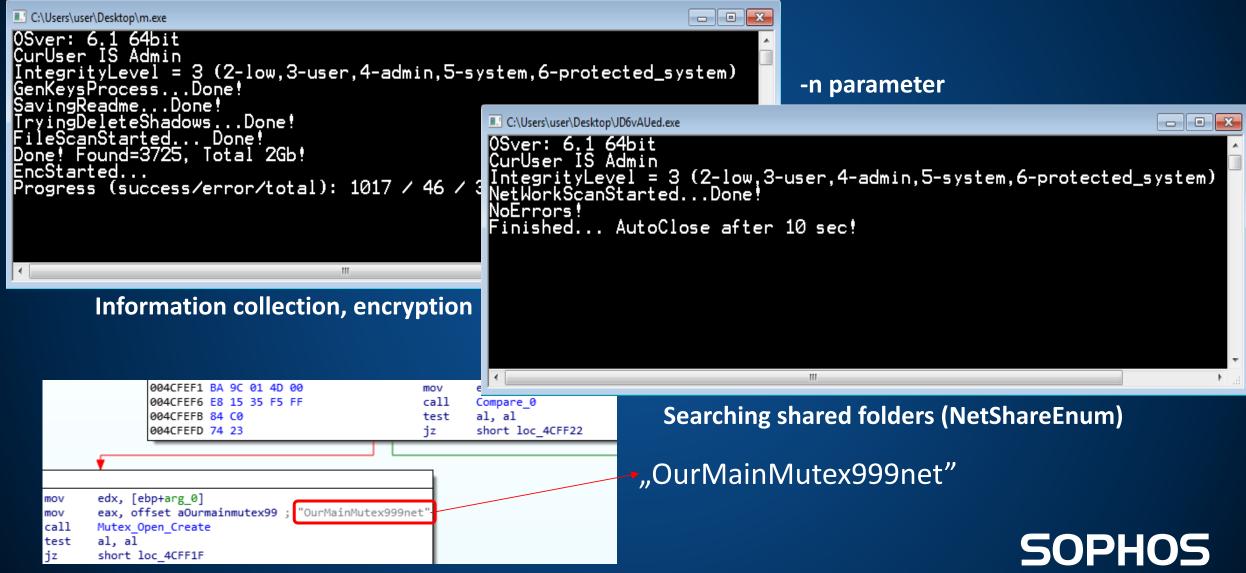
Enter the Matrix (Ransomware)

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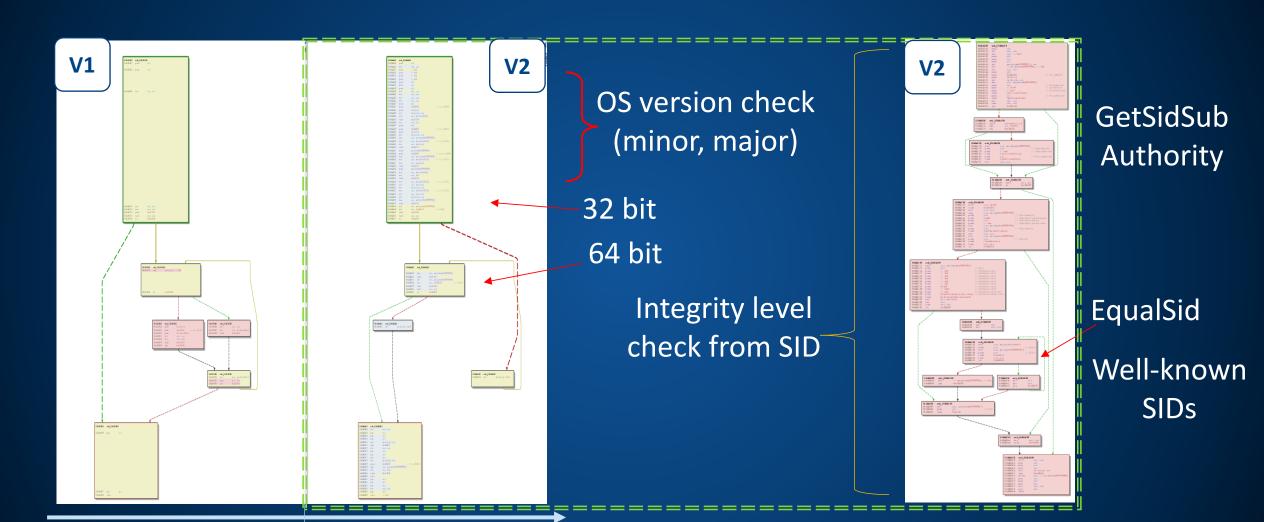


