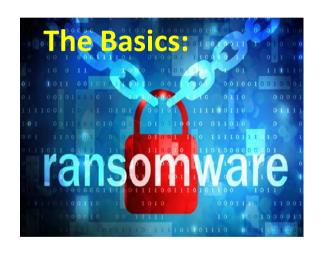
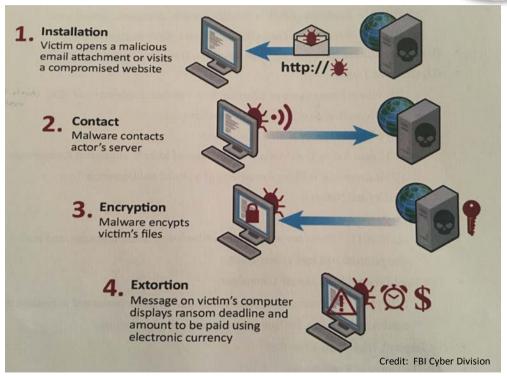


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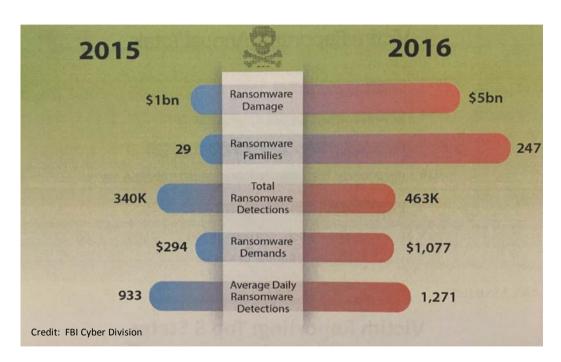










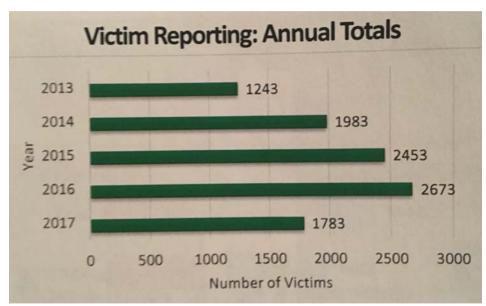


**2016:** Explosive growth in families, variants, detections, demands.

**2017:** Reported declines in large-scale campaigns; two unprecedented global outbreaks; emergence of more targeted families







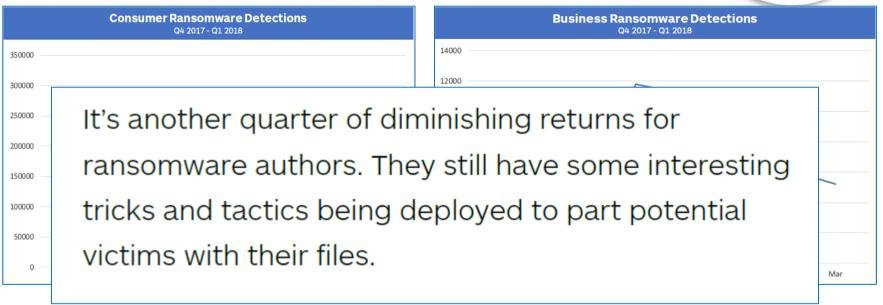
Credit: FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)

# **2017:** Why the decline in detections?

- Virtual disappearance of exploit kits
- Declining efficacy of malspam campaigns
- Move to cryptocurrency miners and other forms of malware
- But: according to Trend Micro, total new ransomware families continued to rise







Credit: Malwarebytes Labs (Q1 2018 Report)





#### **2017: Observed Trends**

- Increased use by nation-state actors
- Continued rise in new families
- Rise in ransomware as a service
- Increased exploitation of RDP vulnerabilities
- Diversification of accepted cryptocurrencies
- Increased sophistication
- Ransomware can be repurposed (e.g., as a denial & deception tool)



