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A LNK Between Browsers: Hunting Methodologies and Extension Abusing Actors

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Two pillars in sleight of hand magic are *User Initiated Action*, where the target needs to believe their actions are their own, and *Hidden Action*, the trick needs to be concealed behind something ordinary and nonthreatening. Mandiant became aware of a chain of adversary methodologies that leverage these two pillars to achieve [persistence](#).

1. The user executes an LNK shortcut file that, unbeknownst to them, has been tampered with.
2. The modified LNK shortcut file executes a legitimate browser, hiding the malicious extension.

If the technical sleight of hand is successful, the adversary will achieve persistence by means of malicious Chromium-based browser extensions.

While hunting this methodology Mandiant identified BRAINSTORM, a rust-based dropper, which ultimately led to RILIDE, a chromium-



ecosystem of RILIDE is larger than reported. This research will dissect the relevant adversary methodologies, discuss the identified malware families abusing this methodology, and include numerous detection opportunities to expand the defender's hunting and detection repertoire.

The Connection from LNK to Extension

The LNK File

Files with the extension .lnk are colloquially known as LNK files but are officially known as [Shell Link Binary Files](#) and follow a standardized format. LNK files contain information that points a user's interaction to another data object on the system. In many instances this is transparent to an end user. A Windows user may click on the Google Chrome icon in the Start Menu and Chrome opens. What is not shown to the user is that they are executing an LNK file with properties that point to the actual Chrome executable.

Mandiant has reported on many adversaries and malware families abusing LNK files including: [FIN7](#), [UNC1151](#), [KEGTAP](#), [FIN13](#), and [APT29](#) ([twice](#)).

The CRX File

A CRX file is a collection of files archived together into a single package that can be used as an *extension* in Chromium-based browsers. Extensions enhance the browsing experience by adding features and functionality to the browser. Many browsers have an

a safer practice because the company owning the browser software performs analysis on the extensions themselves attempting to identify malicious extensions.

However, depending on the implemented security settings, browsers will allow for [manual loading](#) of CRX files or unpacked extensions. Packed extensions (CRX files) are a single file with a .crx extension, conversely an unpacked extension is a directory containing the extension files.

Throughout 2022 Mandiant has observed multiple financially motivated threat actors distributing and/or expressing interest in leveraging malicious browser extensions in their operations.

Abusing Both LNK and CRX

While Mandiant has previously reported on the abuse of LNK and CRX files separately, this recently observed adversary methodology has been using both filetypes within a chain of events and the bridging data-point is the `--load-extension` switch in Chromium-based browsers.

The `--load-extension` switch allows the source to specify a target directory to load as an extension. This gives malware the opportunity to start a new browser window with their malicious extension loaded.

This functionality is present on Chromium-based browsers and multiple example commands can be found in Figure 1.

```
chrome.exe --load-extension="C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\
brave.exe --load-extension="C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\
msedge.exe --load-extension="C:\Users\user\AppData\Local\
```

Figure 1: Example Commands to Load an Extension on Multiple Chromium-based Browsers

Mandiant Identification of Methodology Abuse

Mandiant investigated several compromises involving LNK and extension abuse methodology in 2023. The impacted organizations extended across a broad scope of sectors, including the semiconductor, business marketing, financial investment, and telecom industries.

The following three sections dive deep into separate investigations performed on malware families utilizing both LNK abuse and extension installing to achieve persistence with RILIDE.

Investigation 1

TradingView Desktop is a charting platform and a social network for traders and investors. This software allows users to track and view cryptocurrency market changes. As a software that is used in the finance industry with the capability of a cryptocurrency focus, it is a reasonable target to masquerade as for actors with goals of stealing cryptocurrency. Users willing to track cryptocurrency may be more likely to trade, allowing RILIDE a potential vector for cryptocurrency theft.

The file [TradeVlewDesktop_v4-94406.zip](#) is a TradingView Desktop masquerading set of files. The sample is a compressed directory that contains 457 different files. The file of interest in the zipped file is [TradeVlewDesktop_x64.exe](#), a NodeJS-based downloader. After

`nxxp://telegramcn[.]org/sort/analyt[ics]/extension[.]exe` to download dropper [extension.exe](#), which Mandiant tracks as BRAINFOG.

BRAINFOG is a Node.JS packaged binary dropper which drops RILIDE along with Visual Basic scripts to delete all Chrome LNKs and replace them with LNK files to force the execution of RILIDE. RILIDE is a Chromium-based extension that monitors the URLs visited by victims, screenshots their browser tab views, and injects remote JavaScript into select websites. RILIDE targets the theft of email and cryptocurrency details, falling inline with the targeted audience, the finance sector.

