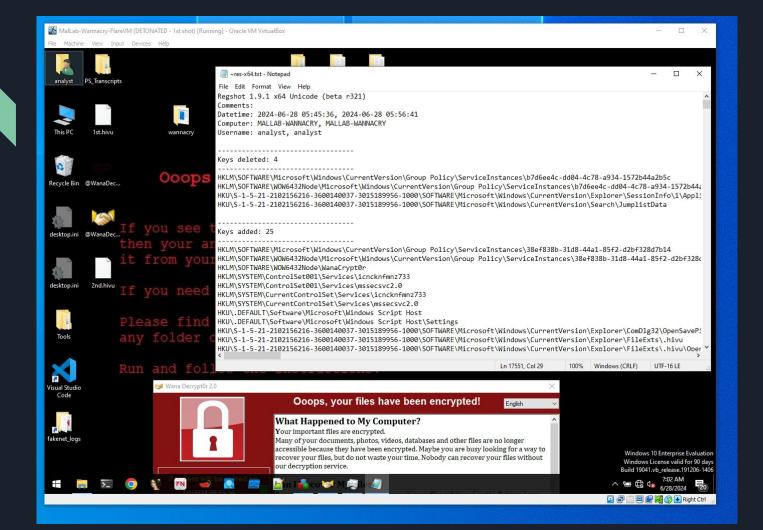
Registry and File System Changes

Using Regshot to compare registry snapshots

Identifying persistence mechanisms (e.g., hidden directories, registry keys)







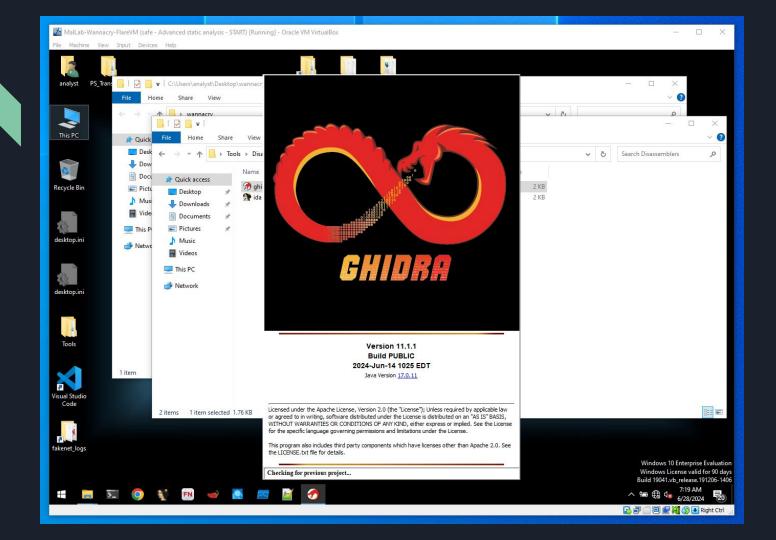
Advanced Static Analysis with Ghidra

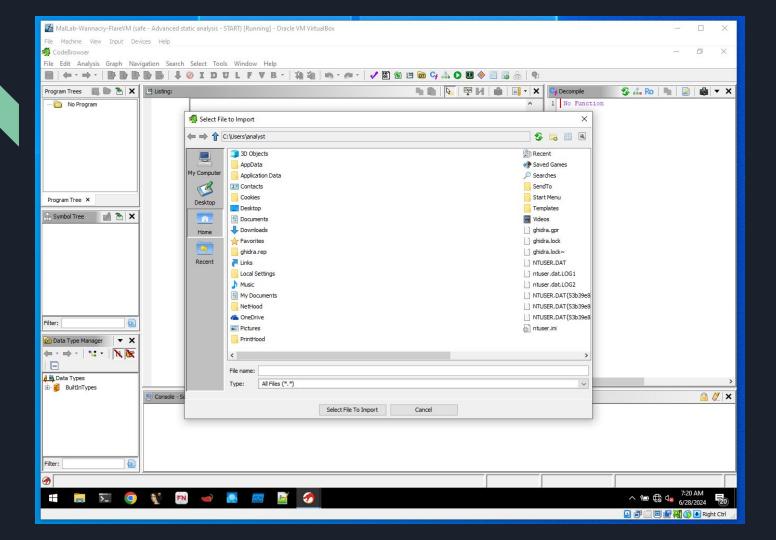
Importing the WannaCry binary into Ghidra