# WannaCry



#### 200,000+ Systems Affected by WannaCry Ransom Attack The WannaCry ransomware attack in numbers Affected Affected Ransom systems countries per system >220,000 \$300 Approx. ransom in major Average ransom in past ransomware attacks ransomware threats \$1,200 \$1,007 \$965 \$500 \$373 \$294 2014 2015 Feb '16 Mar '16 Apr '16 2016 Locky Cerber CryptXXX (i) (ii) statista 🗹 @StatistaCharts Sources: Media reports, Symantec

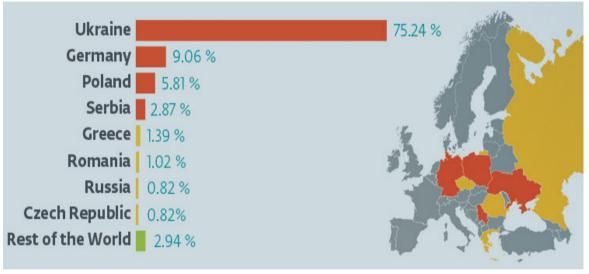


- May 2017
- Attack ebbed when kill switch discovered.
- # of US victims relatively low.



#### NotPetya





Credit: www.bankinfosecurity.com



- June 2017
- Destructive malware disguised as ransomware
- Multinational victims;
   millions of \$ in losses





#### WannaCry & NotPetya: Notable characteristics

- Required minimal human interaction to infect other computers, execute, or encrypt data for ransom
- Very high profile; exposed as unreliable quite early
- Neither was well-executed or well-targeted
- More likely the exception rather than the rule
- Contrast to malware campaigns that are better positioned to produce the conditions necessary for (1) high payment rates and (2) high ransoms



# Top Designated FBI Ransomware Families



# MSIL/Samas.A (Samsam)

Version 1

Payment Method

Bitcoin



Exploits vulnerabilities in JBOSS (a server platform that hosts Java apps and services)

#### Locky Version 1

Version 1

Payment Method

Bitcoin



Uses Necurs botnet for distribution and has multiple extensions: .osiris, .zepto, .zzzzz

#### **DMA Locker**

Version 4

Payment Method

Bitcoin



Current version is 3.0 but the actors have already developed 4.0.

