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Account Takeovers Targeting the United States

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Commercial in confidence

16.09.2020

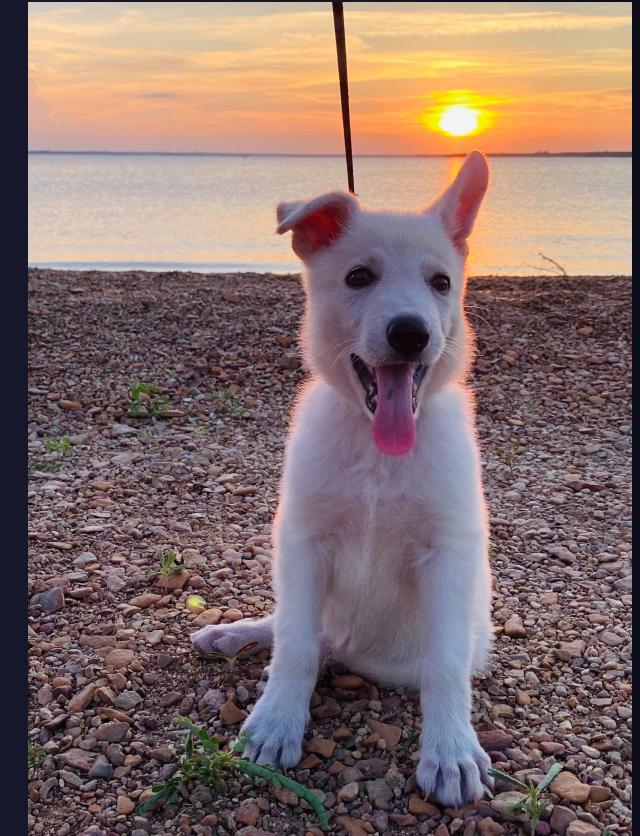
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kaceyclark@digitalshadows:~\$ whoami

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- Threat Research Team Lead
- ShadowTalk Host (US)
- Recovering US Gov IT Recruiter
- Avid Outdoorswoman
- GSD Mom



Agenda

- Defining Account Takeover
- The Market For Exposed Credentials
- ATO Attacker's Toolkit
- Taking a Proactive Stance
- Resources & Shameless Plug
- Questions

DEFINING ACCOUNT TAKEOVER

The process of gaining access to a victim account, often by compromise or credential re-use



80%

Breaches related to hacking involved brute-force cracking or the use of lost or stolen credentials.

The Market for Exposed Credentials

Accounts For Sale

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k.pax

kilobyte



Paid registration



27 posts

Joined

05/23/20 (ID: 104497)

Activity

хакинг / hacking

Posted June 14

006) Law Firms & Legal Services in US
Cost = 500\$
Access = Domain admin
Revenue = 24M



Quote

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Posted June 2 (edited)

004) Software engineering Company in US
Cost = 2.5k\$
Access = Domain admin
Revenue = 200M

Edited June 2 by k.pax



Quote

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Posted May 25

On 5/25/2020 at 11:31 AM, k.pax said:

002) Film making studio in US
cost = 1k\$
access = Domain admin

SOLD OUT

+ Quote

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Activity

хакинг / hacking

Posted May 27 (edited)

003) Cyber Security company in US
cost = 700\$
access = Domain admin
Revenue = 5M

Edited May 27 by k.pax

+ Quote

pshmm

megabyte



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58 posts

Joined

03/31/20 (ID: 102146)

Activity

вирусология / malware

Posted July 1

hi

i have access to domain controller of US health care company

4000 pc and ~50 server

send your price in pm for buy access

escrow welcome

2minutenoodles

Posted August 15

kilobyte



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45 posts

Joined

07/05/20 (ID: 106020)

Activity

кардинг / carding

Company Info:

Location: US

Market: Logistics

Revenue: \$30 million

Employees: 150

Access: Domain Admin

Finance and Employee info gotten from ZoomInfo.

Price: \$1000



Nikolay

Joined: 2 years ago

86 posts

Primary post

Selling **Access** to US Water District

Have over 20k clients in two cities

Regular updates

Reservoirs and precipitation data/

Sustainable city groundwater basin management

Service connections about 4000.

Revenue 20m\$

Online payment on website.

Price \$3500

Domain Admin.

