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Emerging Threats

Ransomware: The Rise, Death and Resurrection of Digital Extortion

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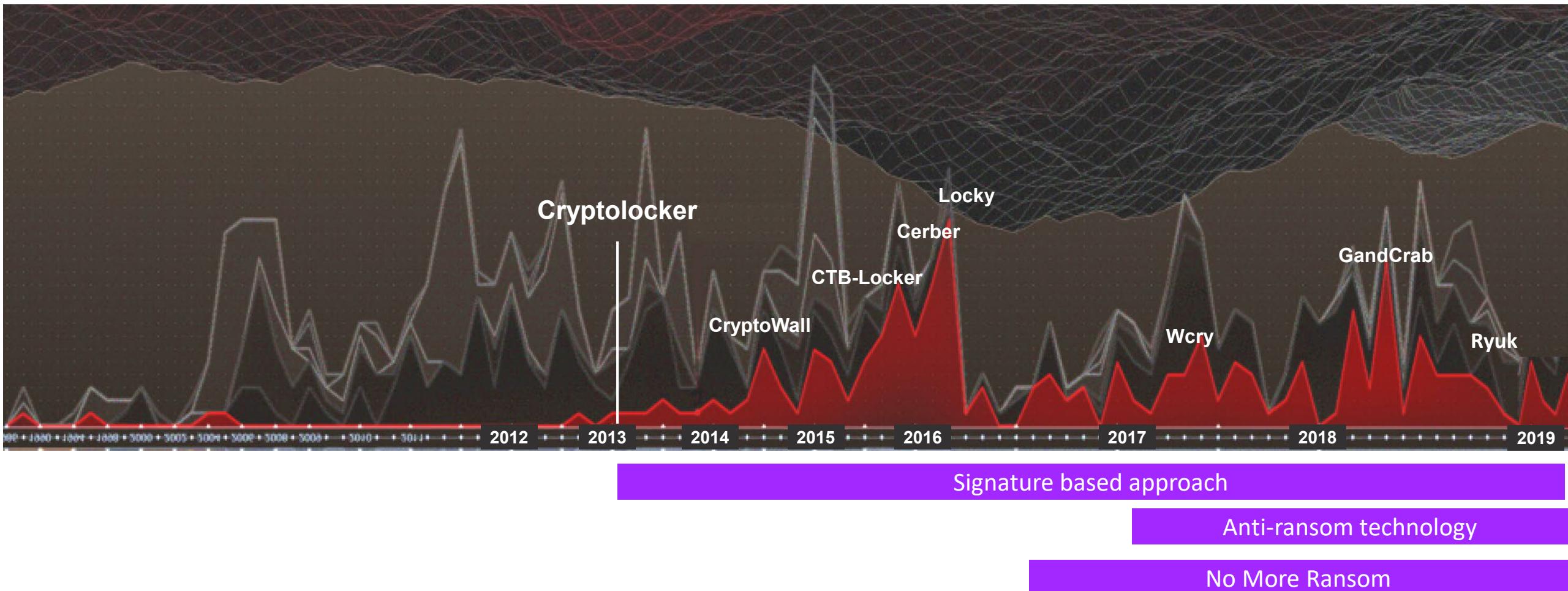
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So what is on the Menu today?

- This session is primarily focused on Ransomware
 - The Rise, Death and Resurrection of Ransomware explained
 - Insights in one of our ransomware investigations
 - Prevention tips
 - Mitigation tips

The fall (Death): Decline in new ransomware families 2018



Ransomware Resurrected

From opportunistic to targeted

- RDP based attacks are increasingly favorable
- SAMSAM, Bitpaymer, Ryuk, GandCrab and now also Matrix ransomware

#379512 - NO REFUND FOR FRESH RDP!