#### Cerber

Version 5
Payment Method
Bitcoin



Encrypts with a random 4 letter extension and maintains a distributor portal

#### CrySiS

Version 4

Payment Method

Bitcoin



Uses brute force RDP and newest version uses extension .wallet

Credit: FBI Cyber Division



#### Samsam

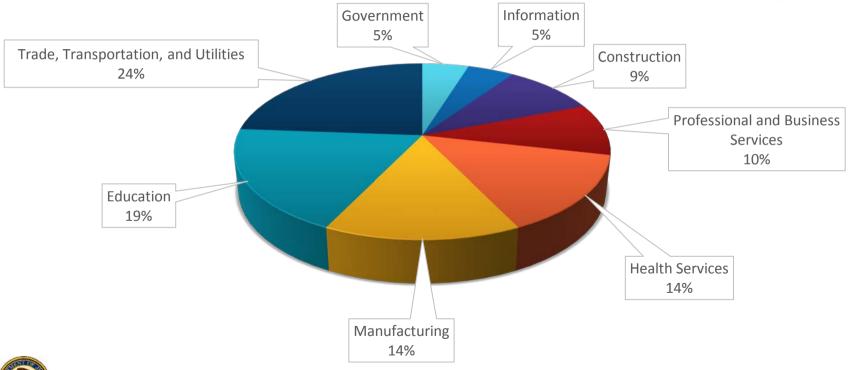






# Samsam – victims by industry sector







#### Locky

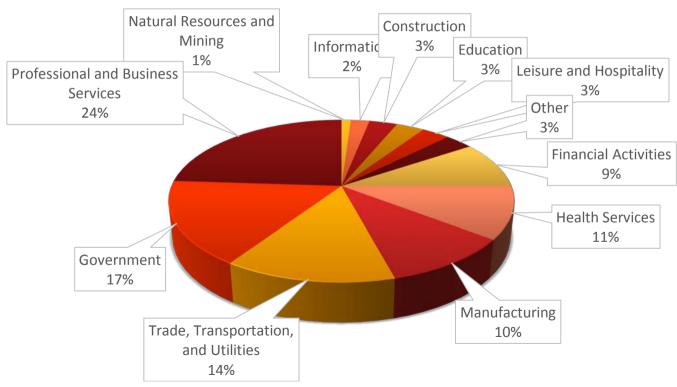






# Locky – victims by industry sector







#### **DMA Locker**

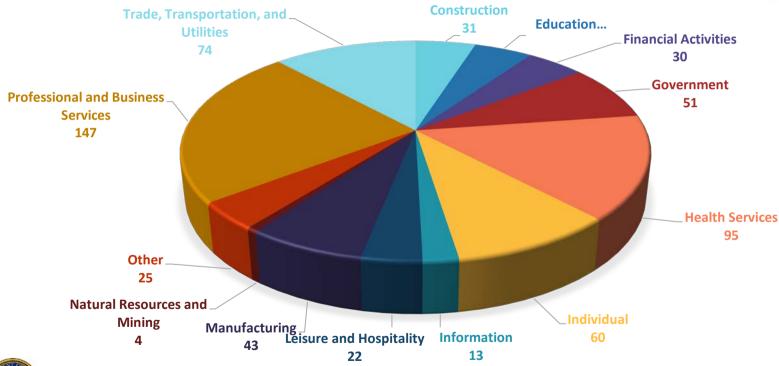






### DMA Locker – victims by industry sector

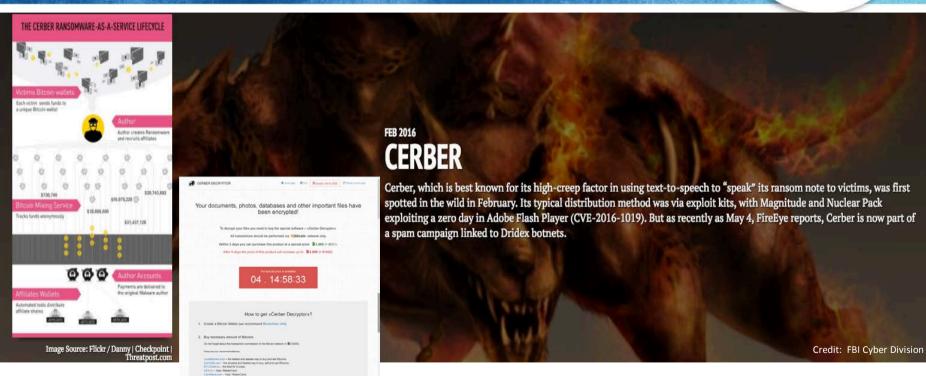






#### Cerber





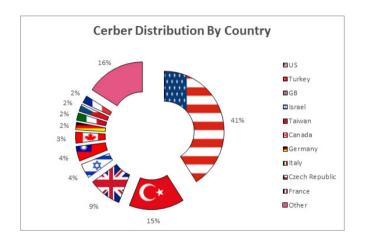


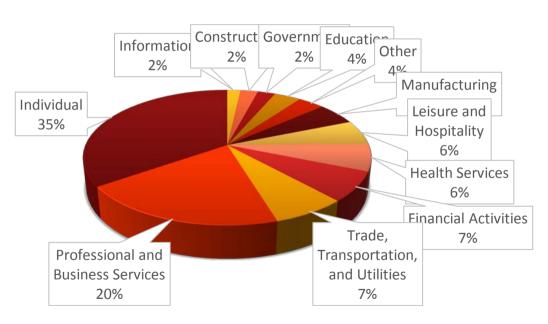
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# Cerber – victims by industry sector (and country)









