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# Crypto Ransomware The Who, What, Why and How

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## Insights from Collective Threat Intelligence

So far, Webroot has:



Encountered millions of instances of malware and PUAs



Monitored billions of IP addresses and URLs



Analyzed millions of new/updated mobile apps for malicious behavior



Studied major malware trends based on millions of endpoints



## Threat Intelligence by the Numbers

BrightCloud® services continuously classify and score 95% of the internet, and monitor the entire IPv4 space and in-use IPv6









## Threat Intelligence by the Numbers

Each day, Webroot discovers...



6,000

Phishing Sources



80,000

New Malware & PUAs



51,000

New Mobile Malware



#### File Data



More than **97%** of threats are unique



Less than 50 examples per malware variant in 2016

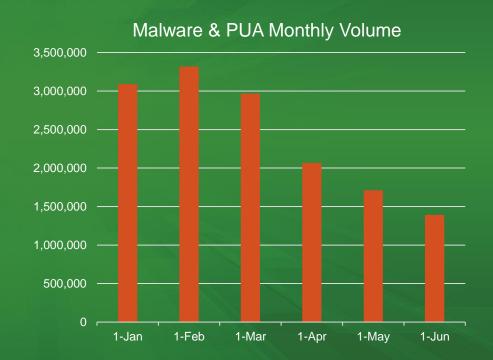


#### **Notable Observations**

Angler Exploit Kit cybergang arrested

Neutrino Exploit Kit eating up Angler market

10+ other exploit kits competing for market share





#### Malware Trends

Angler arrests contributed to:



8.12% decrease in malware volume



15%
decrease in malware encounter rates



53.61% decrease in samples per variant of malware



#### **PUA Trends**

PUAs **36.31% fewer** examples detected

Encounter rates dropped by **28.71%** 



Examples of per PUA installer variant dropped **33.08**%



#### **Android Malware**

In the first 6 months of 2016...



More than

300%

growth in

Android

Apps



Over

500%

growth of malicious apps



Over
400%
growth of PUA



#### **Notable Observations**



Fastest growth of new malicious apps is in China



Trojans are still the most popular category



More adware apps have rooting functionality



Google Play isn't 100% safe

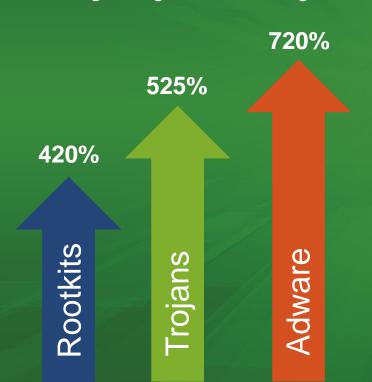


Ransomware persists

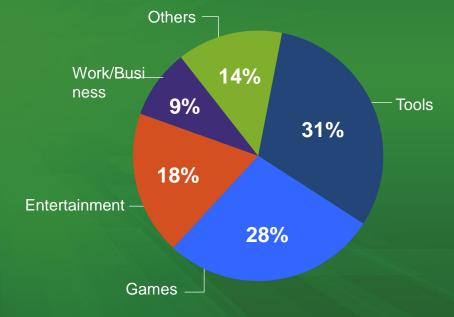


#### **Android Trends**

Fastest growing malware categories:



Simplified Categories of Malicious Apps





## Phishing

Phishing sites are using new tactics to evade detection

JavaScript prevents leaving a page



Plain text avoids HTML analysis





# 92%

chance of visiting a zero-day phishing site



#### Notable Observations



Yahoo! displaces
Google, Wells Fargo
displaces PayPal



Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce is #3 financial target



Christian Mingle is 2nd most phished social networking site



#### **Threat Brief Conclusions**



Angler arrest had a huge impact on the volume of threats



New exploit kits are competing for market share



Threats
continue
evading
detection
due to
uniqueness



More Android threats will make it past Google Play



Phishing remains effective and now has more targets



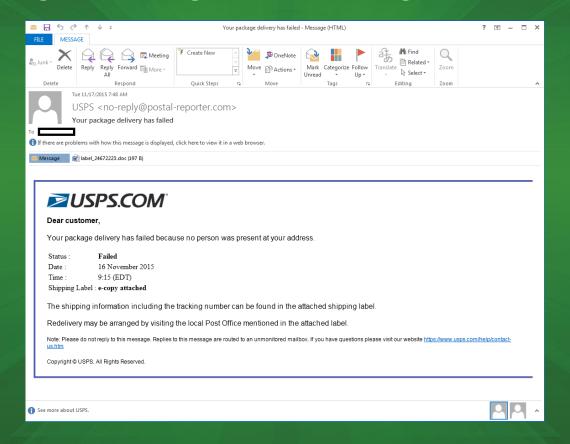


## **Attack Vectors**

**Phishing & Exploit Kits** 

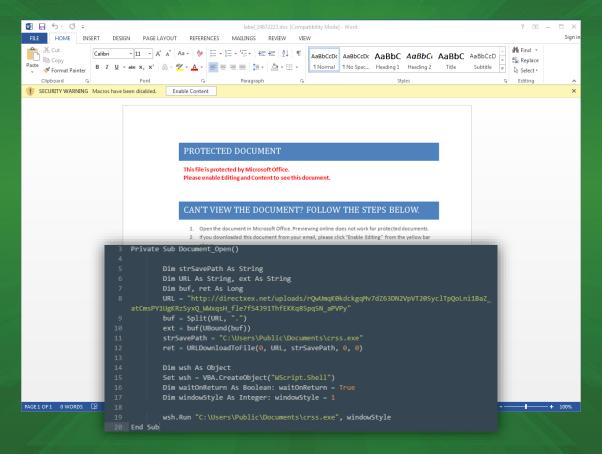


#### Social Engineering – Phishing Macro infection





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#### Angler/Bedep/Neutrino Exploit Kits



Been around since late 2013

Took over for the demise of Blackhole Exploit Kit



Bedep helps stifle the research process

Prevents payloads from being dropped on VMs



80% of all Drive-by-Attacks this year

Most are deploying CryptXXX

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Cyber Criminals using Angler generate \$3M/month

Almost exclusively from Ransomware



Attack Flash Player, Java, word and Silverlight vulnerabilities

Hack into legit website then simple IFRAME injection



Neutrino just recently took over Angler

Also has many prevention checks for research environments



## Malvertising Explained

Attack that uses online ads to spread malicious code



Cyber criminals submit boobytrapped advertisements to ad networks for real time bidding process



Malicious ads rotate with normal ads on legitimate, highly reputable sites



Users visits site with an infected ad



Invisible iframe redirects to exploit landing page where malicious code attacks the system



Malicious software is installed - usually Encrypting Ransomware





## **Encrypting Ransomware**

**Newest Variants** 



### CryptXXX



From the Creators
Of the Reveton FBI
lock

Very dedicated and always updating



Exclusively uses Exploit Kits

Malvertising and Hacked websites only way to get it



Default Payment is \$500



Now uses Neutrino after Angler was shut down



Is also known to drop Dridex

So this ransomware will also try and steal credentials



## CryptXXX

NOT YOUR LANGUAGE? USE https://translate.google.com
UWhat happened to your files?
□All of your files were protected by a strong encryption with RSA4096
□More information about the encryption keys using RSA4096 can be found here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSA_(cryptosystem)
□How did this happen ?
💵 Specially for your PC was generated personal RSA4096 Key , both public and private.
💵 ALL YOUR FILES were encrypted with the public key, which has been transferred to your computer via the Internet.
🗆 !!!! Decrypting of your files is only possible with the help of the private key and decrypt program , which is on our Secret Server
□What do I do?
□So , there are two ways you can choose: wait for a miracle and get your price doubled, or start obtaining BITCOIN NOW! , and restore your data easy way
□If You have really valuable data, you better not waste your time, because there is no other way to get your files, except make a payment
□Your personal ID: D7: E87
For more specific instructions, please visit your personal home page, there are a few different addresses pointing to your page below:
1 - http://rp4roxeuhcf2vgft.onion.to
□2 - http://rp4roxeuhcf2vgft.onion.cab
□3 - http://rp4roxeuhcf2vgft.onion.city
olf for some reasons the addresses are not available, follow these steps:
and the source reasons the addresses are not admastic, follow these steps:
1 - Download and install tor-browser: http://www.torproject.org/projects/torbrowser.html.en
□2 - Video instruction: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQrUZdsw2hA
□3 - After a successful installation, run the browser
□4 - Type in the address bar: http://rp4roxeuhcf2vgft.onion



