

# A Study on Adoption of JS CryptoMiners

#### Seriously, JavaScript For Mining CryptoCurrency!?



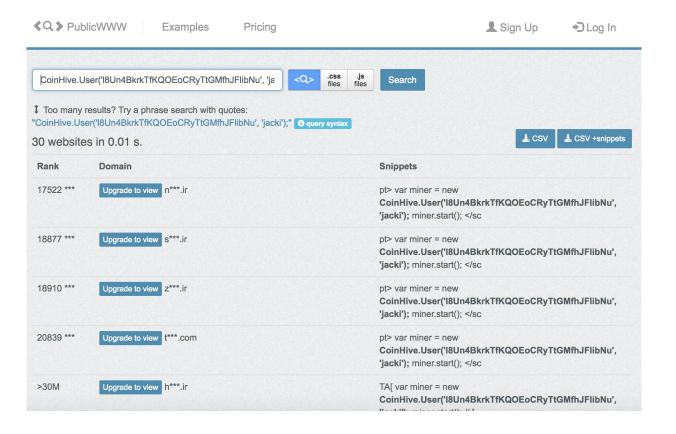
 Monero (XMR) is an open-source <u>cryptocurrency</u> created in April 2014 (Optimized to run on CPU)

```
const CoinHive = require('coin-hive');

(async () => {
   // Create miner
   const miner = await CoinHive('ZM4gjqQ0jh0jbZ3tZDBy0XAjyotDbo00');

   // Start miner
   await miner.start();
```

#### From XSS to Monero

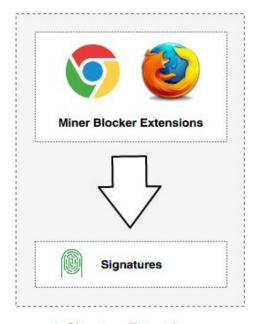


#### How we collected the data

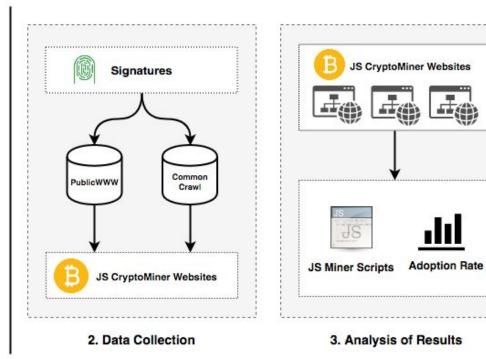


Firefox	Chrome
<u>No Coin</u> (84,524 Users)	<u>No Coin</u> (570,185 Users)
No Miner (28,413 Users)	Miner Block (157,807 Users)
Miner Block (15,557 Users)	<u>CryptoMiner Blocker</u> (5,811 Users)
Mining Blocker (12,187 Users)	

#### How we did, what we did



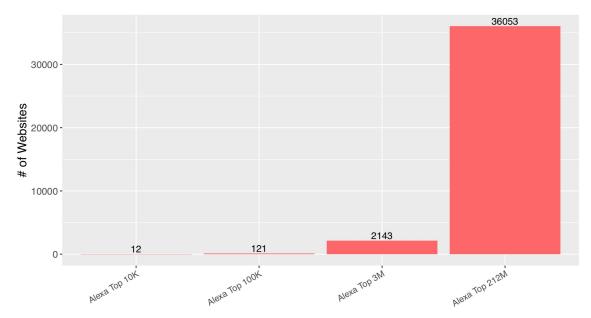
1. Signature Extraction



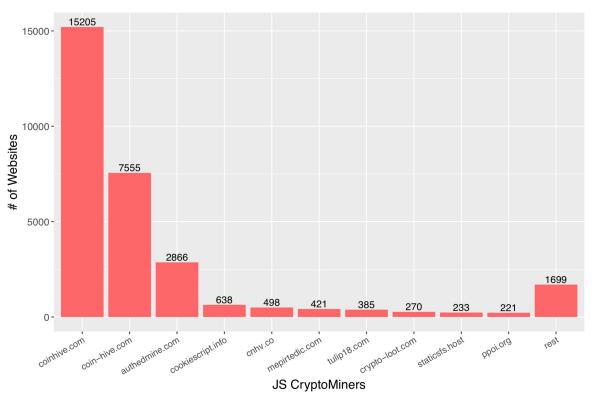
# Who uses JS CryptoMiners?

#### Top 5 categories of websites using miners

- Malicious Websites
- Business
- Information Technology
- Pornography
- Personal Websites and Blogs



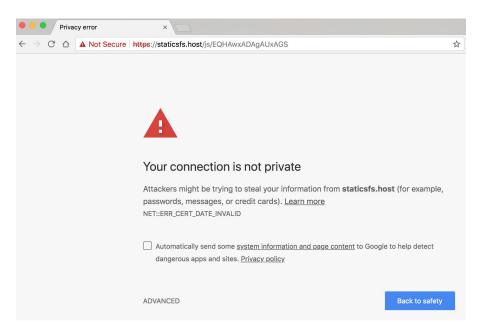
# Which Miners Are Most Popular?



# JS CryptoMiner Fails!

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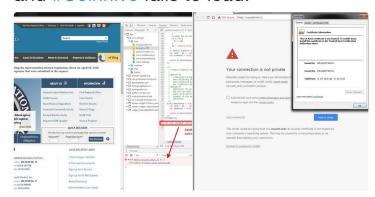
https://gtg02.bestsecurepractice.com/meri.js







So you've managed to compromise the website of a US federal agency, but you didn't use a trusted SSL cert for delivering your payload. Because of this, the connection to your server is blocked and #Coinhive fails to load.



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