BRAINFOG drops [extension.zip](#) (RILIDE), `wtf.vbs`, [chrome.vbs](#), and a [Google Chrome.lnk](#) file. Upon execution BRAINFOG uses...

- `taskkill.exe` to close all instances of Chrome
- `chrome.vbs` to delete all LNK files with “Chrome” in it
- `wtf.vbs` to create a new LNK using the `--load-extension` switch to force the loading of RILIDE browser extension at execution.

After the user loads Chrome via the replaced LNK shortcut file, RILIDE runs in the background as the infected browser loads and manipulates web pages. During initial execution, it fetches a machine identifier and a list of targeted domains from the command and control's (C2) API endpoint `/api/machine/init`; this list is re-fetched every five minutes.

```
{"machineId":2984,"urls":  
["coinbase.com","binance.com","blockchain.com","mail.goc
```

Figure 2: The domains this variant of RILIDE is monitoring for from `/api/machine/init`

loadscript. The loadscript function will download a list of key-values pairs which include a name and a path. The name is the domain related to the traffic of interest. If the browsing domain matches one of the monitored domains, the JavaScript in the path value will be accessed and the resulting file injected into the website for execution.

```
[
{"name":"coinbase.com","path":"scripts\\coinbase.js?v=3"},
{"name":"binance.com","path":"scripts\\binance.js"},
{"name":"blockchain.com","path":"scripts\\blockchain.js"},
{"name":"mail.google","path":"scripts\\gmail.js"},
{"name":"outlook.live","path":"scripts\\hotmail.js"},
{"name":"mail.yahoo","path":"scripts\\yahoo.js"},
{"name":"bybit.com","path":"scripts\\bybit.js"},
{"name":"okx.com","path":"scripts\\okx.js"}
]
```

Figure 3: Domains and URIs listed at the /api/machine/get-urls endpoint of the Adversary C2

This enables the adversary to invoke actions on behalf of the victim or steal data from their web sessions.

While hunting the RILIDE malware family Mandiant identified numerous interesting API endpoints on their C2.

Figure 4: RILIDE C2 API Endpoints

```
hxxp://extension-app[.]com/api/settings
hxxp://extension-app[.]com/api/machine/
hxxp://extension-app[.]com/api/machine/init
hxxp://extension-app[.]com/api/machine/get-urls
```

Figure 4: RILIDE C2 API Endpoints

Endpoint	Function
/api/settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Datetimes for when it was created and updated• Multiple currency amounts defining the minimum amount (80 EUR, 80 USD, etc)• Telegram Chat ID and Token
/api/machine	Returns a list of details about victims. This includes... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Victim IP address• Victim country• Variant reference (Google, TradingView, etc)• When it was added• When it was last observed communicating to the C2
/api/machine/init	Returns a machine ID and the list of domains it monitors for
/api/machine/get-urls	Returns the URI path to the JS script to inject

Figure 4: RILIDE C2 API Endpoint Descriptions

Investigation 2

storing RILIDE samples. Furthermore, Mandiant suspects this may have been a method for delivery.

A file named [Blanks](#), tracked by Mandiant as BRAINLINK, was downloaded from the raw.githubusercontent.com URL on the gulantin github

```
(hxxp://raw.githubusercontent[.]com/gulantin/blanks/main/blanks_online.exe)
```

BRAINLINK is an [Advanced Installer](#) compiled dropper which drops a [CAB file](#) that contains the RILIDE extension files along with [PowerShell scripts](#) to create new shortcuts forcing the execution of RILIDE.

Mandiant's research of RILIDE identified that the [background JavaScript file](#) includes a domain variable set to the C2 domain for each malware version. In this investigation the RILIDE sample used the domain `ashgrrwt[.]click`.

```
const domain = "https://ashgrrwt.click"
```

Figure 5: RILIDE C2 domain variable defanged

RILIDE C2 Infrastructure Hunt

This C2 infrastructure provided interesting overlaps between numerous other domains. While the Admin, Billing, and Technical WHOIS details for the `ashgrrwt[.]click` domain were redacted for privacy, the registrant organization was not. The registrant organization, Kruglova LTD, was associated with 11 other websites.

Figure 6: RILIDE C2 domain infrastructure graph

(FinAndy/tradingview) and Finance/Banking.

