



A large, semi-transparent black parallelogram shape is positioned in the upper left quadrant, partially overlapping a network of thin grey lines connecting small blue circular nodes. The background is a light grey gradient.

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**Poco RAT Campaign by
Dark Caracal**

Threat Actor Malware



Description

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Poco RAT malware, linked to the notorious threat group Dark Caracal, has been deployed in a targeted campaign against Spanish-speaking organizations, primarily in Latin America. Poco RAT is a sophisticated remote access Trojan (RAT) equipped with espionage capabilities, including file exfiltration, screenshot capture, command execution, and process manipulation.

Key Findings:

Malware Overview:

- Poco RAT is a backdoor that grants attackers full control over compromised systems.
- It uses the POCO C++ library for network communication and is packed with UPX to evade detection.
- The malware lacks built-in persistence, relying on external commands or secondary payloads for long-term access.

2. Attack Chain:

- Initial Access:** Phishing emails with malicious attachments (PDF or HTML) impersonating financial documents.
- Payload Delivery:** Victims are redirected to download a .rev archive from legitimate cloud storage services (e.g., Google Drive, Dropbox) or via link-shortening services (e.g., bit.ly).
- Execution:** The dropper injects Poco RAT into legitimate processes (e.g., iexplore.exe, cttune.exe) to avoid detection.

CATEGORY	
	Malware
SEVERITY	
	High
Platforms	
	Windows

IMPACT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Data Theft and EspionageFinancial LossesOperational DisruptionReputational Damage	

Indicator of Compromise

IPs

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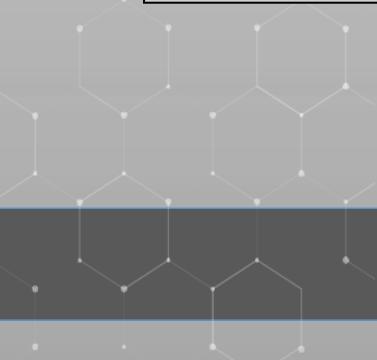
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Remediation

- **Email Security:**
 - Implement advanced email filtering to detect and block phishing emails.
 - Train employees to recognize suspicious emails and avoid opening unexpected attachments.
- **Network Monitoring:**
 - Block traffic to known C2 IP addresses and monitor for unusual outbound connections.
 - Use intrusion detection systems (IDS) to identify suspicious network activity.
- **User Awareness:**
 - Conduct regular cybersecurity training to educate employees about phishing tactics.
 - Encourage reporting of suspicious emails or files.
- **Incident Response:**
 - Develop and test an incident response plan to quickly contain and remediate infections.
 - Isolate compromised systems and conduct forensic analysis to identify the scope of the breach.

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