### CryptoMix



No payment on the DarkNet

One of the few ransomware that doesn't have this



All communication is done via emailed links to encrypted messages



Encrypted messages are only displayed once and then lost forever



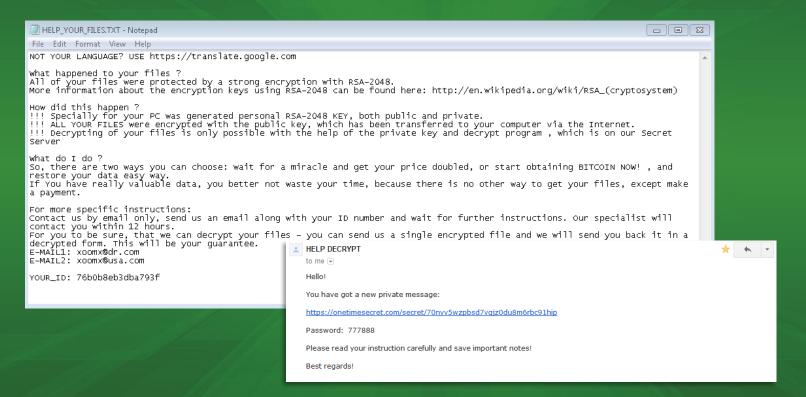
Extremely expensive at 5BTC ~ \$2900



Claim that you'll receive free tech support and all your ransom money goes to children charity



## CryptoMix





## CryptoMix

Dear User,

to decrypt your files You will need a special software with your special unique private key.

Price of software and your private key is 5 bitcoins. With this product you can <u>decrypt</u> all your files and protect Your system!!! Protect!!! Your system will be without any vulnerability.

Also You will have a FREE tech support for solving any PC troubles for 3 years!

You can buy bitcoins through this bitcoin web site https://localbitcoins.com/

Register there and find a nearest Bitcoin seller. It's easy! Choose more comfortable payment method for buying Bitcoin!

After that You should send 5 bitcoins to the bitcoin wallet address:

#### 2FH7sjkh83JH8flVh810DHrBg85HJwAg

All this process is very easy! It's like a simple money transfer.

And now most important information:

Your money will be spent for the children charity. So that is mean that You will get a participation in this process too. Many children will receive presents and medical help!

And We trust that you are kind and honest person! Thank You very much! We wish You all the best! Your name will be in the main donors list and will stay in the charity history!

P.S> When your payment will be delivered you will receive your software with private key IMMEDIATELY!

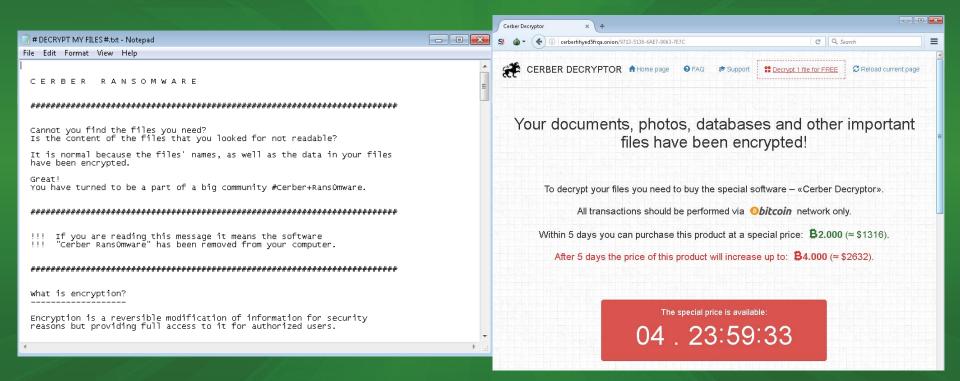
P.P.S> In the next 24 hours your price will be doubled by the Main Server automatically. So now you have a chance to restore your PC with low price!