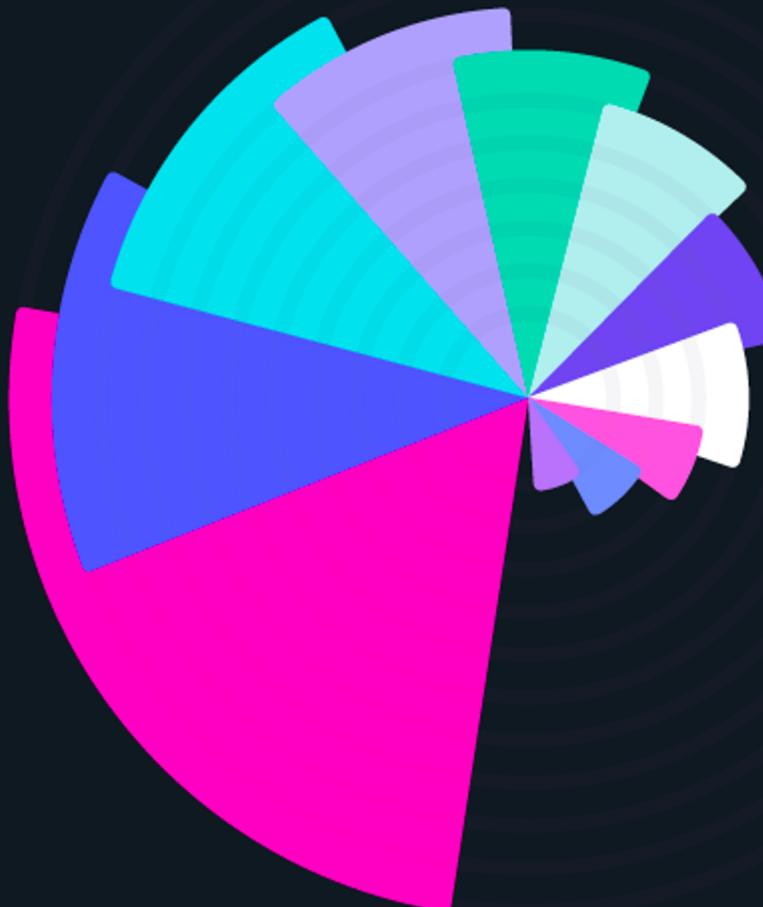
AVERAGE PRICE OF LISTINGS BASED ON AN ANALYSIS OF DOZENS OF LISTINGS BY THREE SAMPLE VENDORS IN 2020.



