

Advanced Malware Protection Against ransomware

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Agenda

- Modern malware: ransomware
- What can be done?
- Ransomware analysis examples





Ransomware: Easy Profits

- Most profitable malware in history
- Lucrative: Direct payment to attackers!
- Cyber-criminals collected \$209
 million in the first three months of
 2016 by extorting businesses and
 institutions to unlock computer
 servers.
- At that rate, ransomware is on pace to be a \$1 billion a year crime this year.
- Let's take an example:
 - Looking only at the Angler exploit kit delivering ransomware
 - \$60 million dollars a year in profits

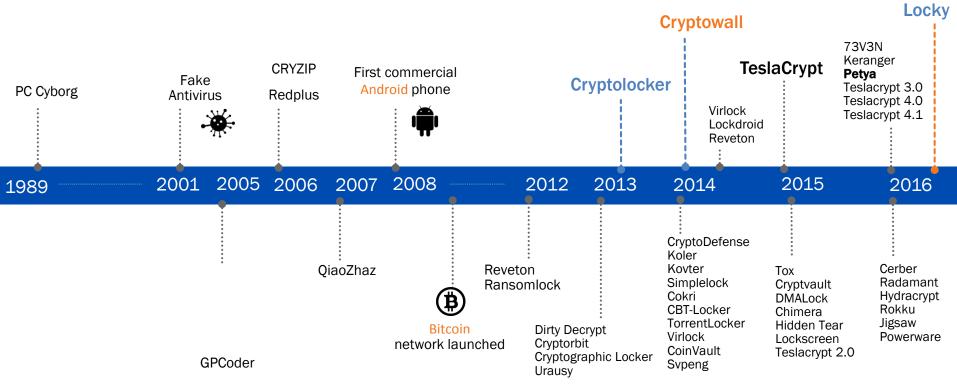






The Evolution of Ransomware Variants

The confluence of easy and effective encryption, the popularity of exploit kits and phishing, and a willingness for victims to pay have caused an explosion of ransomware variants.









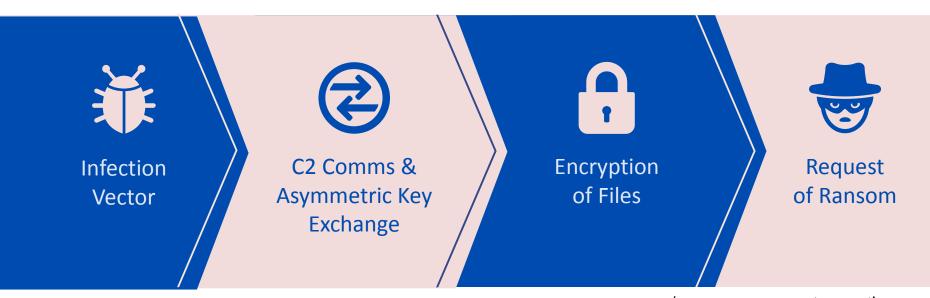


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How Does Ransomware Work?

Typical Ransomware Infection

 Problem: Customers can be taken hostage by malware that locks up critical resources – Ransomware



Ransomware frequently uses web and email

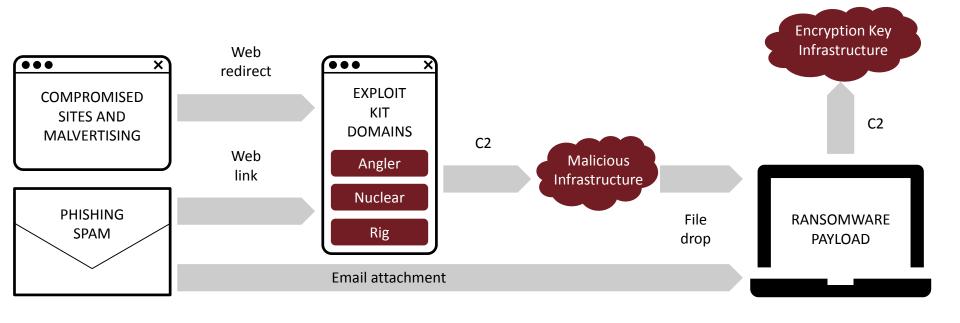
Ransomware takes **control** of targeted systems

Ransomware holds those systems 'hostage'

owner/company agrees to pay the 'ransom' (bitcoins) to free the system (\$100-\$1000, 0.5-1.5 bitcoin, deadline, demo files, "customer service"



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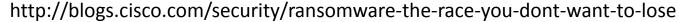
	Encryption Key			Payment MSG	
NAME*	DNS	IP	NO C2	TOR	PAYMENT
Locky	•				DNS
SamSam			•		DNS (TOR)
TeslaCrypt					DNS
CryptoWall	•				DNS
TorrentLocke					DNS
r					
PadCrypt	•				DNS (TOR)
CTB-Locker	•				DNS
FAKBEN					DNS (TOR)
PayCrypt	•				DNS
KeyRanger as co	of March 2016				DNS
,					CISCO

What can be done?

Recommendations

- 1. Build User Awareness (check the sender checking, macro)
- Assume That Breaches Have Taken Place (a security breach is no longer a question of "if" but "when.")
- 3. Prioritize Cyber-hygiene (patch, backup!, min. privilege)



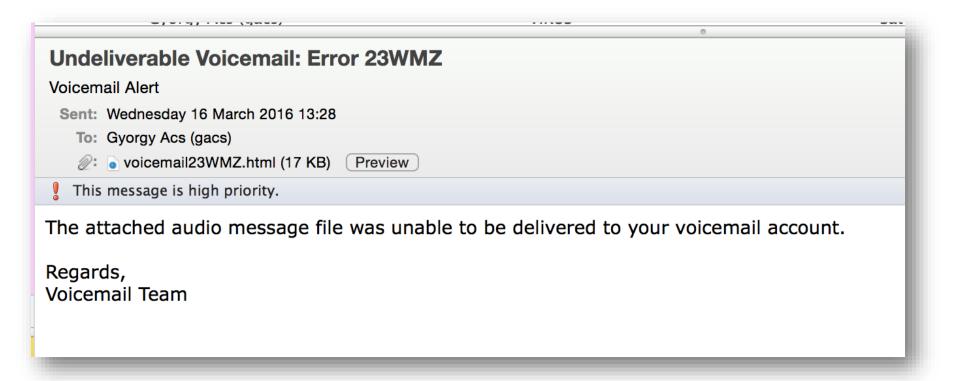




Best-Practices Recommendations

- Solid patch management
- Non-native document rendering PDF + Office
- Users run as non-privileged users (no admin)
- Disable RDP
- Firewall enabled on endpoints
- Segmented and secured backups (tested)
- Encryption of backups and local documents