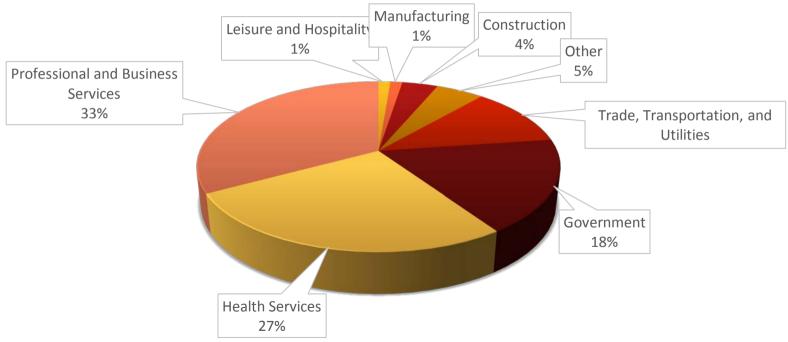






# CrySiS – victims by industry sector







### **Next Big Threat?**



#### **Crypto-Jacking:**

- Secret use of your computing device to mine cryptocurrency
- Daily rise in new cryptocurrencies
- IoT devices at risk
- Websites that exploit visitors
- In December 2017, Check Point announced that crypto-miners had impacted 55% of organizations globally





### What is the government doing about this?



- Targeting dark marketplaces
- Opening investigations on new families
- Leveraging resources to identify ransomware infrastructure
- Partnering with private industry to increase ransomware awareness

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#### AlphaBay, the Largest Online 'Dark Market,' Shut Down

'Dark Net' Site Was Major Source of Fentanyl and Heroin, Linked to Overdose Deaths, and Used By Hundreds of Thousands of People to Buy and Sell Illegal Goods and Services Anonymously over the Internet

The Justice Department today announced the seizu operated for over two years on the dark web and wa documents and access devices, counterfeit goods, n throughout the world. The international operation involved cooperation and efforts by law enforcement United Kingdom, and France, as well as the Europe





# What can you do?





Key areas to focus on with ransomware are prevention, business continuity, and remediation. As ransomware techniques continue to evolve and become more sophisticated, even with the most robust prevention controls in place, there is no guarantee against exploitation. This makes contingency and remediation planning crucial to business recovery and continuity.

#### Prevention Considerations

- Implement an awareness and training program, Because end users are targeted, employees and individuals should be made aware of the threat of ransomware and how it is delivered.
- Patch operating systems, software, and firmware on devices, which may be made easier through a centralized patch management system.
- Ensure anti-virus and anti-malware solutions are set to automatically update and that regular scans are conducted.
- Manage the use of privileged accounts.
   Implement the principle of least privilege: no users should be assigned administrative access unless absolutely needed; those with a need for administrator accounts should only use them when necessary.
- Configure access controls, including file, directory, and network share permissions, with least privilege in mind, If a user only needs to read specific files, they should not have write access to those files, directories, or shares.

 Disable macro scripts from office files transmitted via e-mail. Consider using Office Viewer software to open Microsoft Office files transmitted via e-mail instead of full office suite applications.

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 Implement Software Restriction Policies (SRP) or other controls to prevent programs from executing from common ransomware locations, such as temporary folders supporting popular Internet browsers or compression/decompression programs, including the AppData/LocalAppData folder.

#### **Business Continuity Considerations**

- Back up data regularly, and regularly verify the integrity of those backups.
- Secure your backups. Ensure backups are not connected to the computers and networks they are backing up. Examples might be securing backups in the cloud or physically storing offline. Some instances of ransomware have the capability to lock cloud-based backups when systems continuously back up in real time, also known as persistent synchronization. Backups are critical in ransomware; if you are infected, this may be the best way to recover your critical data.

#### Other Considerations

 Implement application whitelisting; only allow systems to execute programs known and permitted by security policy.

- Execute operating system environments or specific programs in a virtualized environment.
- Categorize data based on organizational value, and implement physical/logical separation of networks and data for different organizational units.

#### The Ransom

The FBI does not support paying a ransom to the adversary. Paying a ransom does not guarantee an organization will regain access to their data; in fact, some individuals or organizations were never provided with decryption keys after having paid a ransom. Paying a ransom emboldens the adversary to target other organizations for profit, and provides for a lucrative environment for other criminals to become involved. While the FBI does not support paying a ransom, there is an understanding that when businesses are faced with an inability to function, executives will evaluate all options to protect their shareholders, employees, and customers.

In all cases the FBI encourages organizations to contact a local FBI field office immediately to report a ransomware event and request assistance. Victims are also encouraged to report cyber incidents to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (www.ic3.gov).





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