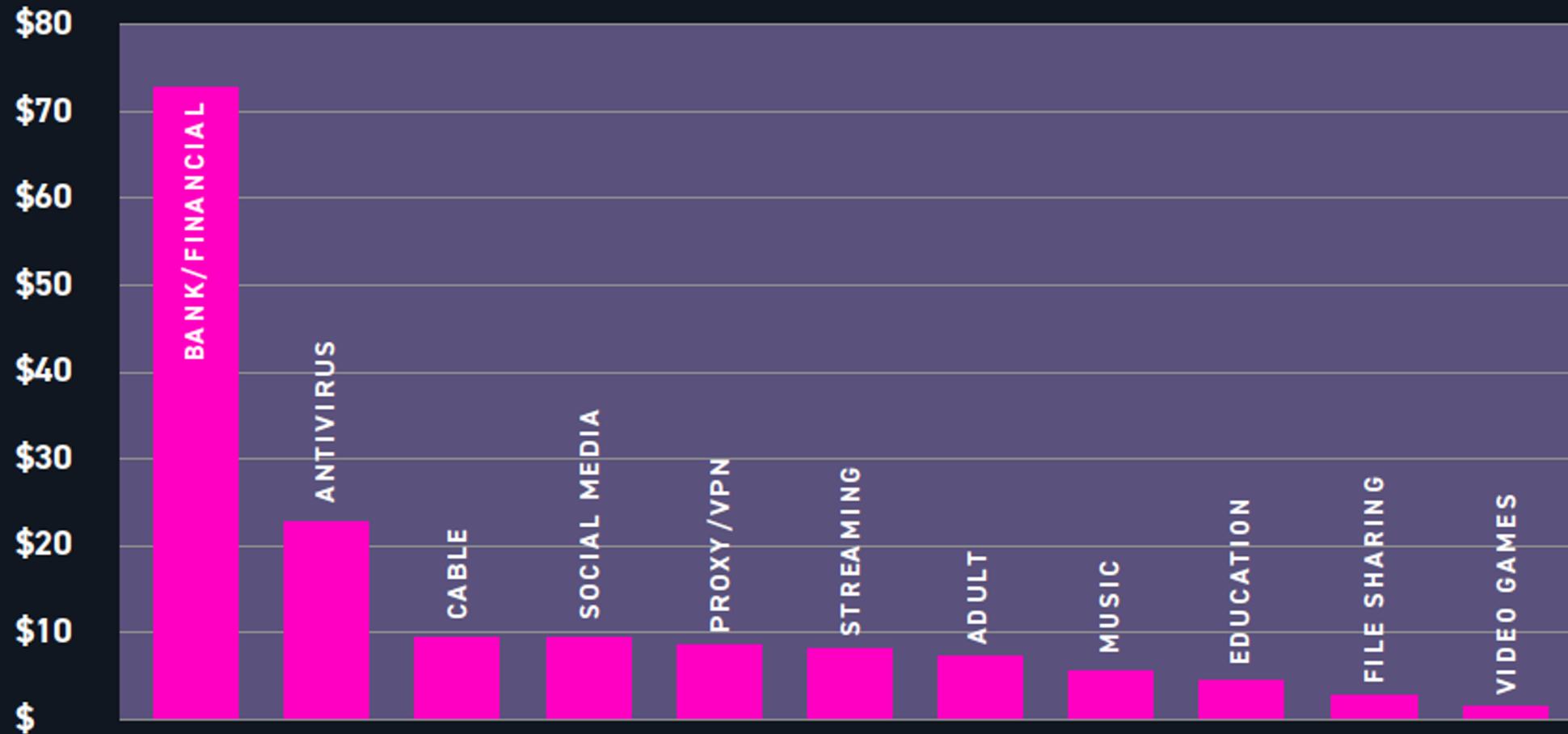
BREAKDOWN OF FREQUENCY OF DIFFERENT ACCOUNT LISTINGS

PERCENTAGE OF LISTINGS

- 25% BANK/FINANCIAL
- 13% STREAMING
- 12% PROXY/VPN
- 9% CABLE
- 8% EDUCATION
- 7% ADULT
- 7% MUSIC
- 7% FILE SHARING
- 5% SOCIAL MEDIA
- 5% ANTIVIRUS
- 2% VIDEO GAMES



AVERAGE COST OF ONE ACCOUNT FOR DIFFERENT ONLINE SERVICES



DID SOMEONE SAY

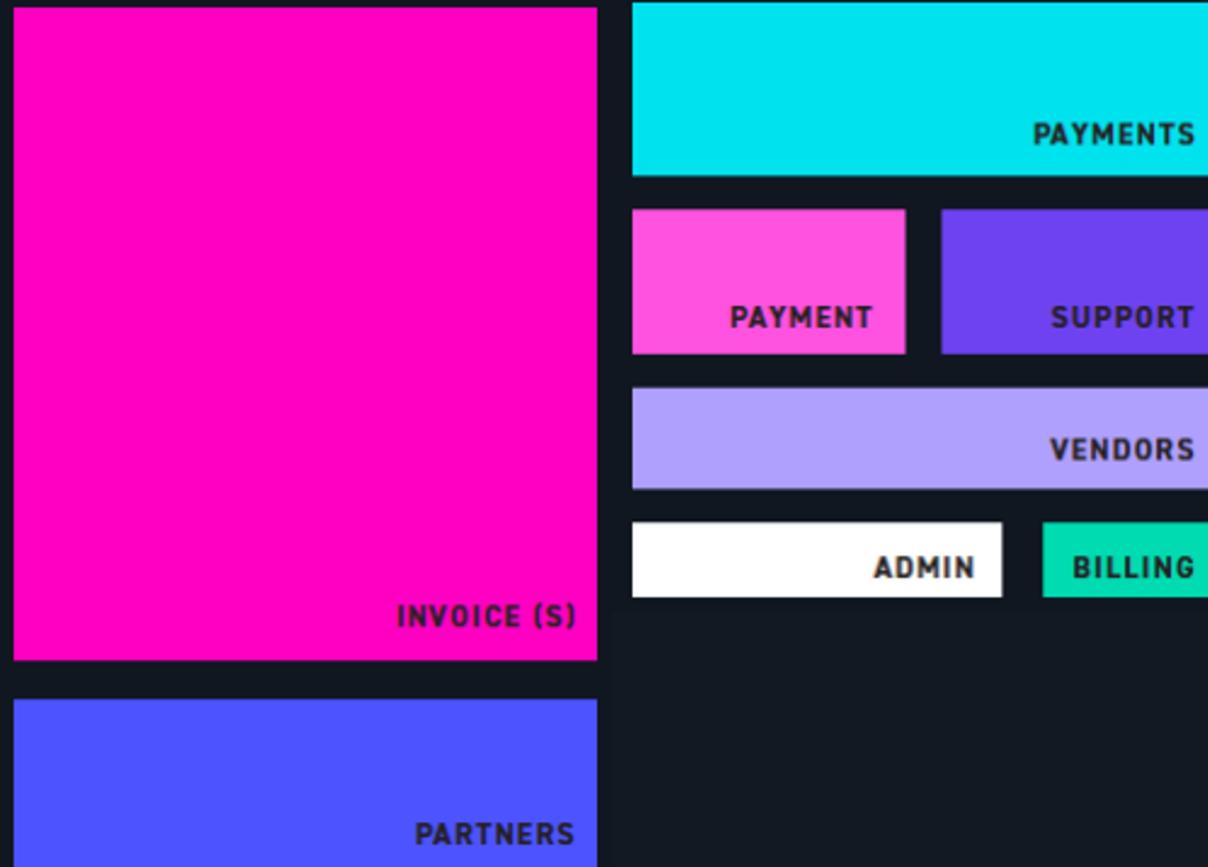
FREE STUFF?