Build User Awareness





Cisco Ransomware Defense Solution

Solution to Prevent, Detect and Contain ransomware attacks

Cisco Ransomware Defense Solution is not a silver bullet, and not a guarantee. It does help to:

- Prevent ransomware from getting into the network where possible
- Stop it at the systems before it gains command and control
- Detect when it is present in the network
- Work to contain it from expanding to additional systems and network areas
- Performs incident response to fix the vulnerabilities and areas that were attacked



This solution helps to keep business operations running with less fear of being taken hostage and losing control of critical systems



Architectural Force Multiplier

Cisco Protects from the Network to the Endpoint to the Cloud



Email Security

On Promise or In the Cloud Blocks 99% of Spam, 1 in 1 million false positive rate



Umbrella

Security from the cloud
Blocks 95% of threats before they cause damage



Next-Gen Firewall

Prioritizes threats
Automates response
Improved malware protection
Fully integrated management



AMP

See a threat once, block it everywhere

Most effective solution for known and emerging
advanced threats



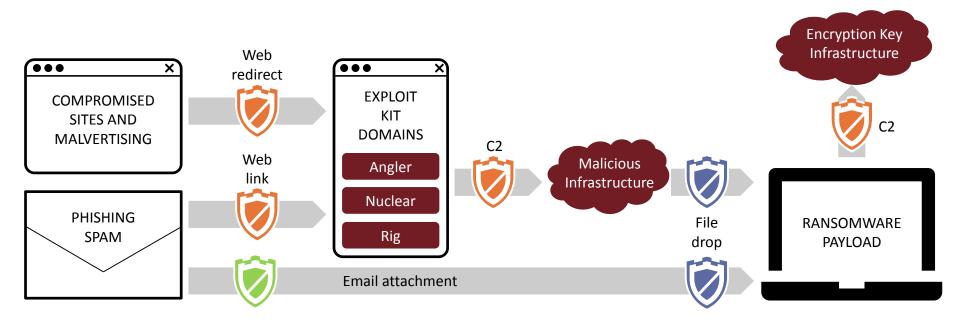




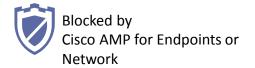




Protection against ransomware











AMP: Advanced Malware Protection

Network-based AMP



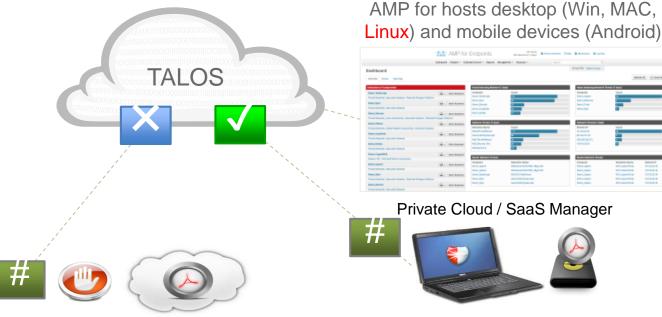
Firepower Management Center



Firepower or ASA FirePower Services



No agent needed

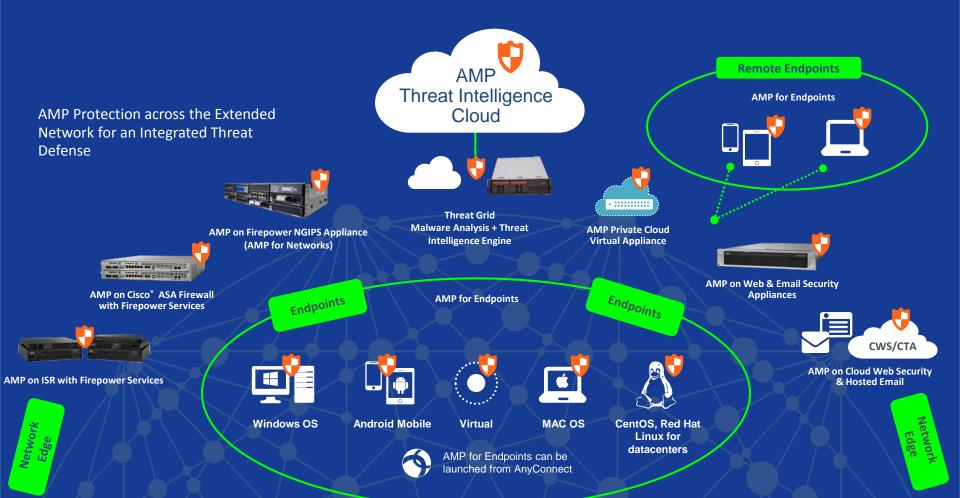


Host-based AMP

- Small agent
- Monitors file access (move/copy/execute)
- Gathers features (fingerprint & attributes)
- Retrieves the file's disposition (clean, malware, unknown)

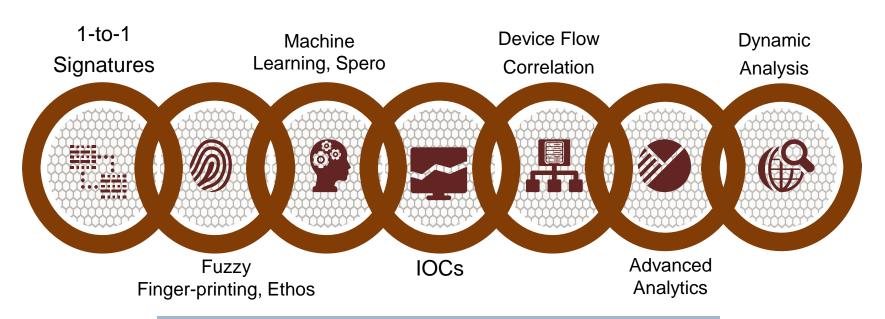


The AMP Everywhere Architecture



Plan A: The Protection Framework

All prevention solution < 100% protection

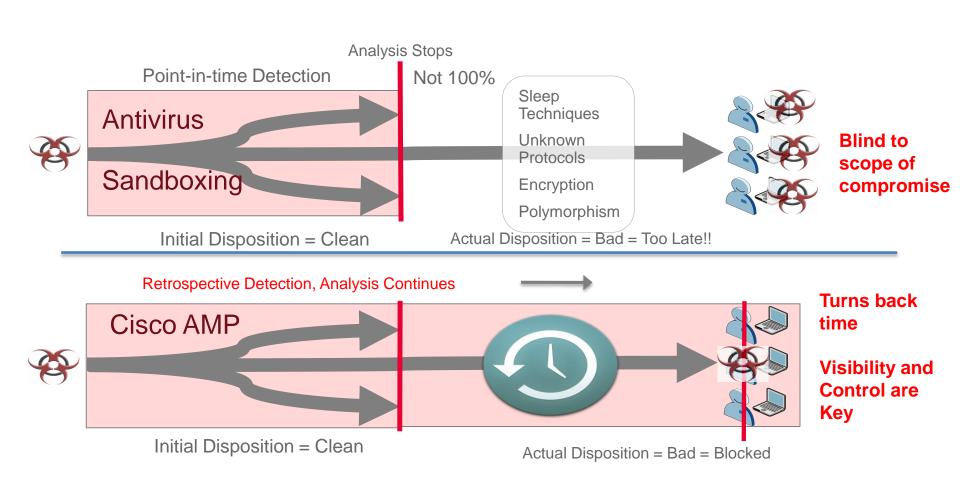


Reputation Filtering and File Sandboxing



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Plan B: Retrospective Security