\$10
United States

Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2407 0 @ 2.20GHz
Memory (RAM): -- | Cores: 4

Dwn. Speed: 6.52 Mbit/s | Up. Speed: 4.57 Mbit/s

Admin Rights: ✓
Direct IP: ✗
Antivirus: Unknown Blacklist: [Check](#)
proxyScore: [Check](#)

Domain: *.
ISP: City

Browsers:
[IE](#)
[Chrome](#)

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Online Shops:
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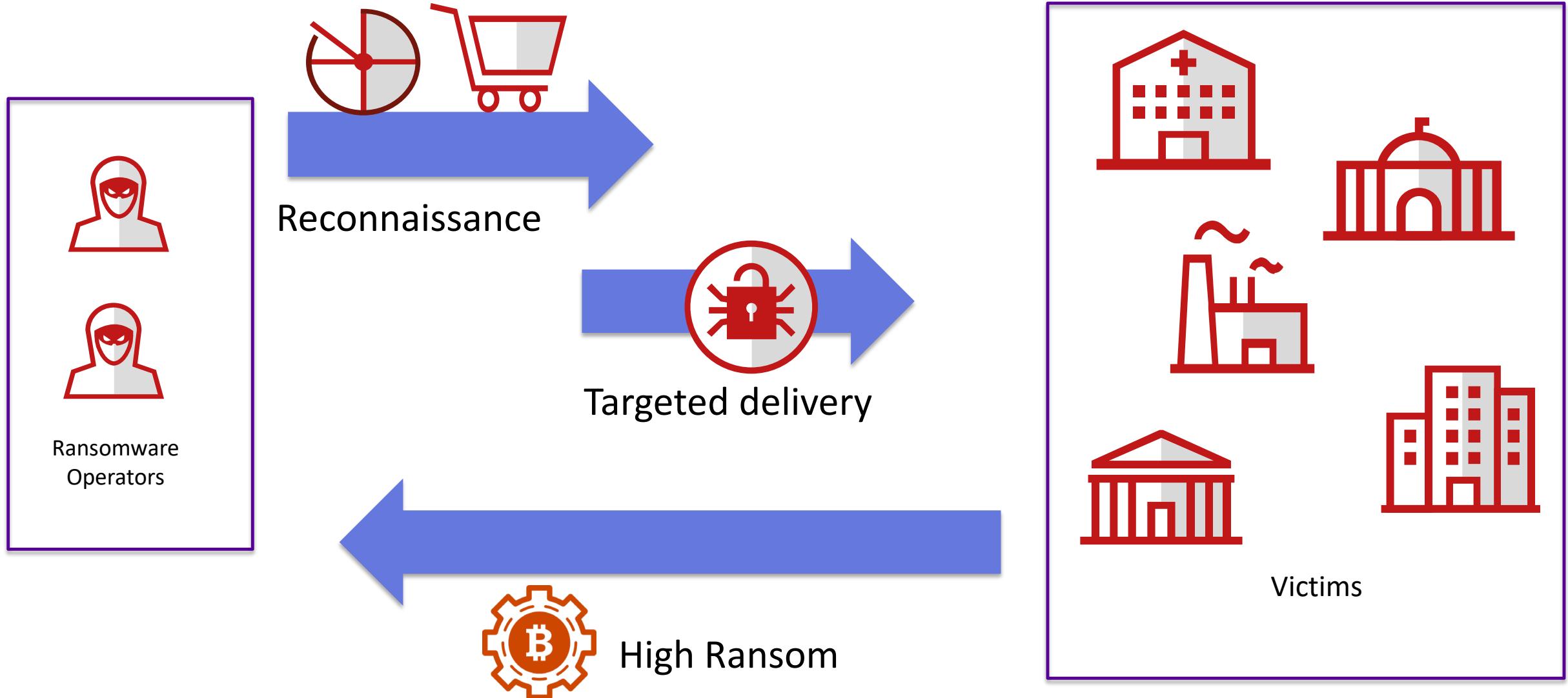
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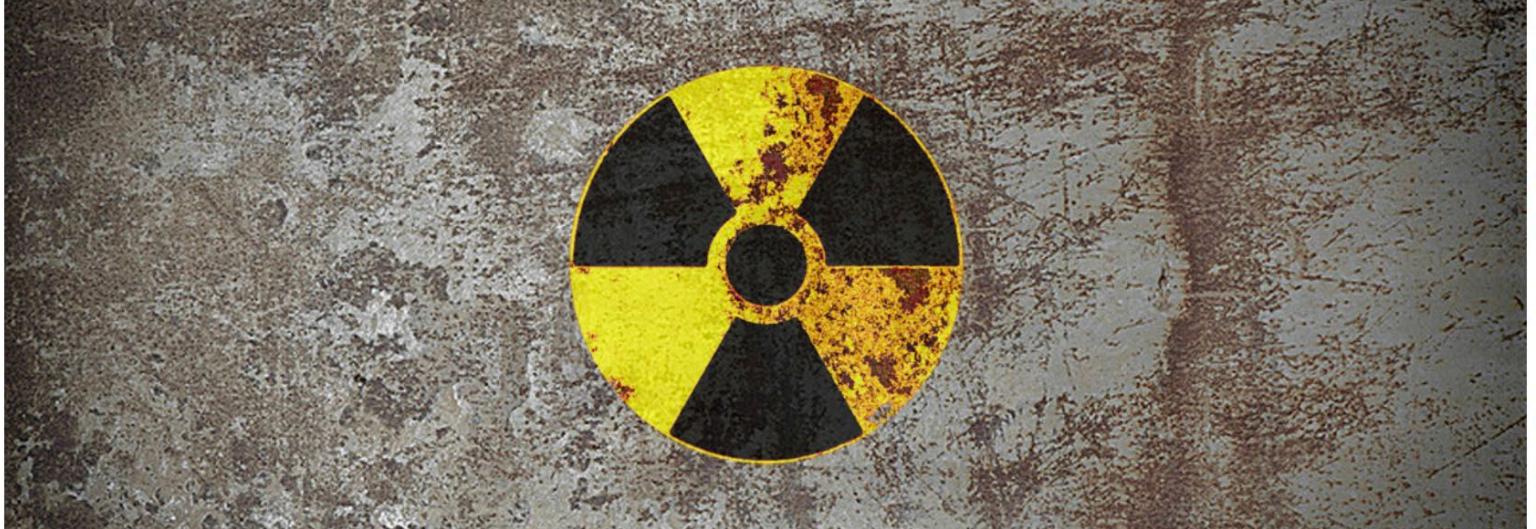
Rise : targeted Ransomware