15,000,000,000
Credentials Exposed

**TYPES OF PASSWORD HASHES COLLECTED BY DIGITAL SHADOWS,
EXCLUDING THOSE STORED IN PLAINTEXT.**



2 Million Accounting Usernames



AVERAGE CREDENTIALS PER ONE ORGANIZATION PER SECTOR

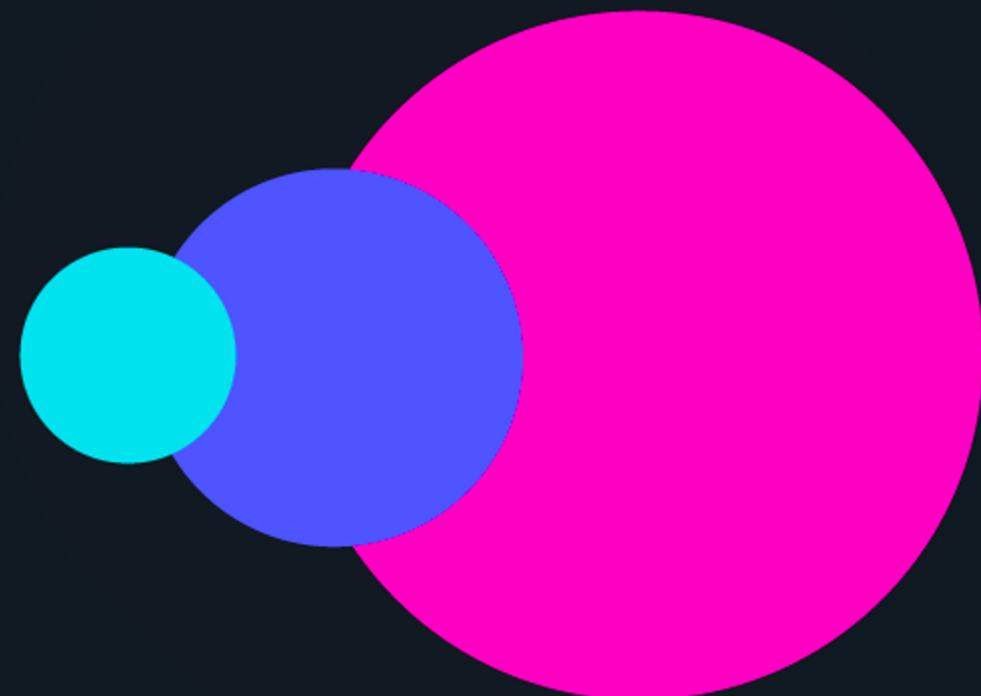
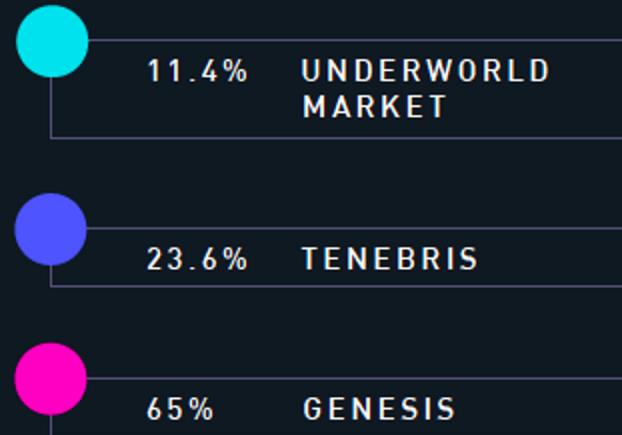


ATO ATTACKER'S TOOLKIT

The screenshot shows the genesis web interface. The top navigation bar includes a logo, a search bar, and user account icons. The main menu on the left lists Dashboard, News, Bots, Orders, Purchases, Payments, and Tickets. The current page is the Bots dashboard, indicated by the active 'Bots' link in the menu and the title 'Bots' at the top. The dashboard features a search bar with filters for BOT NAME, SORT FP, RESOURCES KNOWN / OTHER, COUNTRY / HOST, and PRICE. It also includes a 'Filter bot name' input field, dropdowns for 'Any' and 'amazon', and buttons for 'Filter IP/Country/OS' and 'Filter \$'. Below the search bar, there are several small icons representing different bot categories. At the bottom right, there are statistics: 1 message, 56 bots, 0 = 57.