Ransomware analysis examples

CryptoLocker

Cryptolocker

- CryptoLocker propagated via infected email attachments, and via an existing botnet
- malware encrypts certain types of files stored on local and mounted network drives using RSA
- private key stored only on the malware's control servers







28 installs 385 detections (7 days)

Announcements

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☐ Auto Refresh

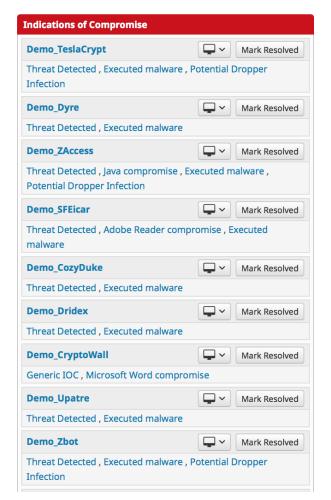
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Group Filter Select Groups >

Dashboard

Overview **Events** Heat Map



Hosts Detecting Malware (7 days)		
Count		
101		
95		
29		
24		
21		

Malware Threats (7 days)		
Detection Name	Count	
W32.DFC.MalParent	111	
GenericKD:Dyreza-tpd	68	
W32.File.MalParent	30	
W32.ZAccess.15nt	26	
W32.Ramnit.A	14	

Recent Malware Threats			
Computer	Detection Name		
Demo_Upatre	W32.GenericKD:ZVETJ.18gs.1201		
Demo_Upatre	W32.GenericKD:ZVETJ.18gs.1201		
Demo_TeslaCrypt	W32.DFC.MalParent		
Demo_Dyre	GenericKD:Dyreza-tpd		
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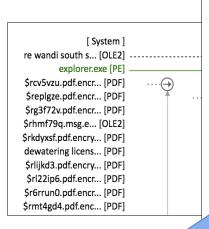
Hosts Detecting Network Threats (7 days)			
Computer	Count		
Demo_Upatre	12		
Demo_Stabuniq	4		
Demo_Tinba	2		
Demo_Zbot	1		

Refresh All

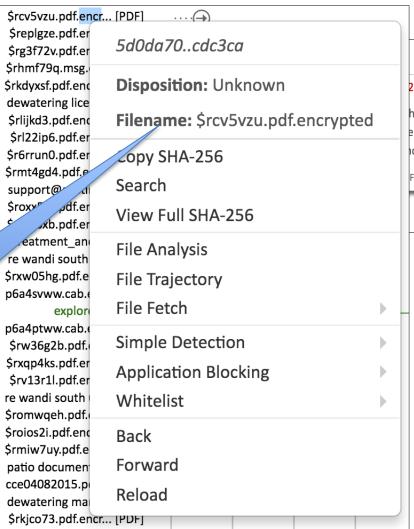
Network Threats (7 days)		
Remote IP	Count	
75.102.25.76	14	
82.165.37.127	2	
205.234.252.212	2	
178.19.25.92	1	

Recent Network Threats			
Computer	Detection Name	Remote IP	
Demo_Upatre	DFC.CustomIPList	75.102.25.76	

Cryptolocker in Feb 2016 – device trajectory



renamed with a ".pdf.encrypted"



2.Cryptolocker.ioc

his IoC detects a version of cryptolocker that injects
e into explorer.exe. The malicious code renames victim's
hcrypted file extension before encrypting them.

Feb 2 2016 UTC

renamed with a ".pdf.encrypted" extension





Outgoing connection from explorer.exe [common filename],

6.1.7601.17567 (9e1ec8b..ff56ad) [PE Executable] at 192.168.40.73 TCP port

53813 to 37.139.47.101 port 443 .

Unknown disposition.

Benign process disposition.

At 2016-02-02 04:41:11 UTC

Parent file SHA-1: cea0890d4b99bae3f635a16dae71f69d137027b9.

Parent file MD5: 8b88ebbb05a0e56b7dcc708498c02b3e.

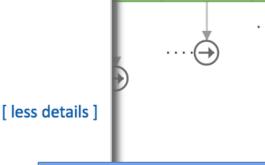
Parent file size: 2616320 bytes.

Parent file signed by Microsoft Corporation with certificate serial 33000000b011af0a8bd03b9fdd000100000b0 from Microsoft Code Signing PCA.

Expired 00:00:00, Mon Jan 1 1601 UTC.

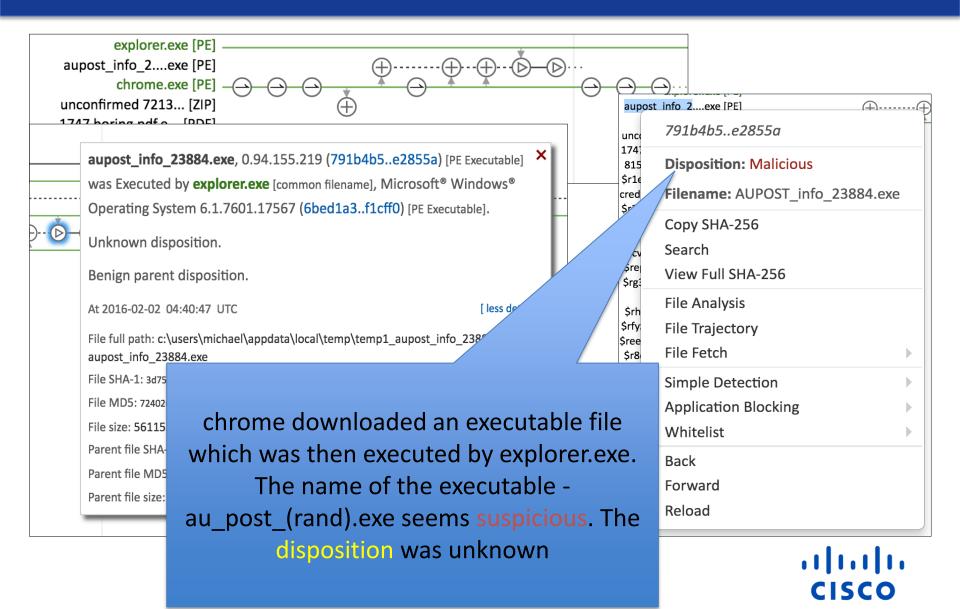
Parent file cert MD5: 7493c06a5c907909c88c812a342ea651.