Execution path



IOCs: https://github.com/lucanag/matrix_ransomware_ioc/blob/master/IOCs

Information collection



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Resources

CFG, CHAK, DSHC, DVCLAL, HTA, HX64, HX86, LLST MPUB, NDNF, PACKAGEINFO,

PLATFORMTARGETS, PRL, RDM, TAKE, WALL, WVBS

ChaCha20 stream cipher

'expa'	'nd 3'	'2-by'	'te k'
k_0	k_1	k_2	k_3
k_4	k_5	k_6	k_7
\mathtt{nonce}_0	\mathtt{nonce}_1	\mathtt{nonce}_2	\mathtt{nonce}_3

ChaCha matrix - initial state

CHAK/KN

WnXA8nP1Hr5Le5JNeMw5kLOjKiDhTgo0 Key, nonce

0018F984	65	78	70	61	6E	64	20	33	32	2D	62	79	74	65	20	бB	expand 32-byte k
0018F994	57	6E	58	41	38	óΕ	50	31	48	72	35	4C	65	35	4A	4E	WnXA8nP1Hr5Le5JN
0018F9A4	65	4D	77	35	6B	4C	4F	6A	4B	69	44	68	54	67	6F	30	eMw5kL0jKiDhTgo0
0018F9B4	99	00	99	99	00	00	99	99	2A	99	99	00	00	00	99	00	*

Constant Key Nonce



ChaCha20 QuarterRound

```
🗾 🚄 🖼
004B3A69
004B3A69
                                  loc 4B3A69:
004B3A69 8B C6
                                                  eax, esi
                                          mov
004B3A6B E8 70 F9 FF FF
                                          call.
                                                  OuarterRound ◀
004B3A70 4B
                                                  ebx
                                          dec
                                                  ebx, ebx
004B3A71 85 DB
                                          test
                                                  short loc 4B3A69
004B3A73 75 F4
                                          jnz
```

ARX operations

```
a \boxplus= b; d \bigoplus= a; d <<<= 16;
c \boxplus= d; b \bigoplus= c; b <<<= 12;
a \boxplus= b; d \bigoplus= a; d <<<= 8;
c \boxplus= d; b \bigoplus= c; b <<<= 7;
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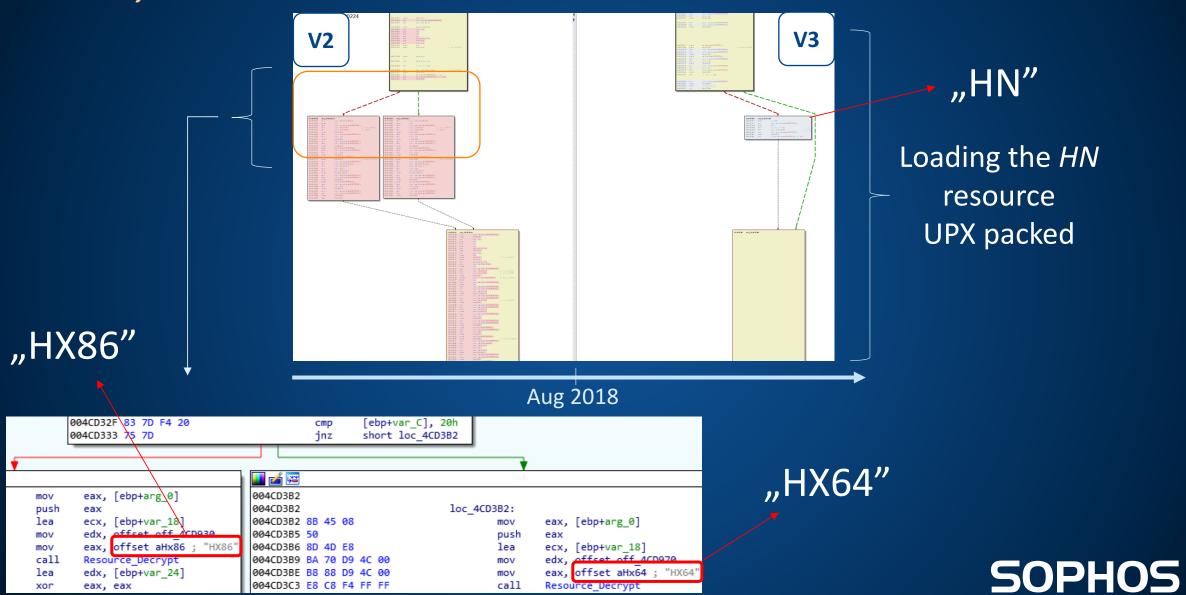
```
💶 🚄 🖼
004B191B
004B191B
                                  loc 4B191B:
004B191B 8B 1A
                                                   ebx. [edx]
                                           xor
                                                    [eax], ebx
                                           add
                                                   eax, 4
                                                   edx, 4
                                           add
                                                   esi
004B1925 4E
                                           dec
004B1926 85 F6
                                                   esi, esi
                                           test
                                                   short loc 4B191B
```

cipher_text = plain_text XOR
 chacha_stream(key, nonce)
plain_text = cipher_text XOR
 chacha_stream(key, nonce)





HX64, HX86 or HN



NDNF

CFG