PREVALENCE OF DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO THREE FINGERPRINTING SERVICES BY TOTAL REFERENCES

JANUARY 2020-JUNE 2020

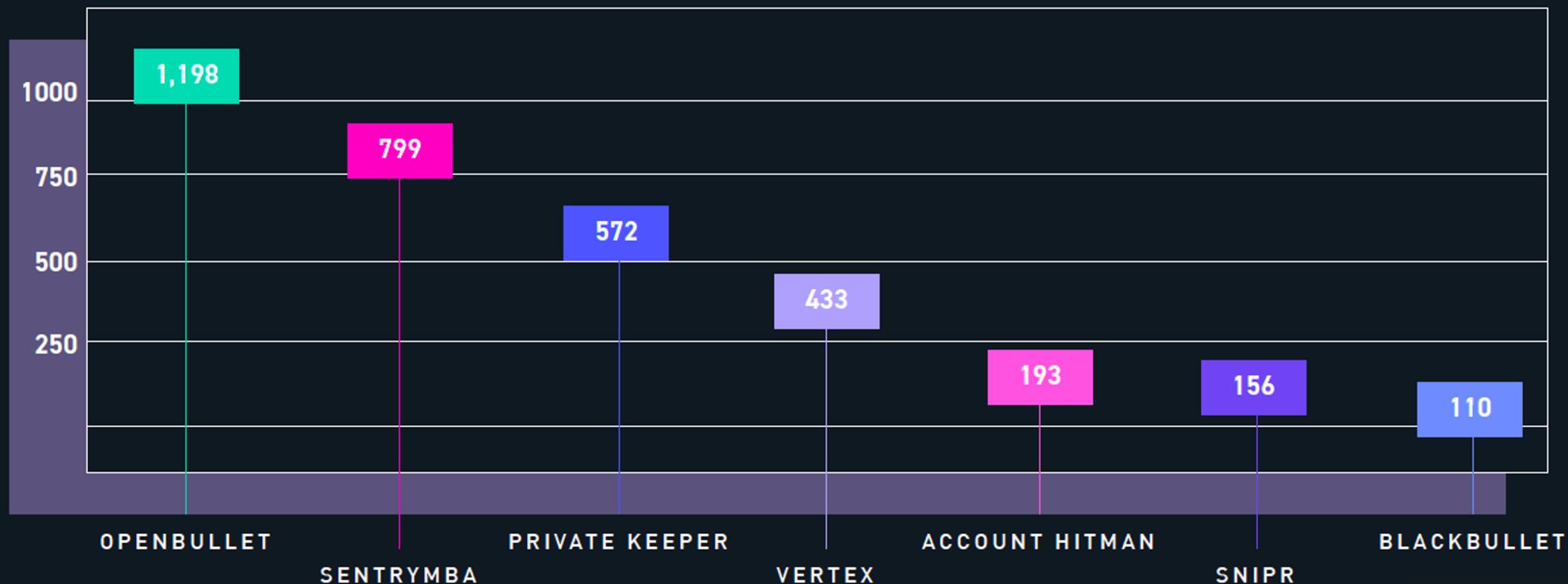


- Brute-force tools
- Account checkers
- Credential stuffing tools
- SentryMBA
- Rising star: OpenBullet

The screenshot shows the OpenBullet 1.3.9 [Anomaly] application window. The title bar reads "OpenBullet 1.3.9 [Anomaly]". The menu bar includes "Runner", "Proxies", "Wordlists", "Configs" (which is highlighted in blue), "Hits DB", "Tools", "Settings", and "About". Below the menu is a sub-menu with "Manager", "Stacker", "Other Options", and "OCR Testing". A status bar at the bottom displays "Current Config: " and "Total Configs: 107". On the right side of the status bar is a checkbox labeled "Disable Repository". The main area is a table with the following columns: Name, Author, Category, Proxies, Captchas, Selenium, CF, and Last Modified. The table lists 107 configurations, each with a unique name like "File-Upload", "Gamekit", "HBO NOW", etc., and their respective details. At the bottom of the table, there are buttons for "Allowed Wordlists:", "Last Modified:", "Built with version:", "Blocks Amount:", "Suggested Bots:", and "Author:". There is also an "Additional Info:" section.