Best regards,

Charity Team



#### Cerber





#### Ransomware Rivalry



RAW Paste Data

Tweets Tweets & replies Media



JANUS @JanusSecretary · Jul 26

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Now publishing leaked #chimera #ransomware keys:

pastebin.com/7HrZCsmT • @hasherezade



Like the analysts already detected, Mischa uses parts of the Chimera source. We are NOT connected to the people behind Chimera. Earlier this year we got access to big parts of their deveolpment system, and included parts of Chimera in our project.

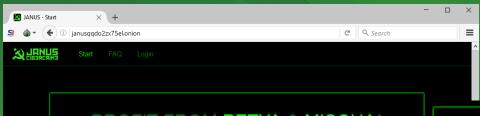
Additionally we now release about 3500 decryption keys from Chimera. They are RSA private keys and shown below in HEX format. It should not be difficult for antivirus companies to build a decrypter with this informations.

Please also check our RaaS system, which now has its registration opened: http://janusqqdo2zx75el.onion/

LINK: https://www.sendspace.com/file/0fk7wj



#### Ransomware Rivalry



#### PROFIT FROM PETYA & MISCHA!

#### HIGH INFECTION RATES

PETYA comes bundeled with his little brother MISCHA. Since PETYA can't do his evil work without administrative privileges, MISCHA launches when those can't be obtained.

PETYA does a low level encryption of the disk, which is a completly new technique in ransomware. MISCHA acts as an traditional file-based ransomware. For more informations see our FAQ

#### PROVABLY FAIR

#### CRYPTING SERVICE

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ment crypted binarys, and that 24/7. No need t
es, buy shitty crypters o
waste your money o
expensive crypting
expensive crypting

distributors with the highest volume, we provide a private stub That means a even more stable infection rate. For more informations see our

#### EASY ADMINISTRATION

Administrative lasks like viewing the latest infections, setting the ransom price or recrypting your binary can be done with an clean and simple web-interface.

We also have an qualified support, which will help you with any problems. Since this project is still in beta, we are open for any bug-report or feature request.

#### PAYMENT SHARE

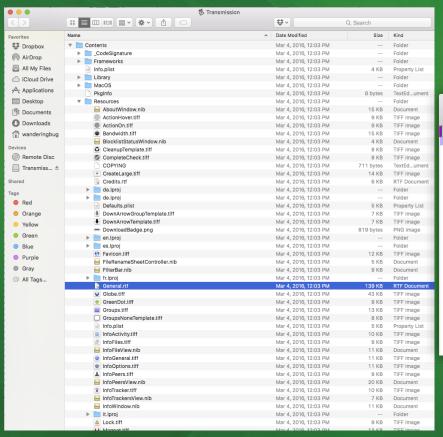
Your share on the payments you have generated is calculated with the following table. The more volume you generate in one week, the more share on the profit you get

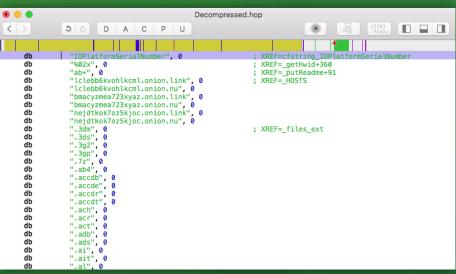
Example: If you generate a volume of 125 BTC, you get a payout of 106.25 BTC. That are at the moment about 45,000 USD! To get a volume over 100 BTC is not a big deal with the right feechnique!