```
01F72C90 oken@tutanota.com..oken5@naver.c
01F72CB0 om..oken8@@yahoo.com..#Decrypt_f
01F72CD0 iles_ReadMe#.rtf..http://..BM-2c
01F72CF0 Up8QH2cfvt3jk2u55qx8w8F84EKZdpaR
```

LLST

01F9C060 2092..1068..1067..1059..1087..21 01F9C080 15..1091..1049..1058..1092..1088

2029: Azeri - Cyrill 2115: Uzbek – Cyrillic

1068: Azeri - Latin 1091: Uzbek – Latin

1067: Armenian 1049: Russian

1059: Belarusian 1058: Ukrainian

1088: Krygyz – Cyrillic 1092: Tatar – Russia

1087: Kazakh

MPUB

02421070	1536547451865AB8944180950D77EC
02421090	BED 02DD1ED 00F2A7 064456DE25C87CCA
024210B0	27CB266DF737F6D5D8894D82CA734FCA
024210D0	724BE4EB374C9F0E3BBFE0CFFB0D5EE7
024210F0	553690F2567FB10954159C6448ED6019
02421110	CDEF96AA9C20B57514423E46AFB802E0
02421130	9158F5CC29AF676AD92CC33221D616EA
02421150	9137D6CADE67CD406F45D8BCEF14A154
02421170	D099DC12DBCAD014255787B2DF7DD87B
02421190	191FB171F738F9866D88C13540AF7A6F
024211B0	D75B85E9C9618C8C43F9ACE22FD8C122
024211D0	593E336FF28EB64F87263043BF013CE2
024211F0	9A06AB00010001

PRL

```
        01F6EB60
        MDF..NDF..LDF..MYD..EQL..SQL..FD

        01F6EB80
        B..VHD..SQLITE..SQLITE3..SQLITED

        01F6EBA0
        B..BAK..TIB..DBS..DB..DBK..DB2..

        01F6EBC0
        DB3..DBC..XLSX..XLS..PST..VPD..C

        01F6EBE0
        ER..CERT..CSR..PEM..KEY..1CD..DT

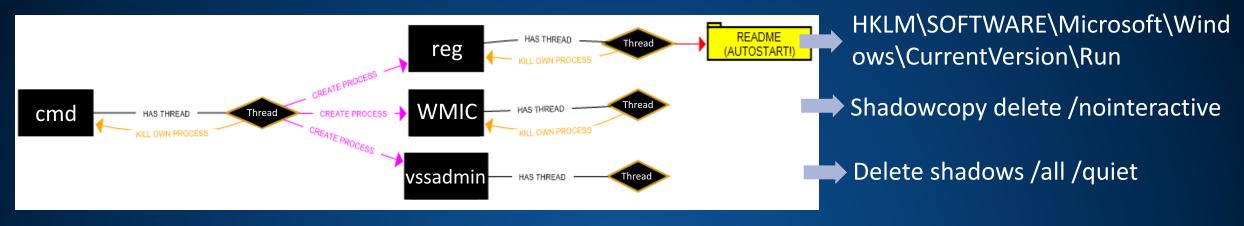
        01F6EC00
        .DBS..DBF..DBX..MDB..SDF..NDF..

        01F6EC20
        NS2..NS3..NS4..NSF..ACCDB..DOCX.