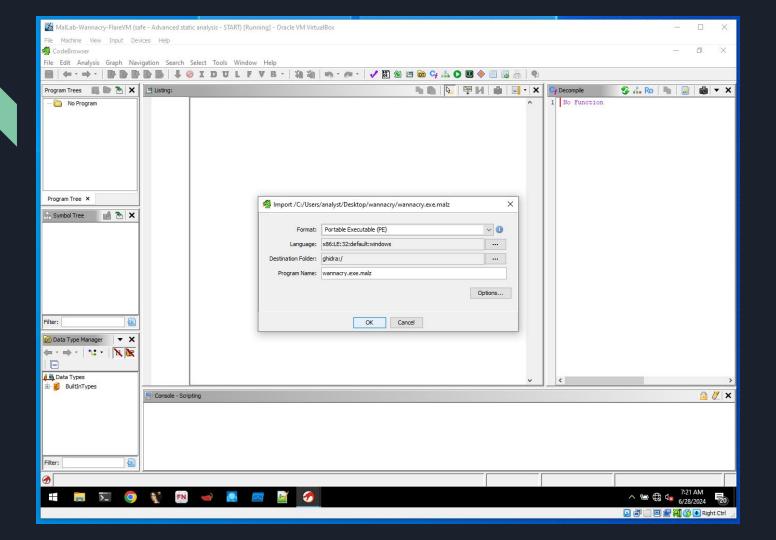
Decompiling and examining high-level code

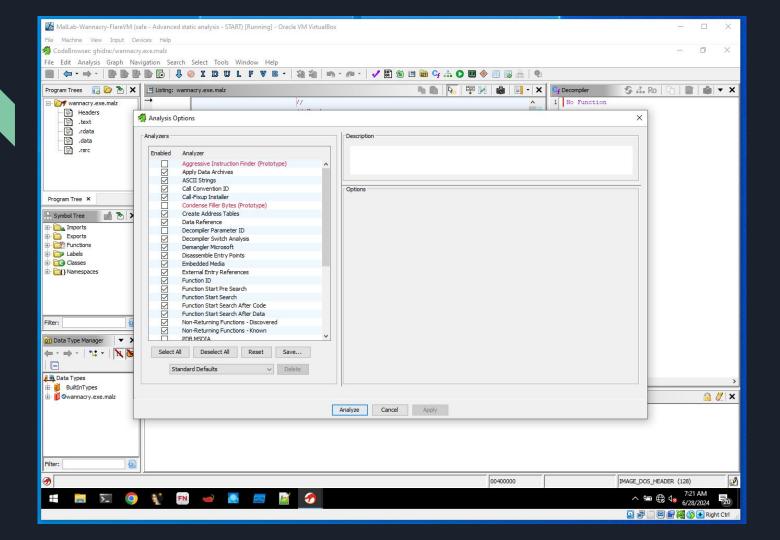
Key function analysis (network communication, file encryption)

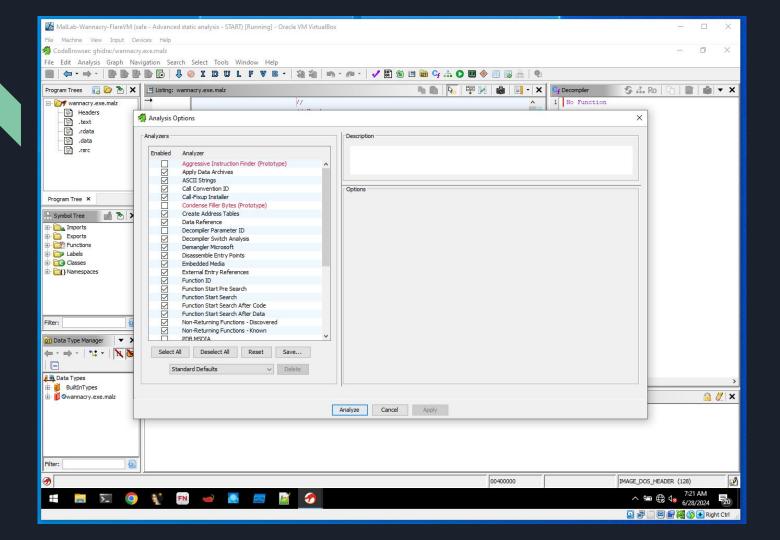
Identifying the kill-switch URL handling code











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undefined4 local f;
undefined4 local b;
undefined4 local_7;
undefined2 local_3;
undefined local 1;
puVar3 = (undefined4 *)s_http://www.iuqerfsodp9ifjaposdfj_004313d0;
puVar4 = local 50;
for (iVar2 = 0xe; iVar2 != 0; iVar2 = iVar2 + -1) {
  *puVar4 = *puVar3;
 puVar3 = puVar3 + 1;
  puVar4 = puVar4 + 1;
*(undefined *)puVar4 = *(undefined *)puVar3;
local 17 = 0;
local 13 = 0;
local f = 0;
local b = 0;
local_7 = 0;
local 3 = 0;
local_1 = 0;
uVar1 = InternetOpenA(0,1,0,0,0);
iVar2 = InternetOpenUrlA(uVar1,local 50,0,0,0x84000000,0);
if (iVar2 == 0) {
  InternetCloseHandle(uVar1);
  InternetCloseHandle(0);
  FUN 00408090();
  return 0;
InternetCloseHandle(uVar1);
InternetCloseHandle(iVar2);
return 0;
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Questions & Answers

Open the floor for questions