Parent file cert SHA-1: 108e2ba23632620c427c570b6d9db51ac31387fe.

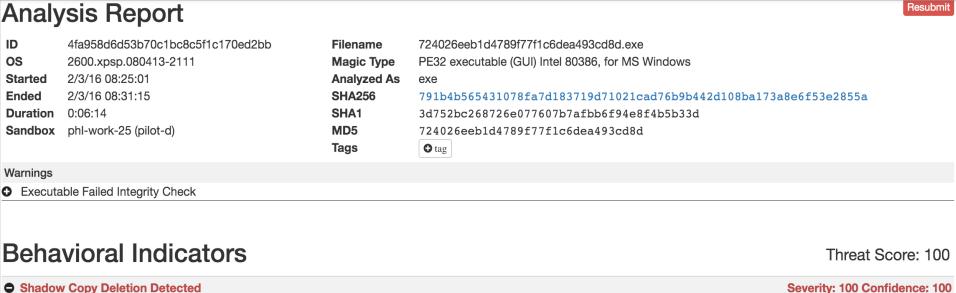


it connected to 37.139.47.101:443 IP has been related to Cryptolocker

Retrospective alert



Indicator	Categories	Severity	Confidence		
▼ 7ev3n Ransomware Detected	malware	100	100		
Chuingam Ransomware Detected	malware	100	100		
CryptoDefense Ransomware Detected	malware	100	100		
CryptoFortress Ransomware Detected	malware	100	100		
CryptoJoker Ransomware Detected	malware	100	100		
Esy Ransomware Detected	infection persistence malware	100	100		
Generic Ransomware Detected	malware	100	95		
	malware	100	100		
	malware	100	100		
	malware	100	100		
NanoLocker Ransomware Detected	malware	100	100		
PClock Ransomware Detected	malware	100	100		
Ransomware CryptoLocker Detected	malware	100	100		
Descriptio CryptoLocker is a ransomware program that was released around the beginning of September 2013 and targets all versions of Windows including Windows XP, Windows 7 and Windows 8. When first run, the payload installs itself in the Documents and Settings folder with a random name, and adds a key to the registry that causes it to run on startup. It then attempts to contact one of several designated command and control servers; once connected, the server then generates a 2048-bit RSA key pair, and sends the public key back to the infected computer. CryptoLocker will encrypt certain files using a mixture of RSA & AES encryption. When it has finished encrypting your files, it will display a CryptoLocker payment program that prompts you to send a ransom of either \$100 or \$300 in order to decrypt the files.					
Ransomware CryptoLocker Variant Detected	malware	100	100		
TeslaCrypt 2.2 Ransomware Detected	infection persistence malware	100	100		
TeslaCrypt 3.0 Ransomware Detected	mawlware	100	100		
TeslaCrypt 3.1 Ransomware Detected	malware	100	100		



Tags

Categories weakening

crypto, ransomware, file, system

Report Error

Severity: 90 Confidence: 100

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Severity: 70 Confidence: 100

Severity: 60 Confidence: 100

Severity: 60 Confidence: 80

Severity: 80 Confidence: 60

Severity: 60 Confidence: 70

Severity: 50 Confidence: 60 Severity: 50 Confidence: 50

ID

os

Started

Ended

Duration

Warnings

and System Restore points. The 'vssadmin.exe' utility provides a way to remove these copies. Malware authors may delete these copies in order to make recovery and access to a target's original files more difficult. This is especially true for ransomware varieties which encrypt files since these shadow copies may still

vssadmin.exe Delete Shadows /All /Quiet | vssadmin.exe

contain the files in an unencrypted state.

Excessive Suspicious Activity Detected

Excessive Number of DNS Queries

Potential Code Injection Detected

Process Modified an Executable File

Process Modified a File in a System Directory

Process Modified Autorun Registry Key Value

Processes Have A Circular Parent-Child Relationship

Potential Sandbox Detection - Enumeration of ProductID

Process Disables the Phishing Filter of Internet Explorer 8

Command Line

Volume Shadow Copies are snapshots of portions of a file system used for backups

Registry Persistance Mechanism Refers to an Executable in a System Directory

Process Name | Process ID 2036 (vssadmin.exe)

Artifacts – DNS traffic

DNS Traffic

Query Type: A, Query Data: okshizyju.otyiruqaewt.org

TTL: - Timestamp: +50.637s

Query Type: A, Query Data: ozogytof.otyiruqaewt.org

TTL: - Timestamp: +70.598s

• Query Type: A, Query Data: ivalo.otyiruqaewt.org

TTL: - Timestamp: +192.057s

• Query Type: A, Query Data: efymtbu.otyiruqaewt.org

TTL: - Timestamp: +135.928s

Query Type: A, Query Data: upipohacuhw.otyiruqaew

TTL: - Timestamp: +288.092s

Query Type: A, Query Data: adixatugo.otyiruqaewt.or

TTL: - **Timestamp**: +227.521s

• Query Type: A, Query Data: asoviv.otyiruqaewt.org

TTL: - Timestamp: +55.54s

Query Type: A, Query Data: egkkedaqup.otyiruqaewt

TTL: - Timestamp: +237.601s

Query Type: A, Query Data: jgog.otyiruqaewt.org

TTL: - Timestamp: +105.981s

Query Type: A, Query Data: olozirkwez.otyiruqaewt.o

Timestamp: +303.32s

Query Type: A, Query Data: itumeq.otyiruqaewt.org

TTL: - Timestamp: +146.181s

TTL: -

DNS Query Returned Non-Existent Domain

This BI indicates that a DNS query was performed to an unregistered domain name. This could be for a domain not yet used by the author, an abandoned domain, or intentional noise from a domain generation algorithm.