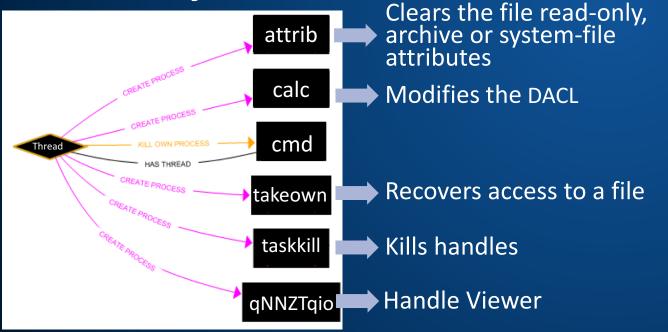
        01F6EC40
        .DOC..DWG..CDR..ODS..ODT..PDF..T

        01F6EC60
        XT..JPG..JPEG..PSD..ZIP..RAR..7Z
```

DSHC



TAKE - .cmd file

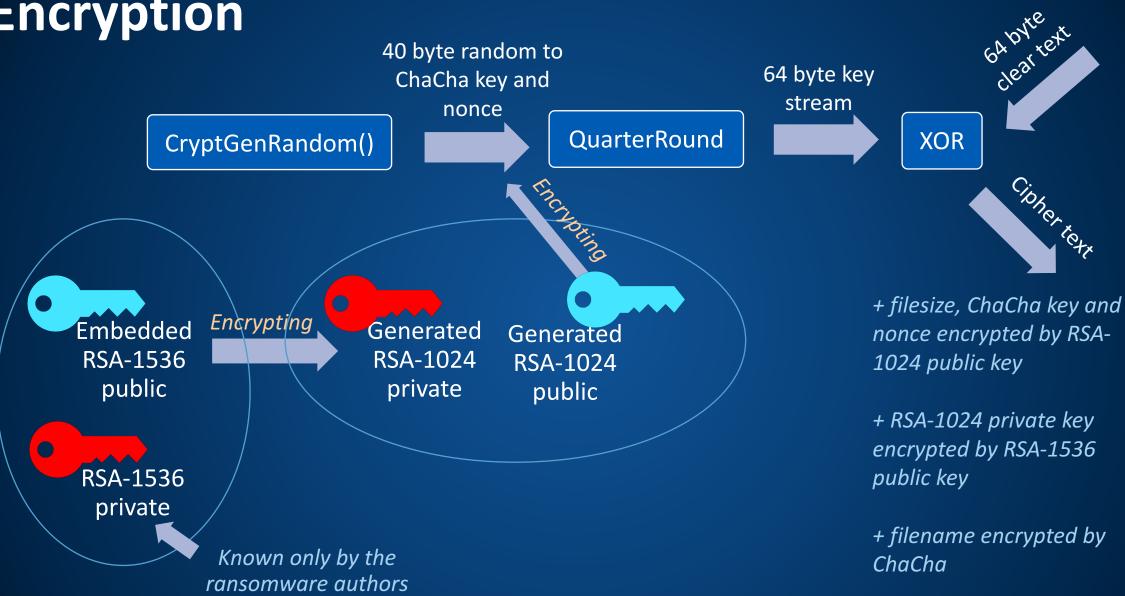


WVBS - .vbs file

HKCU\Control Panel\Desktop\Wallpaper

WALL - .jpg file

Encryption



Decryption