Rise : Ransomware-as-a-Service are growing stronger

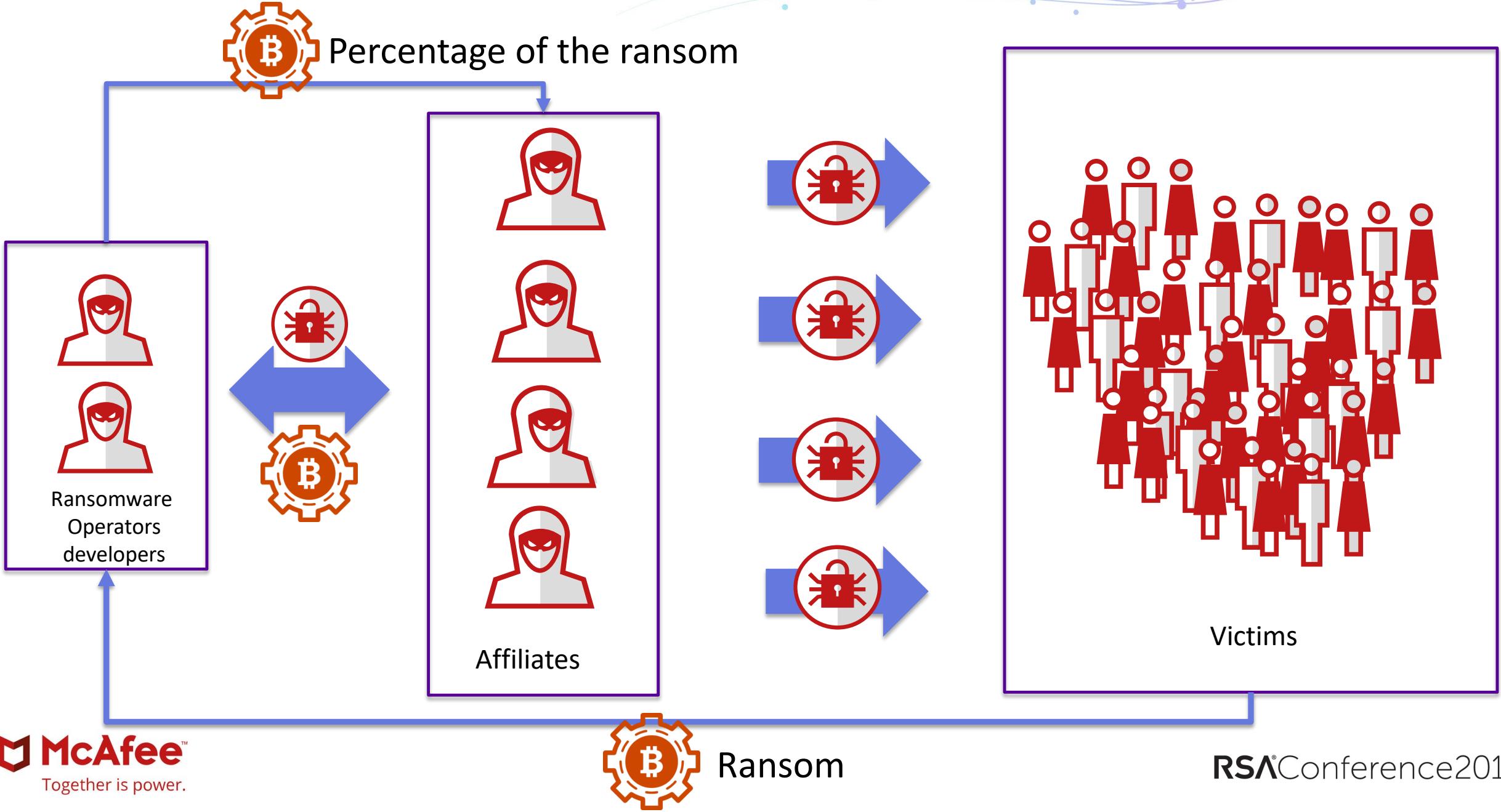
New Fallout Exploit Kit Drops GandCrab Ransomware or Redirects to PUPs