Name	Author	Category	Proxies	Captchas	Selenium	CF	Last Modified
File-Upload	xX-365094-Xx	Repository	True	False	False	False	4/11/2019 6:59:13 AM
Gamekit	xX-365094-Xx	Repository	True	False	False	False	5/10/2019 12:49:26 AM
HBO NOW	X-Gunpoint69	Repository	True	False	False	False	5/17/2019 10:58:15 AM
Hulu	NestleNutella	Repository	True	False	False	False	4/6/2019 5:35:24 AM
LoLNA_Huffy	Huffy	Repository	True	False	False	False	4/7/2019 4:59:13 AM
LifelsFeudal	LethalLuck	Repository	False	False	False	False	5/9/2019 4:07:15 AM
Lovoo	xX-365094-Xx	Repository	True	False	False	False	5/19/2019 4:08:13 AM
Luminati	LethalLuck	Repository	False	False	False	False	6/1/2019 10:27:20 AM
Moolineo	xX-365094-Xx	Repository	True	False	False	False	5/18/2019 12:42:22 AM
Netflix_Fast	Fuck account theifs	Repository	True	False	False	False	6/7/2019 6:56:48 PM
Nexon	LethalLuck	Repository	False	False	False	False	5/8/2019 6:01:27 AM
Nord VPN	LethalLuck	Repository	True	False	False	False	6/5/2019 5:13:42 AM
Nostal	xX-365094-Xx	Repository	True	False	False	False	5/22/2019 5:54:30 AM
OtoHit	xX-365094-Xx	Repository	True	False	False	False	4/12/2019 12:20:14 AM
PacketStream	xX-365094-Xx	Repository	True	False	False	False	5/26/2019 3:26:23 AM
PointsPrizes	Aruz	Repository	True	False	False	False	5/10/2019 1:35:24 AM
Romadonspain	xX-365094-Xx	Repository	True	False	False	False	5/5/2019 12:40:33 AM

MENTIONS OF VARIOUS CREDENTIAL STUFFING TOOLS ACROSS CRIMINAL LOCATIONS IN 2020.



Moving to a Proactive Stance

Prioritize Patching

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 Forum post	Хакеры эксплуатируют уязвимость в корпоративном VPN проблема известна под идентификатором CVE-2019-11510, инструменты для ее использования можно свободно ... уязвимостью CVE-2019-11510 успели воспользоваться разные хак-группы, но за инцидентами, обнаруженными	Posted 30 Dec 2019 09:40	Source: https://dublik2ugjorycsj.onion/threads/xakery-ehkspluatirujut-ujazvimost-v-korporativnom-vpn.153522/...	Observables 1 CVE 	Associated user GLOV Network Tor Site Categories Criminal
 Forum post	Хакеры эксплуатируют уязвимость в корпоративном VPN проблема известна под идентификатором CVE-2019-11510, инструменты для ее использования можно свободно ... уязвимостью CVE-2019-11510 успели воспользоваться разные хак-группы, но за инцидентами, обнаруженными	Posted 30 Dec 2019 09:35	Source: https://tenec.biz/index.php?posts/49491	Observables 1 CVE 	Associated user GLOV Network Internet Site Categories Hacking
 Forum post	После раскрытия уязвимостей на Black Hat начались атаки на ... , в том числе на GitHub 1: https://github.com/imjdl/CVE-2019-11510-poc/blob/master/poc.py 2: https://badpackets.net/over-14500-pulse-secure-vpn-endpoints-vulnerable-to-cve-2019-11510-2019-11510 (Pulse Secure) и CVE-2018-13379 (FortiGate). Обе уязвимости представляют собой проблемы ... уязвимостей в вышеупомянутых продуктах, и две из этих проблем оказались весьма полезны злоумышленникам: CVE	Posted 26 Aug 2019 11:36	Closed Source Source: http://verified2ebdpvms.onion/showthread.php?p=1060315#post1060315	Observables 2 Domains 2 CVEs 	Associated user INC. Network Tor Site Categories Criminal

ID Early Discussions and Advertisements

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The screenshot displays two separate forum posts from different sources, both advertising ransomware builder tools.

