openHPI Course: Cyberthreats by Malware

Keylogger

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Keylogger

Keylogger – tool to record or capture the keys pressed on a keyboard (keystroke)

- A legal tool that can be used for legal purposes
  - □ typing behavioral study
  - □ employee remote working monitoring
  - □ …
- However it could also be used for criminal activities
  - □ personal information theft
  - □ spy on the target
  - □ …

Software Keylogger

Software Keylogger listens to and records the keystrokes, screen, or other activities in the system

- Running in the background unnoticed by the user
- Can run at different levels
  - application
    - smartphone keyboard
    - browser plugin
  - operating system
  - memory
  - …

Hardware Keylogger

Hardware Keylogger can be connected between the keyboard and the computer
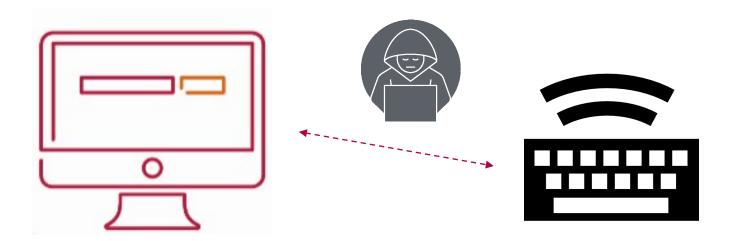

http://www.kingston.ac.uk/it-security/includes/img/static/usb-logger.jpg

Wireless Keylogger

Wireless keylogger capture the data packets between wireless keyboards and computers

Protective measures:

- Strong encryption technique implemented for the data transfer

Acoustic Keylogger

Acoustic keylogger reconstructs the keystrokes by meanse of the sound produced when typing on the keyboard

Quelle: *"Deutschland '83" UFA Fiction, 2015*