By [Lawrence Abrams](#) September 6, 2018 06:24 PM 0



A new exploit kit called Fallout is being used to distribute the GandCrab ransomware, malware downloading Trojans, and other potentially unwanted programs (PUPs).

Rise : Ransomware-as-a-Service (RaaS) Model



Gandcrab

09/27/2018 6:16 PM

Sent # 128



No More Ransom



Group: Seller

Messages: 279

Registration: 12/18/2017

User No: 84 324

Activity: Virology

Reputation: 52

(6% is good)



Despite all the storms and storms, our crab steadfastly and proudly walks like a cruiser along the fairway.

Undoubtedly, I would like to thank you, dear adverts. It is your job that helps us go forward, look for unique solutions and be the flagship in our niche.

Our monthly income with you is more than 1 million dollars. And this figure will constantly grow. We invest most of our revenue into development — new exploits, new methods, integration with other services, and so on.

When we updated the crab for version 4, we thought that this would be the most global update of its entire existence and the coming months. But no. I dare to assure you that the new update is comparable in scale to the 4th version, and somewhere even surpasses.

I present you the 5 version of GandCrab.

What's new?

1. Added a PowerShell script builder in admin panel. Many people appreciate him because he allows him to pass where even the most top-notch LoadPE of crypts passes, and the ordinary one cannot even crawl to a cannon shot.

The PowerShell script allows you to pass antivirus protection like butter, while not leaving traces in the system. Thus, everyone can now independently build and use.



How to prepare a crab?