Post 1: Thanos Ransomware Affiliate Program

- Associated user:** Nosophoros
- Forum Name:** MALWARE: троины, связки, эксплойты, АЗ, крипт

Post 2: NEMTY Ransomware (TOR Panel)

- Associated user:** jenot
- Forum Name:** (Darkweb) - malware, exploits, bundles, crypt

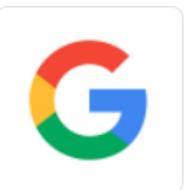
Observables (None, Email (1), Domains (2))

Post content:

Primary post:
Hi guys I am very pleased for the opportunity to introduce my new malware for many years and update my previous post.
Thanos Private Ransomware Builder. Here is the link:
[https://i.postimg.cc/JhRDd4MB/2019-11-\[img\].zip](https://i.postimg.cc/JhRDd4MB/2019-11-[img].zip)
[https://i.postimg.cc/5yfffjKw/2019-11-\[img\].zip](https://i.postimg.cc/5yfffjKw/2019-11-[img].zip)
Ransomware Builder is designed for both Windows and Linux operating systems. It can encrypt files and modify their extensions to .thanos. The ransom note will be displayed on the screen and saved to a file named 'readme.txt'. The note will contain instructions on how to pay the ransom and where to send the payment. The ransom amount will be determined by the size of the encrypted files. The ransom note will also contain a QR code that can be scanned by a smartphone to access the payment page. The ransomware will also include a self-destruct timer that will delete itself after a certain amount of time if no payment is received. The ransomware will also include a feature that will delete all system logs and files related to the infection. The ransomware will also include a feature that will delete all system logs and files related to the infection.

Thread content:

Primary post:
Предлагаем вступить в партнерство с программой NEMTY.
Сама программа из Сети и используется на Windows XP.
Поддержка Windows XP (для старых и новых).
Файлы чистого, никаких не зашифрованных блоков - 0%.
Удобная панель с множеством функций.
Без контактов в ВК, указывая количество трафика и отходы.



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Phone: (650) 253-0000

Website: www.google.com

Employees: 118,899

Revenue: \$161 Billion

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Monitor for Leaked Access Keys

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```
investigator@bsidesdfw:~$ trufflehog https://github.com/robinyokeys/workstation_setup
~~~~~
Reason: High Entropy
Date: 2019-10-26 10:31:09
Hash: 0d0ed42d616991b1e7f7a58c5b8c444ac5698798
Filepath: desktop_setup.sh
Branch: origin/master
Commit: Create desktop_setup.sh
@@ -1,14 +0,0 @@
#!/bin/bash
```

truffleHog

Gitrob: Putting the Open Source in OSINT

Gitrob is a tool to help find potentially sensitive files pushed to public repositories on Github. Gitrob will clone repositories belonging to a user or organization down to a configurable depth and iterate through the commit history and flag files that match signatures for potentially sensitive files. The findings will be presented through a web interface for easy browsing and analysis.



GitHub Secret Scanning

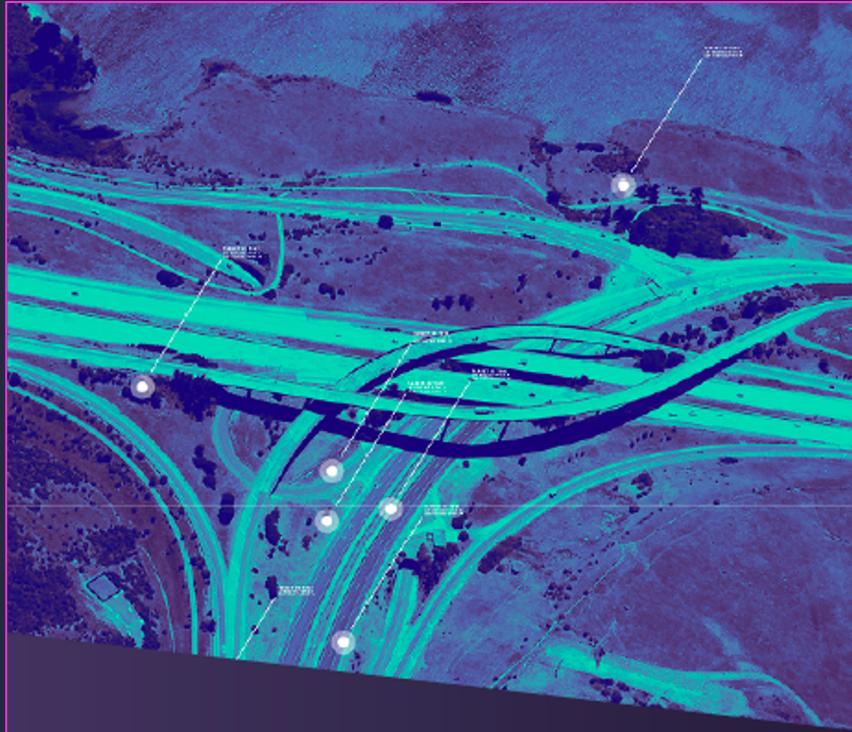
Monitor for Potentially Malicious Domains

