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Ransomware Detection and Analysis with Advanced Malware Protection (AMP)

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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
- Ransomware as a Service, Tox







The Evolution of Ransomware Variants

The confluence of easy and effective encryption, the popularity

TorProject.org

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How Does Ransomware Work?



Typical Ransomware Infection

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• 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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Most Ransomware Relies on C2 Callbacks

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What can be done?



Recommendations

- 1.Build User Awareness (check the sender checking, macro)
- 2.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)

WHAT IS RANSOMWARE?

Ransomware is a type of malicious software cyber actors use to deny access to systems or data. The malicious cyber actor holds systems or data hostage until the ransom is paid. After the initial infection, the ransomware attempts to spread to shared storage drives and other accessible systems. If the demands are not met, the system or encrypted data remains unavailable, or data may be deleted.

HOW DO I PROTECT MY NETWORKS?

A commitment to cyber hygiene and best practices is critical to protecting your networks. Here are some questions you may want to ask of your organization to help prevent ransomware attacks:

- Backups: Do we backup all critical information? Are the backups stored offline? Have we tested our ability to revert to backups during an incident?
- 2. Risk Analysis: Have we conducted a cybersecurity risk analysis of the organization?

and findings with the community

Staff Training: Have we trained staff on cvbersecurity best practices?

HOW DO I RESPOND TO RANSOMWARE?

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Implement your security incident response and business continuity plan. It may take time for your organization's IT professionals to isolate and remove the ransomware threat to your systems and restore data and normal operations. In the meantime, you should take steps to maintain your organization's essential functions according to your business continuity plan. Organizations should maintain and regularly test backup plans, disaster recovery plans, and business continuity procedures.

Contact law enforcement immediately. We encourage you to contact a local **FBI**¹ or **USSS**² field office immediately to report a ransomware event and request assistance.

There are serious risks to consider before paying the ransom. We do not encourage paying a ransom. We understand that when businesses are faced with an inability to function, executives will evaluate all options to protect their shareholders, employees, and customers. As you

http://blogs.cisco.com/security/ransomware-the-race-you-dont-want-to-lose

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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

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Undeliverable Voicemail: Error 23WMZ

Voicemail Alert

Sent: Wednesday 16 March 2016 13:28

To: Gyorgy Acs (gacs)

voicemail23WMZ.html (17 KB) Preview

This message is high priority.

The attached audio message file was unable to be delivered to your voicemail account.

Regards, Voicemail Team



Cisco Ransomware Defense Solution

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• 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

AMP

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

See a threat once, block it everywhere Most effective solution for known and emerging advanced threats

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Next-Gen Firewall Prioritizes threats Automates response Improved malware protection Fully integrated management

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AMP: Advanced Malware Protection

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Private Cloud / SaaS Manager

Host-based AMP

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

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Get Your Head Out of the Sandbox

Plan A: The Protection Framework All prevention solution < 100% protection

Plan B: Retrospective Security

 When you can't detect 100%, visibility is critical

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Ransomware analysis examples

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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

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Cryptolocker in Feb 2016 – device trajectory

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Angler exploit kit, Teslacrypt, Cryptowall

http://blog.talosintel.com/2015/12/cryptowall-4.html

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**.

The only copy of the private key, which will allow you to decrypt your files, is located on a secret server in the Internet; the server will eliminate the key after a time period specified in this window.

Once this has been done, nobody will ever be able to restore files... In order to decrypt the files press button to open your personal page

and follow the instruction.

in case of "File decryption button" malfunction use one of our gates: http://34r6hq26q2h4jkzj.42k2bu15.com https://34r6hq26q2h4jkzj.tor2web.blutmagie.de

Use your Bitcoin address to enter the site: 1MQrnrWHRo52jt32eUzpNcarSJM

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if both button and reserve gate not opening, please follow the steps: You must install this browser <u>www.torproject.org/projects/torbrowser.html.en</u> After instalation,run the browser and enter address **34r6hq26q2h4jkzj.onion** Follow the instruction on the web-site. We remind you that the sooner you do so, the more chances are left to recover the files.

Any attempt to remove or corrupt this software will result in immediate elimination of the private key by the server.

Click for Free Decryption on site

Show files

Your private key will be

destroyed on:

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Time left: 00:00

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Enter Decrypt Key

Angler infrastructure

- Angler
 - 90,000 victims daily
 - 40% "success" rate
 - 62%: ransomware : Cryptowall + Teslacrypt
 - A few Day0's
 - Target: IE, No: Chrome
- RIG (webzilla)
- Nuclear:
 - domain shadowing
 - HTTP302: URL redirect
 - Referer checking

TeslaCrypt

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TeslaCrypt

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

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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.

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Project closed

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Device Trajectory

For Demo_TeslaCrypt

Device Trajectory

For Demo_TeslaCrypt

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 +...)

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28 installs 385 detections (7 days)

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

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Links »

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

Christopher Kelly 🖉								
To:	recipient@exam	nple.com						
Documents copies								

Thank you very much for your reply.

Dear peter,

I am sending copies of the documents as attachments.

Regards Christopher Kelly "Divisional Managing Director"
ZIP

pdf_copypeter_461397.zip

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

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One more thing ...

Host Analysis

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File Size (KB)	51.0000		
File Type	MSOLE2		
File Category	Office Document	ts	
Current Disposition	💍 Malware 🥖		
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Detection Name	W32.3381EFF57	2-100.5 X.TG	

Retrospective Alert

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Network File Trajectory for 948ad120...fa40f778

Events

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Result of Dynamic Analysis

Dynamic Analysis Summary

Report (100) 2016-03-27 12:56:03 (Windows XP - SP3/i386)

Showing the report for the highest score because no report with a matching score was found.

Threats

- **0000** (100) Office Document Launches a Powershell
- **ODE** (90) A Document File Established Network Communications
- **Office Document Contains a VBA Macro**
- (42) PowerShell Used With Encoded Command
- OCO (25) Potential Code Injection Detected
- **OCOMPANIENTS OF CONTRACT OF CONTRACT.**

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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.
- Quick solutions: OpenDNS; AMP, Email Security, NGFW
- Time-to-detect : [TTD] 13 hours vs 100-200 days,
- NSS Labs : 91.8 % [>3min]

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