Breaking GandCrab's shell

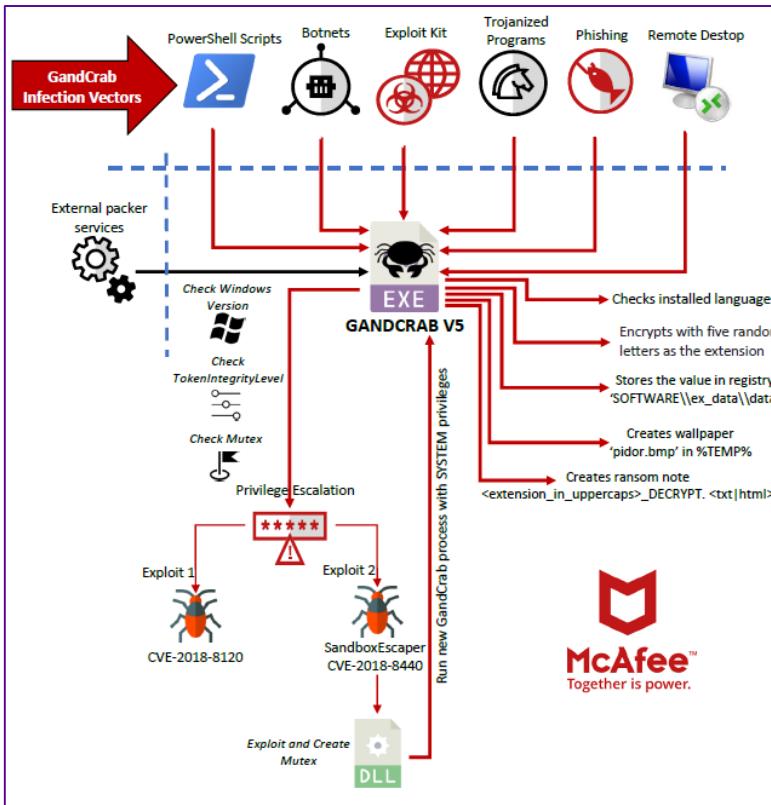
Pulling it apart, building detection Understanding the details

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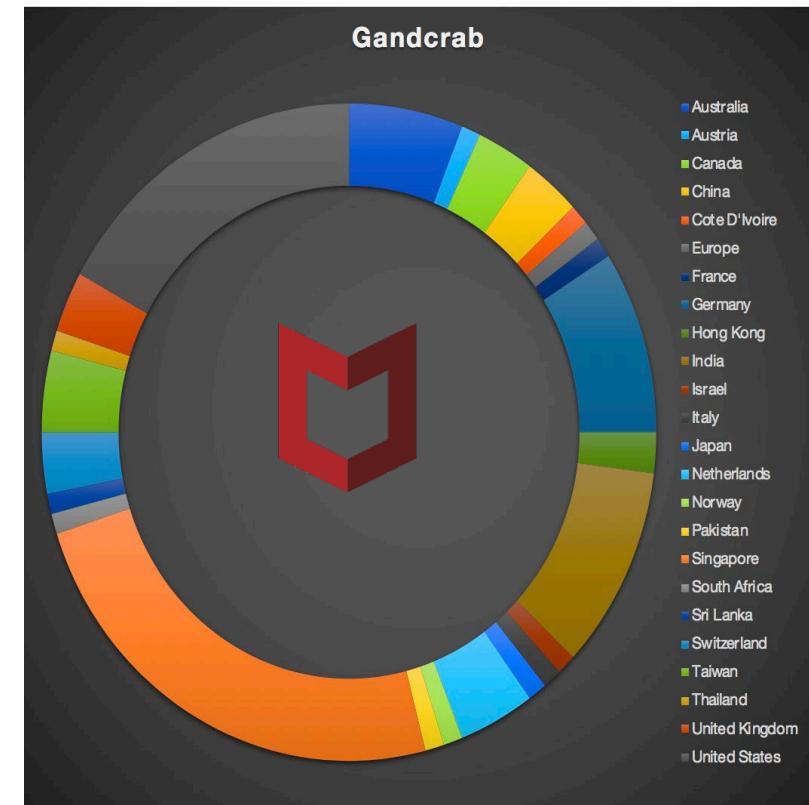
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push   0
push   0
push   dword ptr [ebp-274h]
push   0
push   0
lea    eax, [ebp-104h]
push   eax
lea    eax, [ebp-254h]
push   eax
call   ds:StartXpsPrintJob
mov    [ebp-264h], eax
cmp    dword ptr [ebp-2Ch], 0
jz    short loc_4085A7
mov    eax, [ebp-2Ch]
mov    eax, [eax]
push   dword ptr [ebp-2Ch]
call    dword ptr [eax+14h]

loc_4085A7:           ; CODE XREF: .text:0040859A↑j
call   ds:CoUninitialize
2710h
push   dword ptr [ebp-268h]
call   ds:WaitForSingleObject
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jmp    short loc_4085CE