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Buy domains
similar to yours

Monitor domain
registration
activity

Resources & Shameless Plug



FROM EXPOSURE TO TAKEOVER

The 15 billion stolen credentials allowing account takeovers

Authors: Digital Shadows Photon Research Team

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<https://resources.digitalshadows.com/whitepapers-and-reports/from-exposure-to-takeover>

PROTECT YA NECK (AND YOUR ACCOUNTS)

ATO isn't new, and there are several ways it can be thwarted (see our list at the end), but it's worth pointing out two known mitigation methods that attackers have proven their ability to beat: CAPTCHA and 2FA.

The concern with CAPTCHA

CAPTCHA (Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart) was initially introduced to hinder automated bots and malware from being able to communicate with websites. In true form, cybercriminals found a way to bypass this website defense by deploying a variety of methods: human-assisted solving services, machine learning solutions, and automated tools (e.g. Anticaptcha, Buster) among them.

One of the reasons Sentry MBA has been so successful is that it can bypass some forms of CAPTCHA by using its optical character recognition module or a database containing a plethora of CAPTCHA images and answers.

The failure in 2FA

Let's be very clear: 2FA is better than just a username-password pair. But it's now clear now that it isn't infallible. SMS message-based 2FA takes a lot of criticism for being less secure than other 2FA methods; there are several well-documented issues. SIM-jacking (SMS hijacking), for example, is a type of attack that uses social-engineering methods to convince mobile network providers to transfer a victim's mobile service to a new, attacker-controlled SIM card. Any 2FA codes are then automatically routed to the attacker.

Other attacks that target SMS-based authentication include SS7 hijacking, which involves exploiting a weakness in Signaling System No 7, allowing attackers to intercept and eavesdrop on data, texts, and locations of a mobile device, perform man-in-the-middle attacks, and use tools like "Mureana". It's not just SMS-based 2FA, either. Earlier this year, the "Cerberus" malware was discovered to have added the ability to bypass Google Authenticator *.

Methods to bypass 2FA are commonly discussed on cybercriminal forums. In December 2019, for example, one user of Exploit created a thread to sell a method that would bypass 2FA systems at a United States-based online bank. The cybercriminal said their system would allow every seven to nine out of ten accounts to be accessed without requiring SMS verification, and valued their offer at USD 5,000.

For more detailed information about this very topic, see our in-depth report [Two-Factor In Review](#).

8. Cerberus is frequently discussed on Russian-language cybercriminal forums

9. <https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/cerberus-android-malware-can-bypass-2fa-unlock-devices-remotely/>

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Figure 27: Exploit user's offer to sell a method to bypass 2FA systems at a bank

Busting the takeover artists

Becoming truly resilient to ATO requires a shift in behavior and practice, from both the organization and its employees. We offer the following guidance to put up your best defense against the ATO threat.

- Monitor for leaked credentials of your employees. (free and open-source) tools, such as TruffleHog and Gitrob, that comb them for access keys, authentication tokens, and client secrets.
- 1. [HaveIBeenPwned](#) is a great resource for this, alerting you to instances of breaches and including your organization's email domain. Although HaveIBeenPwned doesn't provide you with passwords, it's a great place to start identifying which accounts are potentially compromised.
- 2. Code repositories can be rich with secrets and hard-coded passwords, but there are some great

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Blogs as Far as the Eye can See

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ATO Part 1: <https://www.digitalshadows.com/blog-and-research/from-exposure-to-takeover-part-1-beg-borrow-and-steal-your-way-in/>

ATO Part 2: <https://www.digitalshadows.com/blog-and-research/the-rise-of-openbullet-a-deep-dive-in-the-attackers-ato-toolkit/>

ATO Part 3: <https://www.digitalshadows.com/blog-and-research/account-takeover-expanding-on-impact/>

Ransomware Trends in Q2: <https://www.digitalshadows.com/blog-and-research/ransomware-trends-in-q2-how-threat-intelligence-helps/>

Not Another Ransomware Blog: <https://www.digitalshadows.com/blog-and-research/not-another-ransomware-blog-initial-access-brokers-and-their-role/>

Access Keys Exposed: <https://www.digitalshadows.com/blog-and-research/access-keys-exposed-more-than-40-are-for-database-stores/>



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Questions