```
C:\Users\user\Desktop\decryptor_604.exe
                                                                                          - - X
0Sver: 6.1 64bit
IntegrityLevel = 3 (2-low,3-user,4-admin,5-system,6-protected_system)
Found drives:
Scan all
Done! Found=71452, Total 21Gb!
Checking for encrypted files...
Done!
   und 4 encrypted files...
ter full path to .sec key file:
\masterkey.sek
304 / 31645152
          31645152
          31645152
        / 31645152
ErrlogSaved...
Finished... AutoClose after 10 sec!
```



Communication with C2

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Length Info Protocol HTTP 282 GET /addrecord.php?apikey=fox api key&compuser= |user&sid=R807HcrhEaKch4zg&phase=START HTTP/1.0 HTTP 298 GET /addrecord.php?apikey=fox api key&compuser= |user&sid=R807HcrhEaKch4zg&phase=[ALL]25814E5BB12904A4 HTTP/1.0 303 GET /addrecord.php?apikey=fox_api_key&compuser= |user&sid=R807HcrhEaKch4zg&phase=25814E5BB12904A4|7426|10GB HTTP/1.0 HTTP 283 GET /addrecord.php?apikey=fox_api_key&compuser= |user&sid=R807HcrhEaKch4zg&phase=FINISH HTTP/1.0 HTTP HTTP 312 GET /addrecord.php?apikey=fox_api_key&compuser= |user&sid=R807HcrhEaKch4zg&phase=[FIN]25814E5BB12904A4|6781|645|7426

Protocol	Length I	nfo		
HTTP	266 6	iΕΤ	/add.php?apikey=BKT4517statapikey&compuser=	user&sid=dDBMM0DsKBijgl60&phase=START HTTP/1.0
HTTP	285 6	iΕΤ	/add.php?apikey=BKT4517statapikey&compuser=	user&sid=dDBMM0DsKBijgl60&phase=ADMIN OSVER_6.1_64 INT_3 HTTP/1.0
HTTP	270 0	iΕΤ	/add.php?apikey=BKT4517statapikey&compuser=	user&sid=Wr9eMPoDauFzTGrU&phase=NET_START HTTP/1.0
HTTP	288 6	iΕΤ	/add.php?apikey=BKT4517statapikey&compuser=	user&sid=dDBMM0DsKBijgl60&phase=L_25F562D982AD816D_3721_2GB HTTP/1.0
HTTP	270 0	iΕΤ	/add.php?apikey=BKT4517statapikey&compuser=	user&sid=dDBMM0DsKBijgl60&phase=L_DONE_97 HTTP/1.0
HTTP	271 6	iΕΤ	/add.php?apikey=BKT4517statapikey&compuser=	user&sid=dDBMM0DsKBijgl60&phase=L_DONE_966 HTTP/1.0
HTTP	277 6	iΕΤ	/add.php?apikey=BKT4517statapikey&compuser=	user&sid=dDBMM0DsKBijgl60&phase=L_TOTALDONE_2900 HTTP/1.0
HTTP	267 6	iΕΤ	/add.php?apikey=BKT4517statapikey&compuser=	user&sid=dDBMM0DsKBijgl60&phase=FINISH HTTP/1.0

Protocol Length Info HTTP 262 GET /add.php?apikey=BKTstatapikey&compuser= user&sid=Vg94Wh2I0SpDTqqL&phase=START HTTP/1.0 267 GET /add.php?apikey=BKTstatapikey&compuser= user&sid=Vg94Wh2I0SpDTqqL&phase=WILLDO ALL HTTP/1.0 HTTP 269 GET /add.php?apikey=BKTstatapikey&compuser= user&sid=Vg94Wh2I0SpDTqqL&phase=ALL_5828_2GB HTTP/1.0 HTTP 280 GET /add.php?apikey=BKTstatapikey&compuser= user&sid=Vg94Wh2I0SpDTqqL&phase=DISK C 3AB8B38F1A2EB99B HTTP/1.0 HTTP 263 GET /add.php?apikey=BKTstatapikey&compuser= user&sid=Vg94Wh2I0SpDTqqL&phase=FINISH HTTP/1.0 HTTP