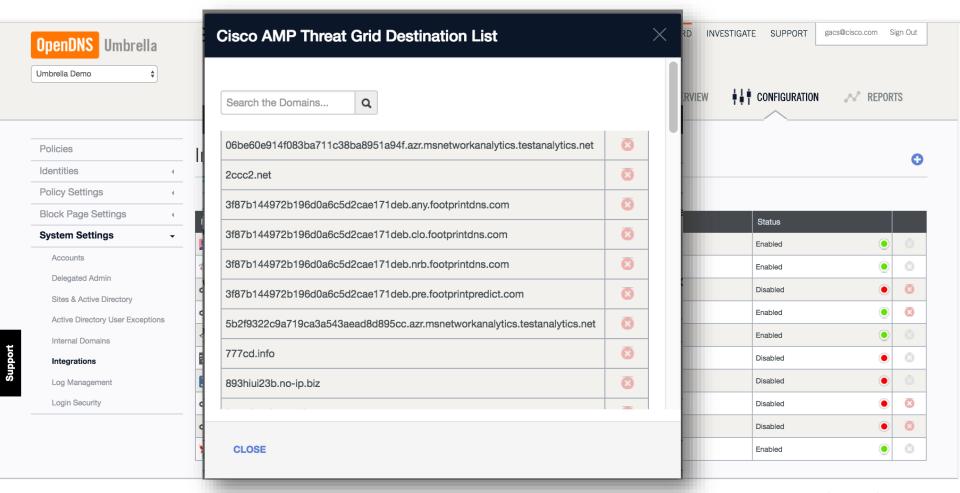
Answer Code	Query Data	Query Type	Query ID	Network Stream
NXDOMAIN	obiwdgozybo.otyiruqaewt.org	Α	35418	Stream 2
NXDOMAIN	adepulaty.otyiruqaewt.org	А	61862	Stream 2
NXDOMAIN	egkkedaqup.otyiruqaewt.org	Α	9201	Stream 2
NXDOMAIN	bpesaju.otyiruqaewt.org	Α	42319	Stream 2
NXDOMAIN	ajujenasyjo.otyiruqaewt.org	Α	59124	Stream 2
NXDOMAIN	irururyrqf.otyiruqaewt.org	Α	18551	Stream 2
NXDOMAIN	inawocupi.otyiruqaewt.org	Α	54987	Stream 2
NXDOMAIN	okshizyju.otyiruqaewt.org	Α	3593	Stream 2
NXDOMAIN	ilyk.otyiruqaewt.org	А	27068	Stream 2
NXDOMAIN	oraxoru.otyiruqaewt.org	А	55397	Stream 2
NXDOMAIN	kcydoxev.otyiruqaewt.org	А	33784	Stream 2
NXDOMAIN	icyvfpet.otyiruqaewt.org	Α	24488	Stream 2
NXDOMAIN	icopotomyce.otyiruqaewt.org	Α	58393	Stream 2
NXDOMAIN	adixatugo.otyiruqaewt.org	Α	7707	Stream 2
NXDOMAIN	aqywu.otyiruqaewt.org	Α	59808	Stream 2
NXDOMAIN	ybodkwu.otyiruqaewt.org	Α	57276	Stream 2

1		
	Stream: 2	Query: 3633
	Stream: 2	Query: 5047
	Stream: 2	Query: 6002
	Stream: 2	Query: 6552
	Stream: 2	Query: 7707
	Stream: 2	Query: 8146
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	Stream: 2	Query: 10986
	Stream: 2	Query: 11648

Stream: 2 Query: 3593

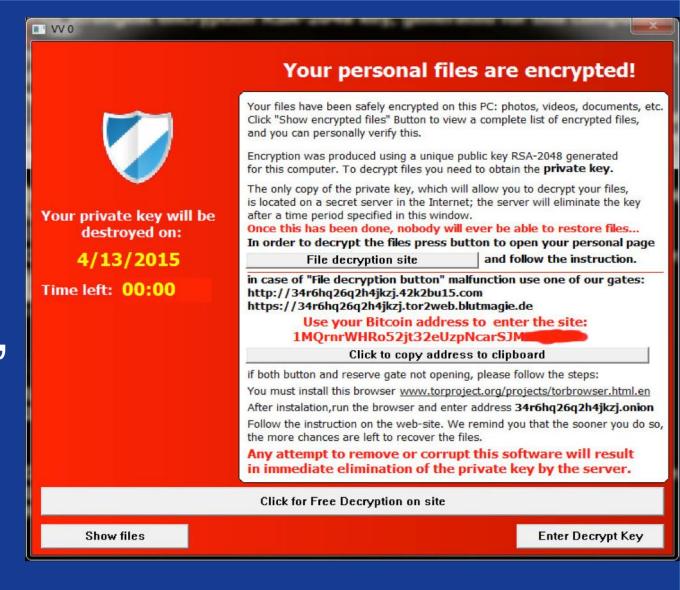


OpenDNS – AMP Threat Grid Collaboration

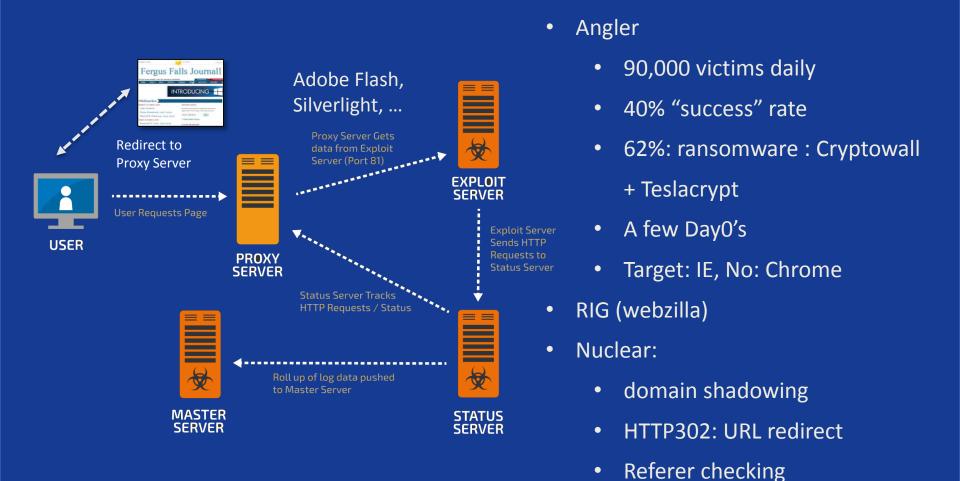




Angler exploit kit, Teslacrypt, Cryptowall



Angler infrastructure



TeslaCrypt



Your personal files are encrypted!

Your files have been safely encrypted on this PC: photos, videos, documents, etc. Click "Show encrypted files" Button to view a complete list of encrypted files, and you can personally verify this.

