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1. RevengeHotels Resurgence with AI-Powered Malware

- **Attack Method:**
  - The cybercrime group “RevengeHotels” resurfaced using AI-generated malware variants.
  - Attackers sent phishing emails disguised as hotel booking requests or job applications.
  - Clicking the email installed *VenomRAT*, granting remote access to hotel systems and enabling theft of payment card data and guest information.
- **Mitigation & Resolution:**
  - Hotels implemented aggressive spam filtering and trained staff to recognize suspicious emails.
  - Endpoint detection systems were deployed to catch infections early.
  - Guests were advised to monitor card activity and use virtual payment methods to reduce exposure.

2. Gujarat Malware Surge in Industrial Sector

- **Attack Method:**
  - Gujarat saw over 3.8 million malware detections, with manufacturing and industrial systems being prime targets.
  - Malware types included ransomware, spyware, and trojans, often exploiting outdated infrastructure and unsecured endpoints.
  - AI-powered threats adapted in real time, making traditional antivirus less effective.
- **Mitigation & Resolution:**
  - Behavioral-based detection systems were promoted to identify anomalies like unusual file access or geographic login patterns.
  - Organizations began upgrading legacy systems and segmenting networks to limit lateral movement.

    - Cybersecurity awareness campaigns targeted industrial staff to reduce phishing success rates.

3. ToolShell Exploits on Microsoft SharePoint Servers

- **Attack Method:**
    - Threat actors exploited vulnerabilities in on-premises Microsoft SharePoint servers using a malware tool dubbed *ToolShell*.
    - The attack allowed remote code execution and lateral movement within enterprise networks.
    - Some incidents were linked to China-based Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) groups.
- **Mitigation & Resolution:**
    - Microsoft released patches for all affected SharePoint versions.
    - Security teams deployed intrusion detection systems and monitored for Indicators of Compromise (IOCs).
    - Organizations were urged to apply patches immediately and audit access logs for signs of compromise.

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