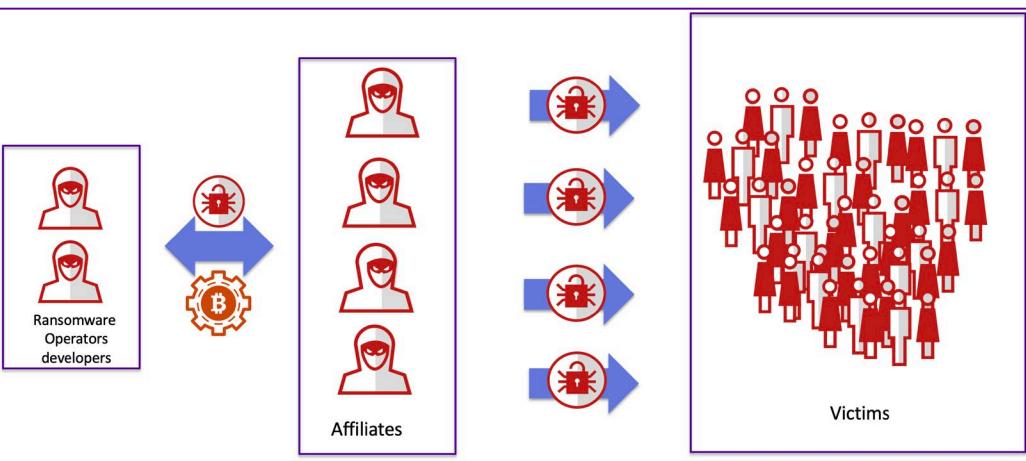
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Finding victims



Accounting is crucial for successful RaaS criminals



The Big Picture

- Hunting for Samples
 - Yara rules
 - Custom software
 - More than 280 samples
 - Hunting Detections
 - Building an overview

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Connecting the dots..

From samples to affiliates to victims

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Fighting back,

Private sector and Law Enforcement together

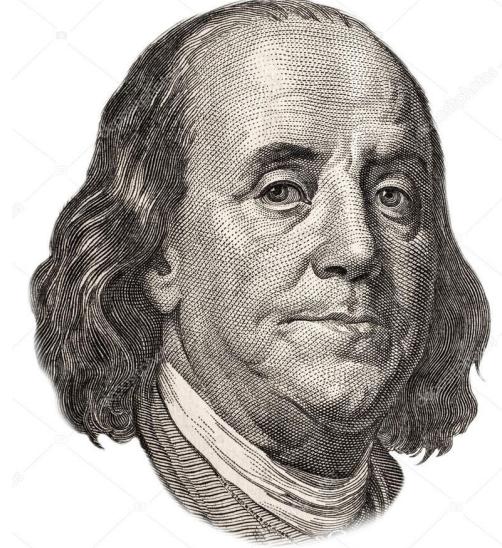
- Public-private initiative
- Nr.1 portal for decryption tools
- Thousands computers unlocked
- More than 22 million USD saved



Prevention Tips

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure"

- Back-up! Back-up! Back-up!
- Use robust Endpoint security software
- Network segmenting
- Robust identity management
- Keep all the software on your computer up to date
- Show file extensions
- Consider setting up a software restriction Policy (SRP)



Mitigation Tips

- Don't turn off or reboot the computer
- Disconnect it immediately from the internet or other network connections, when infected
- Create a memory dump
- DO NOT delete any files (inc. Ransom notes)
- Take pictures for evidence
- Make copy of the encrypted drive
- Try to recover files with forensic tools like [PhotoRec](#)

- Don't pay, but check NoMoreRansom.org for a possible decryptor
- If you decide to pay except the risk of losing everything and seek professional advice

Apply What You Have Learned Today

- After this talk you should have:
 - A better understanding of the Ransomware threat landscape
 - Identify the different types of Ransomware
- Next week you should:
 - Identify your Ransomware security posture
- In the first three months you should:
 - Set-up a plan and to roll-out the necessary prevention methods
 - Develop a ransomware mitigation strategy

Key take-aways

- Back-ups
- Don't pay

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Thank you!!



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