Encryption was produced using a unique public key RSA-2048 generated for this computer. To decrypt files you need to obtain the **private key.**



TeslaCrypt

- Imitates CryptoLocker screen
- Pay in Bitcoin
- Not asymmetric (RSA2048) keys used
- Encryption: AES CBC 256-bit



TeslaCrypt: Victory

http://www.talosintelligence.com/teslacrypt_tool/

- TeslaCrypt 0.x Encrypts files using an AES-256 CBC algorithm
- TeslaCrypt 2.x Same as previous versions, but uses EC to create a weak
 Recovery key. The application is able to use factorization to recover the
 victim's global private key.
- TeslaCrypt 3 & 4 The latest versions. Able to decrypt thanks to the C&C server EC private key which was recently released.



Project closed

master key for decrypt 440A241DD80FCC5664E861989DB716E08CE627D8D40C7EA360AE855C727A49EE wait for other people make universal decrypt software

we are sorry!

29 installs 0 detections (7 days)

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My Account

Log Out

Dashboard A

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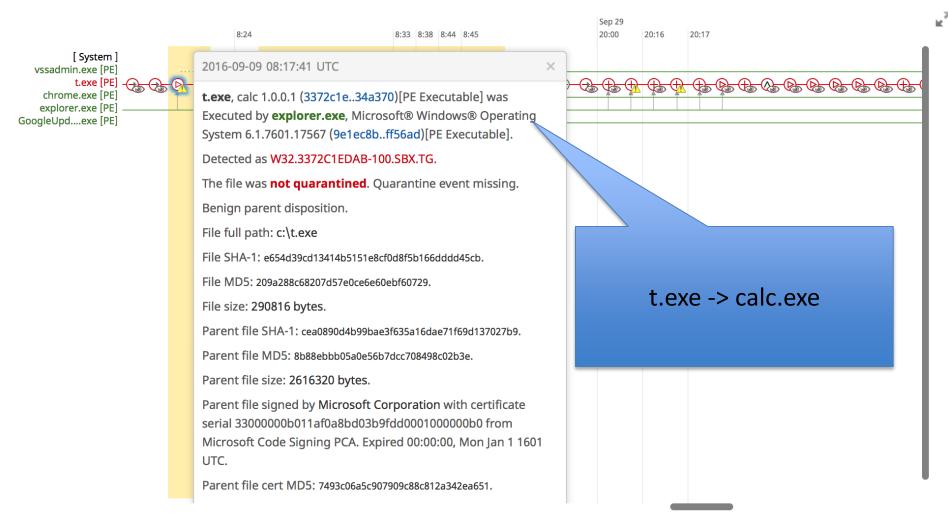
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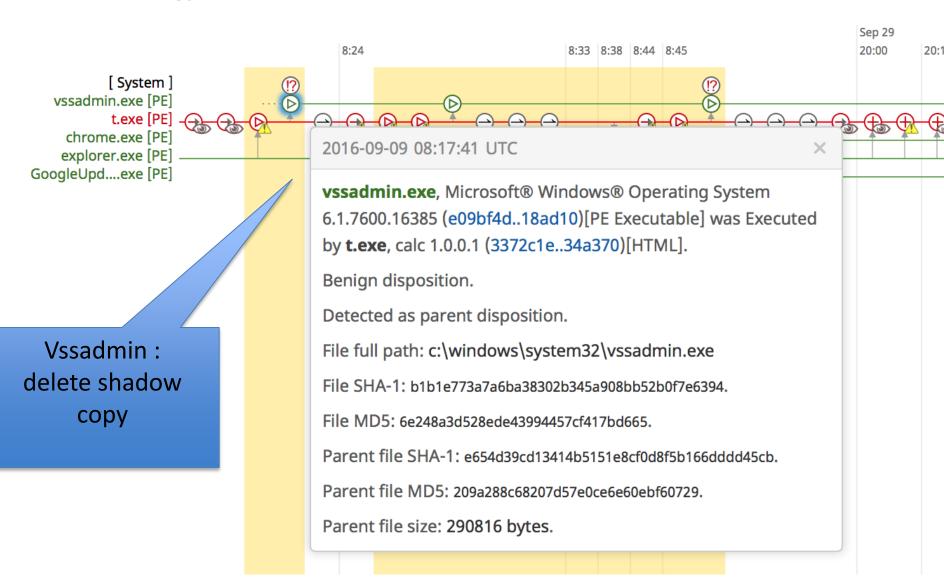
Device Trajectory

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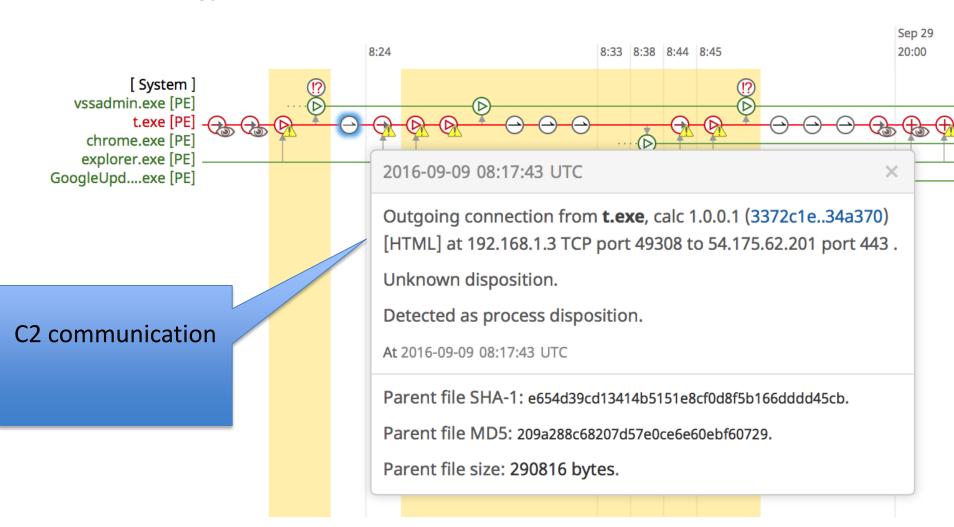
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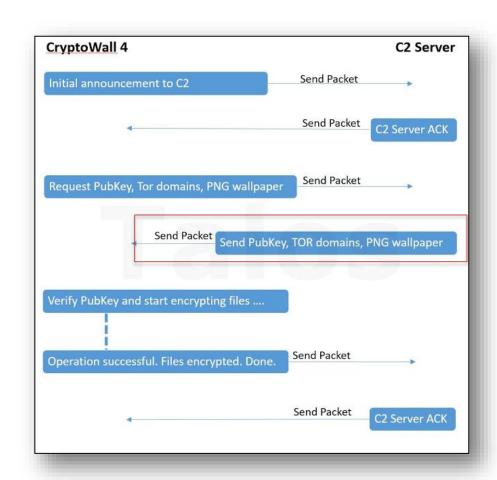
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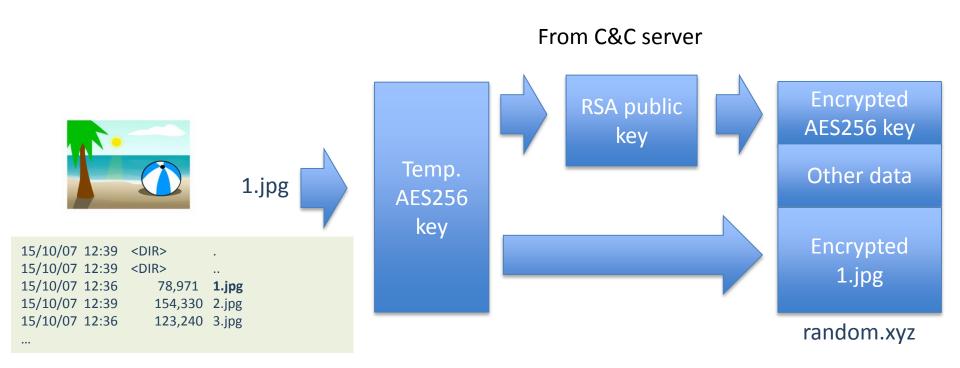
Cryptowall