Investigation 3

Researching the RILIDE ecosystem led to the identification of an open directory at `146.70.79[.]75` which included two BRAINSTORM samples ([0a4f321c903a7fbc59566918c12aca09](#) and [34eea751fcbf4ee8d44977adb4742d93](#)) and numerous other malicious samples. BRAINSTORM is a Rust-based dropper which drops RILIDE and updates Google Chrome, Brave, and Microsoft Edge LNK files to force the execution of RILIDE. Mandiant is tracking the activity related to this open directory as UNC4553.

Figure 7: UNC4553 Open Directory

```
// M_Hunting_FileWrite_ManifestandChromeLNK_1
tag:peexe and ((behaviour_files:"C:\\Users\\Public\\Desktop\\
behaviour_files:"C:\\ProgramData\\Microsoft\\Windows\\Stor
Chrome.lnk") or (behaviour_files:"C:\\Users\\Public\\Desktop\\
and behaviour_files:"C:\\Users\\user\\AppData\\Roaming\\
```

The open directory IP shown in Figure 7 (`146.70.79[.]75`) has previously resolved to `nch-software[.]info` and `panger-top[.]click`. Further solidifying the connection from the IP to the domains, there is evidence connecting the URI patterns in the open directory to the URI patterns for these domains.

```
hxxps://nch-software[.]info/1/2.exe
hxxps://nch-software[.]info/1/install-win64-11.5.8_en-US
hxxps://panger-top[.]click/1/2.exe
hxxps://panger-top[.]click/1/install-win64-11.5.8_en-US.
```

The open directory contained the two BRAINSTORM samples, two PUFFPASTRY samples, a suspected incomplete PUFFPASTRY sample, and two XLL samples.

PUFFPASTRY is a backdoor written in Visual-basic. PUFFPASTRY can download, upload, delete, and execute files. Additionally, PUFFPASTRY can self-terminate and enumerate system information including Anti-virus details. C2 communications occur over standard HTTP/HTTPS.

An [XLL](#) add-in is an Excel add-in file with the file extension .xll. An XLL file is a type of dynamic link library (DLL) file that can only be opened by Excel. It is not exactly clear what the intention of some of these files are given they appear to be in staging or templates.

URL
<code>hxxps://146.70.79[.]75/2.exe</code>
<code>hxxps://146.70.79[.]75/1/2.exe</code>
<code>hxxps://146.70.79[.]75/1/install-win64-11.5.8_en-US.ex</code>
<code>hxxps://146.70.79[.]75/templates/light.dotm</code>
<code>hxxps://146.70.79[.]75/templates/light.pub</code>
<code>hxxps://146.70.79[.]75/templates/light.xlsm</code>
<code>hxxps://146.70.79[.]75/templates/x64.xll</code>

Figure 9: UNC4553 Open Directory Contents

System Hardening

Preventing the malicious extensions (RILIDE and others) to be loaded by the browser is the linchpin to stopping the actor's methodology. With the inability to install the extension, further damage or exfiltration of sensitive data is prevented.

[Chrome Enterprise](#) provides numerous [extension blocking options](#) within the security settings. The following highlights a list of the settings relevant to this methodology.

- [BlockExternalExtensions](#) – Controls external extensions installation.
- [DeviceLoginScreenExtensionManifestV2Availability](#) – Remove the ability to use version 2 manifests.
- [ExtensionInstallAllowlist](#) and [ExtensionInstallBlocklist](#) – Implement block and allow lists to vastly restrict the extensions available.
- [ExtensionInstallSources](#) – Use strings with wildcards to identify where extensions can be installed from.

If there is a concern that Chrome LNKs have been manipulated or as a reoccurring security measure, users can run a user-level [Chrome Settings Reset](#). When executed, numerous Chrome profile settings will change to the default on all devices where you're signed in. This will reset all of the default Windows-provided Chrome LNKs (i.e. Quick Launch LNKs) removing the `--load-extension` parameter that the actor is using to force the loading of the malicious extension.

any prevention gaps.

Detection Opportunities

The Detection Opportunities section will be broken into two detection directions and will encompass a list of rules that will be expanded on in Appendix A.

- 1. Detecting Methodologies – Larger chance of detecting legitimate files or tactics that overlap with the methodology.
- 2. Detecting Malware Families – More targeted approach to detect the specific families themselves.