Volume/Week	Share
<5 BTC	25%
<25 BTC	50%
	75%
>=125 BTC	85%



#### KeRanger – Mac OS Encrypting Ransomware







#### Ransomware for Thermostats





## The Advantages of Bitcoins



#### How To Clean Your Coins

Step 1
Deposit
Bitcoin



Step 2
Withdraw
Bitcoin

Confused? Questions? Check our FAQ or contact us



Bitcoin transactions can be viewed publicly in the blockchain, meaning anyone can analyze your bitcoin transactions and figure out their origins, potentially tracing them back to your exchanger where you bought the coins, thereby unmasking your real identity. Bitcoins are decentralized and peer-to-peer, but not anonymous by default. BitLaunder cleans your Bitcoins, removing all traces of previous ownership and transactions, thus completely 'washing' them to obscure their origins.

#### ANONYMIZE BITCOIN

Our Bitcoin laundry completely anonymizes your Bitcoin, masking their origins and obscuring their history.

#### **BITCOIN MIXER**

BitLaunder provides a full-featured Bitcoin Mixer, such as a 'quick and instant' method and a longer, more secure algorithm which completely scrambles your Bitcoin history.

**FAST AND EASY** 

#### LAUNDERING BITCOIN

We are experts at laundering bitcoins. We use the most sophisticated methods available to completely anonymize your bitcoins and obscure their history from forensic tracing. Almost all Bitcoins are tainted by illegal activity. Find out why you should use our Bitcoin tumbler

#### **TIME RELEASE**

Schedule your bitcoins to be released over a period of time to one address OR multiple addresses









# A Quick Guide to Stopping Ransomware

**5 Easy to follow Tips** 



## Deploy Reputable, Multi-Layered Endpoint Security





## Deploy Backup and Business Continuity Recovery



If there is a crypto ransomware infection, then the only recourse is to recover data and minimize business downtime. There are now many automated on-premise and cloud-based backup and continuity solutions that will back up data and create an air gap to stop ransomware from infecting networked drives. Business continuity also means minimal downtime and businesses can quickly return to normal.



#### Disable Macros and Autorun

Lots of crypto ransomware infect systems using macros. Macros can easily be disabled in the Trust Center of every version of Microsoft® Office. It is also possible to enable individual macros, should they be used for a particular task. While autorun is a useful feature, it is often used by malware to propagate. For instance, USB sticks will use autorun to proliferate, as do commonly used by Visual Basic Script (VBS) malware and worms. It is best to Policy disable autorun.





#### Create Strong Windows Policies



When it comes to crypto ransomware, consider using Windows Policies to block certain paths and file extensions from running. Policies can be set up in groups, which is useful if varying levels of access are required. (Note: Test any policies on a test PC.) Examples of useful policies include: blocking executables in temp or temp+appdata and the creation of startup entries. The following files types shouldn't be run in the following directories: .SCR, .PIF, and .CPL in users' temp, program data, or desktop.

#### Use Policies to Block Volume Shadow Copy Service

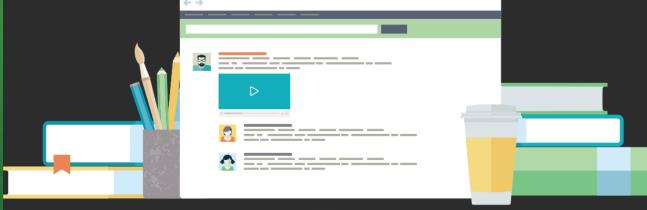
Windows creates local copies of files using the VSS copy service. Ransomware like CryptoLocker will encrypt this area because it holds VSS copies for the local drive (normally the C:\ drive). Using Windows Policies to block access to the service helps stop ransomware like CryptoLocker from erasing local drive file backups. Policies should point to the VSSAdmin executable. Any attempt to access or stop the service will result in a block.





#### **Educate Users**

As always with security, users are often the weakest link. Malware will continue to thrive and be a viable business as long as staff are unaware and uneducated on the risks of the Internet. Providing the basics will protect users at home and in the office.







## Thank you.

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