- Version 4: Deletes all shadow copies, encrypts the filenames
- 2048 byte RSA public key encryption
- Decryption software`s initial price: \$500
- if it cannot retrieve the public RSA encryption key from the C2 server it will not "harm" the victim's computer.
- excludes certain regions from infection (Russia +...)





Cryptowall: File encryption



Temporary AES key can only be decrypted with the private RSA key



28 installs 385 detections (7 days)



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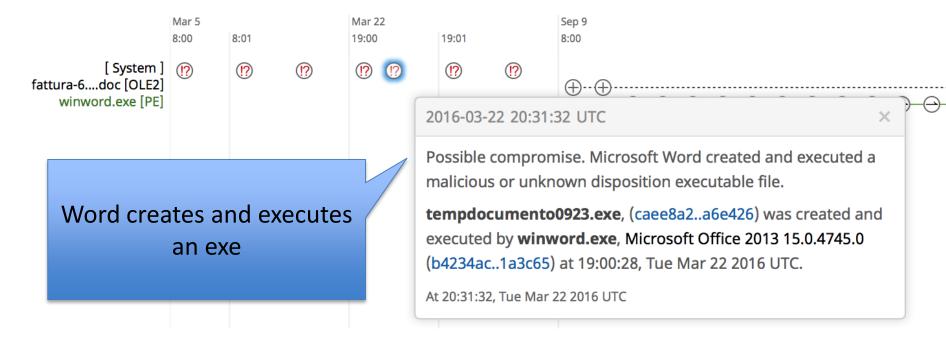
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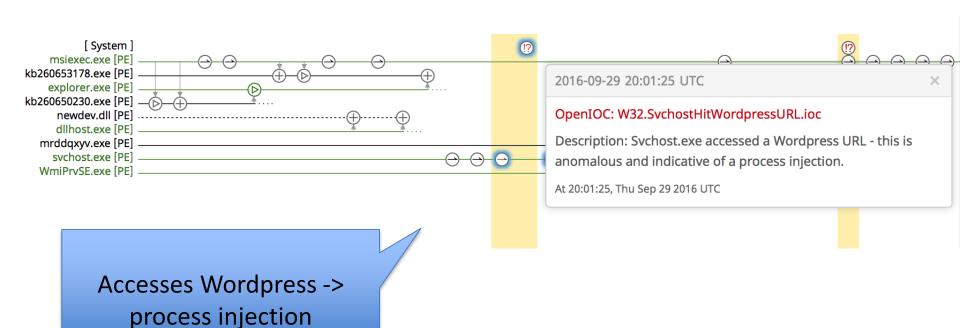
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Processes

Artifacts

Registry Activity

File Activity

Video

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Network Activity

Metadata

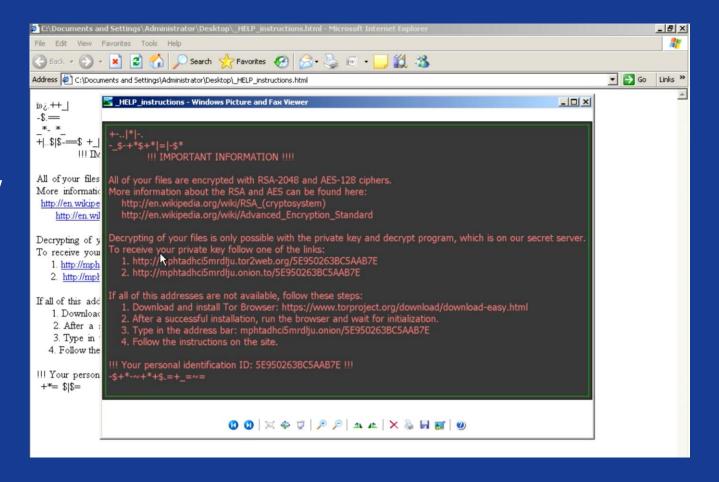
Behavioral Indicators

♦ Executable Imported the IsDebuggerPresent Symbol

Severity: 20 Confidence: 20

Benavioral indicators	Threat Score: 10
Cryptowall Communications Detected	Severity: 100 Confidence:
Ransomware Backup Deletion Detected	Severity: 100 Confidence:
Registry Modification Disabled System Restore	Severity: 100 Confidence:
♦ Shadow Copy Deletion Detected	Severity: 100 Confidence:
Artifact Flagged Malicious by Antivirus Service	Severity: 100 Confidence:
Excessive Suspicious Activity Detected	Severity: 90 Confidence:
Registry Persistance Mechanism Refers to an Executable in a User Data Directory	Severity: 90 Confidence:
Excessive number of DNS Queries	Severity: 70 Confidence:
Artifact Flagged by Antivirus	Severity: 80 Confidence:
O Process Modified an Executable File	Severity: 60 Confidence:
O Process Modified File in a User Directory	Severity: 70 Confidence:
O Process Disabled Internet Explorer Proxy	Severity: 70 Confidence:
O Process Modified Autorup Registry Key Value	Soverity 80 Confidences
Process Modified Trusted Root Certificates	Severity: 60 Confidence:
• DNS Query Neturned Non-Existent Domain	Seventy. 23 Confidence.
Possible Double Flux Nameserver Detected [Beta]	Severity: 35 Confidence:
A UDL Possible Lin 404 on Emply Elle	Occupity OF October
Ransomware Queried Domain	Severity: 25 Confidence:
Outbound HTTP POST Communications	Severity: 25 Confidences
Outbound Communications to Nginx Web Server	Severity: 25 Confidence:

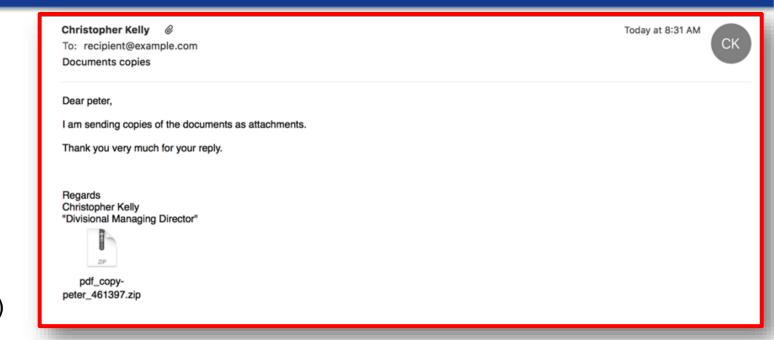
Locky/ Zepto



http://blog.talosintel.com/2016/06/gotta-be-swift-for-this-spam-campaign.html

Locky

- extension:
- .locky
- RSA and AES algorithms (Windows CryptoAPI)



- Email/ phishing [137,731 emails per 4 days]
- Spam spike -> spam level like in 2010
- Doc or Javascript, attachment : swift [XXX|XXX].js X: numbers
- Please allow macro: "if the data encoding is incorrect."
- Deletes shadow copies, 'wscript.exe' send HTTP GET requests to C2 domains



Behavioral Indicators Metadata **Network Activity Processes Artifacts Registry Activity** File Activity Video Download -**Analysis Report** Resubmit 36d038b1d1326983a4aa253973d06fe2 **Filename** swift 6d2.js os 2600.xpsp.080413-2111 Magic Type **JavaScript** Started 6/29/16 13:36:19 Analyzed As js 6/29/16 13:42:10 **SHA256** 00e475ae83002930c6a9dd9c4223fd710c3a29a4c1c3775413d58e9e23e5c0b2 **Ended** 0:05:51 SHA1 7907255b6fd0d5600d4d9c311d72003d308b4fda Duration phl-work-11 (pilot-d) MD5 15ae1614b42526956a3855071553b056 Sandbox Tags O tag **Behavioral Indicators** Threat Score: 95

benavioral indicators

A Script File Established Network Communications

O DNS Response Contains Low Time to Live (TTL) Value

Outbound Communications to Nginx Web Server

Process Disabled Internet Explorer Proxy

Command Exe File Execution Detected

Outbound HTTP POST Communications

O Potential Code Injection Detected

File Downloaded to Disk

Process Modified Desktop Wallpaper

	A Script Established Direct IP Communications	Severity: 90 Confidence: 90
•	Command Exe File Deletion Detected	Severity: 75 Confidence: 100
(♦ Windows Picture And Fax Viewer Used To Display Decoy Image	Severity: 70 Confidence: 100
•	Process Modified an Executable File	Severity: 60 Confidence: 100
•	An HTTP Request Was Made to a Numeric IP Address	Severity: 75 Confidence: 80
	Process Created an Executable in a User Directory	Severity: 60 Confidence: 95
•	Outbound HTTP GET Request	Severity: 75 Confidence: 75
•	Process Modified File in a User Directory	Severity: 70 Confidence: 80
	O Process Modified AUTOEXEC.BAT	Severity: 80 Confidence: 70

Severity: 100 Confidence: 95

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Severity: 30 Confidence: 90

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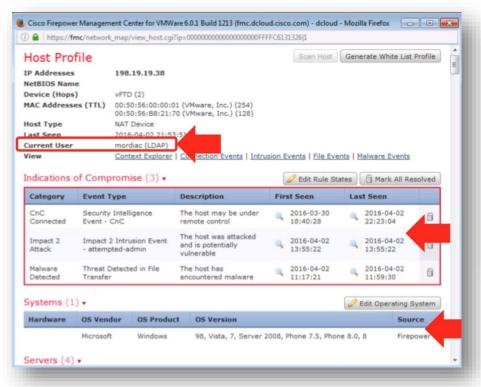
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One more thing ...

Host Analysis







Retrospective Alert

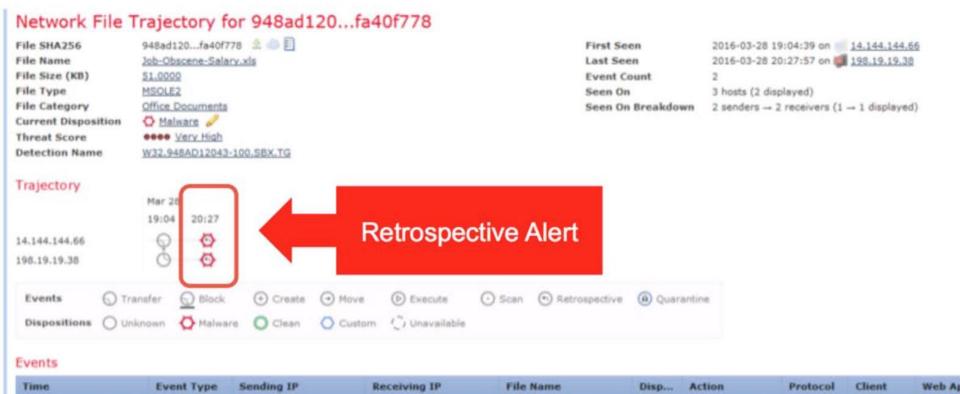
2016-03-28 19:04:39

2016-03-28 20:27:57

Transfer

Retrospectiv...

14.144.144.66



198.19.19.38

Job-Obscene-Salary.xls



Chrome

HTTP

Malware Cloud ...

Unkn.

Malw.

Result of Dynamic Analysis

Dynamic Analysis Summary

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Report •••• (100) 2016-03-27 12:56:03 (Windows XP - SP3/i386)
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Showing the report for the highest score because no report with a matching score was found.

Threats

- •••• (100) Office Document Launches a Powershell
- ••• (90) A Document File Established Network Communications
- • (56) Office Document Contains a VBA Macro
- • • (42) PowerShell Used With Encoded Command
- 000 (25) Potential Code Injection Detected
- ●○○○ (18) DNS Query Returned Non-Existent Domain



Summary

AMP and Ransomware



- Most profitable malware, targeting corporates
- Main goal: focus on protection, but quick detections and countermeasures [retrospective analysis] can minimize the costs.
- AMP : Time-to-detect : [TTD] 13 hours vs 100-200 days,
- NSS Labs: 91.8 % [>3min]



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