Detecting Methodologies

Detection Engine	Detection Title
YARA	M_Hunting_Embedded_Chromium_CRX_1
YARA	M_Hunting_Embedded_Chromium_CRXandLNK_1

	YARA	M_Hunting_AdvancedInstaller_LNK_1	
	YARA	M_Hunting_LNKEngine_LoadExtension_1	
	YARA	M_Hunting_LNKEngine_LoadExtension_Temp_1	
	YARA	M_Hunting_ArchiveEngine_CAB_Extension_1	
	YARA-L	M_Hunting_FileWrite_Manifest_Temp_1	

YARA-L	M_Hunting_Process_Chromium_LoadExtension_1
YARA-L	M_Hunting_FileWrite_Chrome_LNK_1

	YARA-L	M_Hunting_FileWrite_CRXandLNK_1	
	YARA-L	M_Hunting_FileWrite_ManifestandLNK_1	
	VT Grep	M_Hunting_FileWrite_ManifestandChromeLNK_1	

Detecting Malware Families

Detection Engine	Detection Title	Detection Description
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	YARA	M_Hunting_RILIDE_InjectJS_1	files that RILIDE ir
	YARA	M_Hunting_RILIDE_InjectJS_2	Detects JavaScr files that RILIDE ir
	YARA	M_Hunting_RILIDE_InjectJS_3	Detects JavaScr files that RILIDE ir
	YARA	M_Win_BRAINLINK_AdvancedInstaller_1	Detects BRAINLI
	YARA	M_Utility_RILIDE_Manifest_1	Detects RILIDE Manifest
	YARA	M_Utility_RILIDE_JS_1	Detects RILIDE JavaScr files
	YARA	M_Utility_RILIDE_Background_1	Detects RILIDE backgro JavaScr files
	YARA	M_Hunting_RILIDE_CRX_1	Detects RILIDE C

YARA	M_Win_BRAINSTORM_1	Detects BRAINST
YARA	M_Win_BRAINFOG_1	Detects BRAINFC
YARA	M_Hunting_BRAINFOG_1	Detects suspect BRAINFC samples

Conclusion

While hunting for this chain of adversary methodologies, Mandiant uncovered numerous new malware families and investigations. The adversary’s effort to remain undetected by chaining methodologies has come with mixed results, as many of the samples discussed in this post have very low detection ratings. However, with this new research, detecting these methodologies should be more accessible and further expand the defender’s hunting and detection repertoire.