Protocol	Length	Info		
HTTP	258	GET	/add.php?apikey=Bktsttddz&compuser=	user&sid=gGffaMAerDz73h4k&phase=START HTTP/1.0
HTTP	280	GET	/add.php?apikey=Bktsttddz&compuser=	user&sid=gGffaMAerDz73h4k&phase=L_36333FA35A811104_3725_2GB HTTP/1.0

Amount of information sent

Ransom payment method

HTL - .htl file RDM - .rtf

ALL YOUR FILES HAVE BEEN LOCKED!

This operating system and all of important data was locked due to the violation of the federal laws of the United States of America! (Article 1, Section 8, Clause 8; Article 202; Arcticle 210 of the Criminal Code of U.S.A. provides for a deprivation of liberty for four to twelve years.)

Following violations were detected:

Your IP adress was used to visit websites containing pornography, child pornography, zoophilia and child abuse. Your computer also contains video files with pornographic content, elements of violence and child pornography! This computer is aimed to stop your illegal activity.

To unlock your files you have to pay the penalty!

You have only 96 hours to pay the penalty, otherwise you will be arrested

You must pay the penalty through Bitcoin Wallet.

To pay the penalty and unlock your data, you should send the following co ZagbZgfnmMkLLnoz-600D15097EF6C613

to our agent e-mails:



ATENTION!!!

We are realy sorry to inform you that **ALL YOUR FILES WERE ENCRYPTED** by our automatic software. It became possible because of bad server security.

ATENTION!!!

Please don't worry, we can help you to **RESTORE** your server to original state and decrypt all your files quickly and safely!

INFORMATION!!!

Files are not broken!!!

4. Click the "Create Random address" button.

5. Click the "New massage" button.

Sending message:

To: Enter address: BM-2cVp8QH2cfvt3jk2u55gx8w8F84EKZdpaR

Subject: Enter your ID: 22637A523AF627DA

Message: Describe what you think necessary.

Click the "Send message" button.

Please, write us in English or use professional translator!

If you want to restore your files, you have to pay for decryption in Bitcoins or with other top cryptocurrency.

The price depends on how fast you write to us!

Your message will be as confirmation you are ready to pay for decryption key. After

WHAT HAPPENED WITH YOUR FILES?

Your documents, databases, backups, network folders and other important files are encrypted with RSA-2048 and AES-128 ciphers.

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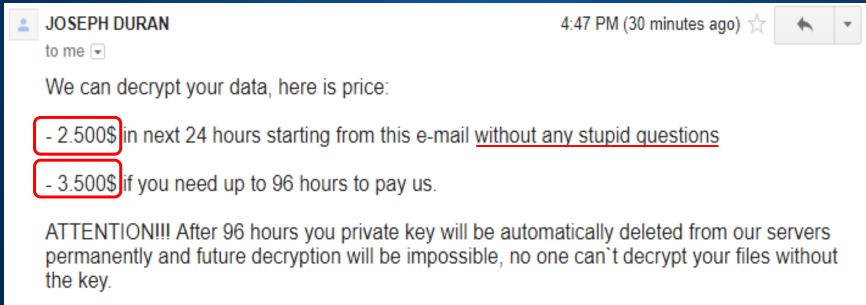
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hours

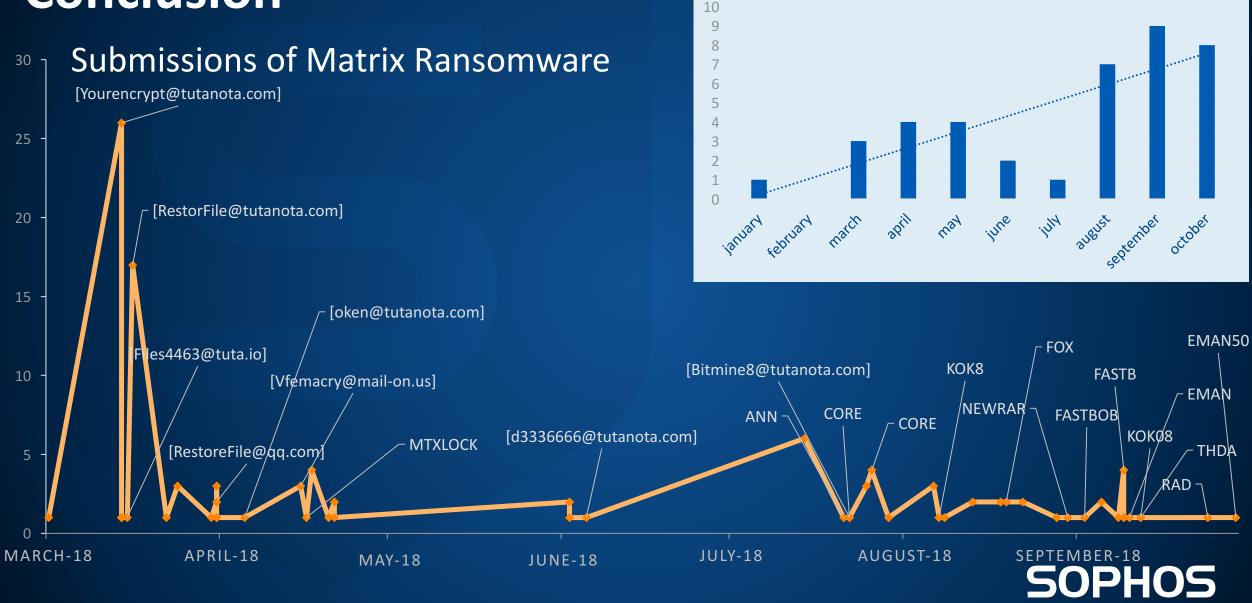
Ransom payment method



False statement



Conclusion



Number of variants

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