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Appendix A: Detections

```
meta:
  author = "Mandiant"
  md5 = "f1c21a69ed9f85e12d58ef0f5ac5c9b1"
  description = "Hunting for non-CRX files with e

strings:
  $a1 = "_metadata" ascii
  $a2 = "manifest.json" ascii
  $a3 = "verified_contents.json" ascii
  $s1 = "_locales" ascii
  $s2 = "messages.json" ascii
  $f = /[a-z0-9A-Z_-]+\.(html|htm|css|js)/ ascii
  $pk = {50 4B 03 04}

condition:
  (((uint16(0) == 0x5A4D) and uint32(uint32(0x3C)
  (((2 of ($a*)) and $f) or ((1 of ($a*)) and ($f
  $pk and
  (#pk >1) and
  (for any i in (1..#pk) : ($a2 at @pk[i]+30)) and
  (for any j in (1..#pk) : ($f at @pk[j]+30))
}
```

```
rule M_Hunting_Embedded_Chromium_CRXandLNK_1
{
  meta:
    author = "jared.wilson"
    md5 = "f1c21a69ed9f85e12d58ef0f5ac5c9b1"
    description = "Hunting for non-CRX files with e

  strings:
    $a1 = "_metadata" ascii
    $a2 = "manifest.json" ascii
    $a3 = "verified_contents.json" ascii
    $s1 = "_locales" ascii
```

```
$pk = {50 4B 03 04}
$load = "--load-extension" ascii wide
$lnk1 = "Google Chrome.lnk" ascii wide

condition:
  (((uint16(0) == 0x5A4D) and uint32(uint32(0x3C)
  (((2 of ($a*)) and $f) or ((1 of ($a*)) and ($f
  $pk and
  (#pk >1) and
  (for any i in (1..#pk) : ($a2 at @pk[i]+30)) and
  (for any j in (1..#pk) : ($f at @pk[j]+30)) and
  ($load or $lnk1)
}
```

```
rule M_Hunting_AdvancedInstaller_LNK_1
{
  meta:
    author = "Mandiant"
    md5 = "2782af385665c765807ed887d4bacf36"
    description = "Hunting for Advanced Installer t

  strings:
    $a1 = "Advanced Installer" wide
    $a2 = "Advanced Installer" ascii
    $a3 = "https://www.advancedinstaller.com" ascii
    $l1 = "Google Chrome.lnk"
    $l2 = "Brave.lnk"
    $p1 = "\\Microsoft\\Windows\\Start Menu\\Programs\\
    $p2 = "\\Microsoft\\Internet Explorer\\Quick La
    $p3 = "\\Microsoft\\Internet Explorer\\Quick La
    $p4 = "\\Microsoft\\Internet Explorer\\Quick La
    $p5 = "\\Microsoft\\Windows\\Start Menu\\Programs\\
    $p6 = "\\Microsoft\\Internet Explorer\\Quick La
    $r = /$[^\\.]+\\.CreateShortcut\\([^\)]+\\)/
```

```
}
```

```
rule M_Hunting_LNKEngine_LoadExtension_1
{
  meta:
    author = "Mandiant"
    description = "Hunting rule that looks for files with MD5 hash 30abf9ca1bb792eb5edd8b033c010979"
    md5 = "30abf9ca1bb792eb5edd8b033c010979"

  strings:
    $r1 = /(chrome|msedge|opera|brave)[^\r\n]+--load-extension=/
    $s1 = "chrome" ascii wide
    $s2 = "--load-extension=" ascii wide

  condition:
    (uint32(0) == 0x0000004c) and filesize < 50KB and $r1 of $s1 $s2
}
```

```
rule M_Hunting_LNKEngine_LoadExtension_Temp_1
{
  meta:
    author = "Mandiant"
    description = "Hunting rule that looks for files with MD5 hash 30abf9ca1bb792eb5edd8b033c010979"
    md5 = "30abf9ca1bb792eb5edd8b033c010979"

  strings:
    $r1 = /(chrome|msedge|opera|brave)[^\r\n]+--load-extension=/
    $s2 = "--load-extension=" ascii wide

  condition:
    (uint32(0) == 0x0000004c) and filesize < 50KB and $r1 of $s2
}
```

```
rule M_Hunting_ArchiveEngine_CAB_Extension_1
{
```

```
description = Looking for CAB containing what  
md5 = "de283dfb9c88dbb6d455ca4b31c57240"  
  
strings:  
    $f1 = "manifest.json" nocase  
    $f2 = ".js" nocase  
    $f3 = ".htm" nocase  
    $f4 = ".png" nocase  
  
condition:  
    filesize < 1MB and uint32be(0) == 0x4D534346 and  
}
```

```
rule M_Hunting_FileWrite_Manifest_Temp_1  
{  
    meta:  
        author = "Mandiant"  
        md5 = "f1c21a69ed9f85e12d58ef0f5ac5c9b1"  
        description = "Hunting for cases where a process  
        severity = "Medium"  
  
    events:  
        $e.metadata.event_type = "FILE_CREATION"  
        ($e.target.file.names = "manifest.json" OR $e.target  
        $e.target.file.full_path = /[a-zA-Z]{1}:\Users\[^\[]+\  
  
    condition:  
        $e  
}
```

```
rule M_Hunting_Process_Chromium_LoadExtension_1  
{  
    meta:  
        author = "Mandiant"  
        md5 = "f1c21a69ed9f85e12d58ef0f5ac5c9b1"
```

```
events:
  $e.metadata.event_type = "PROCESS_OPEN"
  $e.target.process.command_line = /(chrome|brave|msedge|c
  $e.target.process.file.full_path = /(chrome|brave|msedge
    condition:
  $e
}
```

```
rule M_Hunting_FileWrite_Chrome_LNK_1
{
  meta:
    author = "Mandiant"
    md5 = "f1c21a69ed9f85e12d58ef0f5ac5c9b1"
    description = "Hunting for cases where the LNK
    severity = "Medium"
  events:
    $e.metadata.event_type = "FILE_CREATION"
    $e.target.file.full_path = /Google Chrome\.lnk$
    ($e.target.file.full_path = `C:\ProgramData\Mic
    ($e.principal.process.file.full_path = /[a-zA-Z
  condition:
    $e
}
```

```
rule M_Hunting_FileWrite_CRXandLNK_1
{
  meta:
    author = "Mandiant"
    md5 = "f1c21a69ed9f85e12d58ef0f5ac5c9b1"
    description = "Hunting for cases where a proces
    severity = "Medium"
  events:
    $e1.metadata.event_type = "FILE_CREATION"
    $e2.metadata.event_type = "FILE_CREATION"
    $md5 = $e1.principal.process.file.md5
```

```
    $e1.principal.hostname = $e2.principal.hostname
    $e1.principal.hostname != ""
    $e1.principal.process.pid = $e2.principal.process.pid
    $e1.principal.process.pid != ""
    (((($e1.principal.file.file_type = "FILE_TYPE_C
match:
    $md5 over 1m
condition:
    $e1 and $e2
}
```

```
rule M_Hunting_FileWrite_ManifestandLNK_1 {
  meta:
    author = "Mandiant"
    md5 = "f1c21a69ed9f85e12d58ef0f5ac5c9b1"
    description = "Hunting for cases where a process
    severity = "Medium"
  events:
    $e1.metadata.event_type = "FILE_CREATION"
    $e2.metadata.event_type = "FILE_CREATION"
    $md5 = $e1.principal.process.file.md5
    $e1.principal.process.file.md5 = $e2.principal.
    $e1.principal.process.file.md5 != ""
    $e1.principal.hostname = $e2.principal.hostname
    $e1.principal.hostname != ""
    $e1.principal.process.pid = $e2.principal.process
    $e1.principal.process.pid != ""
    (((($e1.target.file.full_path = /\manifest\.js
match:
    $md5 over 1m
condition:
    $e1 and $e2
}
```

```
rule M_Hunting_RILIDE_InjectJS_1
{
  meta:
    author = "Mandiant"
    md5 = "9fe5b99b20bc91995b81eddd917bff50"
    description = "Hunting for the code that RILIDE

  strings:
    $banner = "https://public.bnbstatic.com/image/e
    $s1 = "[Bybit]Withdrawal Request" ascii
    $s2 = "[Bybit] Authorize New Device" ascii
    $a1 = "created a withdrawal request"
    $a2 = "Authorize New Device You recently attempt
    $a3 = "Please check your withdrawal address can
    $a4 = "Verification Code Of Withdrawal"
    $a6 = "Withdrawal Verification Code"
    $a7 = "Verification Code Of Authorization"
    $a8 = "initiate this withdrawal or the address
    $a9 = "Authorize New Device You recently attempt
    $a10 = "Confirm your new withdrawal address"
    $a11 = "A new withdrawal address was just added
    $f1 = "div:contains(\"Binance\"), div:contains(
    $f2 = "binance()" fullword
    $f3 = "div:contains(\"Bybit\"), div:contains(\"
    $f4 = "bybit()" fullword
    $f5 = "div:contains(\"Huobi\"), div:contains(\"
    $f6 = "huobi()" fullword
    $f7 = "div:contains(\"Okx\"), div:contains(\"ok
    $f8 = "okx()" fullword
    $f9 = "div:contains(\"Kraken\"), div:contains(\"
    $f10 = "kraken()" fullword

  condition:
```



```
rule M_Hunting_RILIDE_InjectJS_2
{
  meta:
    author = "Mandiant"
    md5 = "6e426758f184b5a942428731b749b000"
    description = "Hunting for the code that RILIDE

  strings:
    $anchor = "const DOMAIN = 'https://extension-a
    $v1 = "exchangeRates" ascii fullword
    $v2 = "supportedAssets" ascii fullword
    $v3 = "supportedAccounts" ascii fullword
    $v4 = "currencySymbol" ascii fullword
    $v5 = "userId" ascii fullword
    $v6 = "settings" ascii fullword
    $v7 = "extensions" ascii fullword
    $s1 = "Confirm settings change"
    $s2 = "2-step verification"
    $s3 = "This extra step is to make sure it's rea
    $s4 = "Enter the 2-step verification code we te
    $s5 = "Enter the 2-step verification code from
    $s6 = "Didn't receive the SMS?"
    $s7 = "Re-send SMS"
    $u1 = "${DOMAIN}/settings"
    $u2 = "${DOMAIN}/exchange/get-address?type=${ty
    $u3 = "${DOMAIN}/exchange/create-account"
    $u4 = "${DOMAIN}/exchange/set-balance"
    $u5 = "${DOMAIN}/exchange/set-all-balances"
    $u6 = "${DOMAIN}/exchange/set-withdraw"
    $p1 = "password = localStorage.getItem('coinbas
    $p2 = "email = localStorage.getItem('coinbase_u
    $f1 = "getExchangeRates" fullword
    $f2 = "getSupportedAssets" fullword
    $f3 = "getAccounts" fullword
```

```
    filesize < 1MB and (($anchor and ($or them)) {  
  }  
}
```

Appendix B: Indicators

Indicator	Reference
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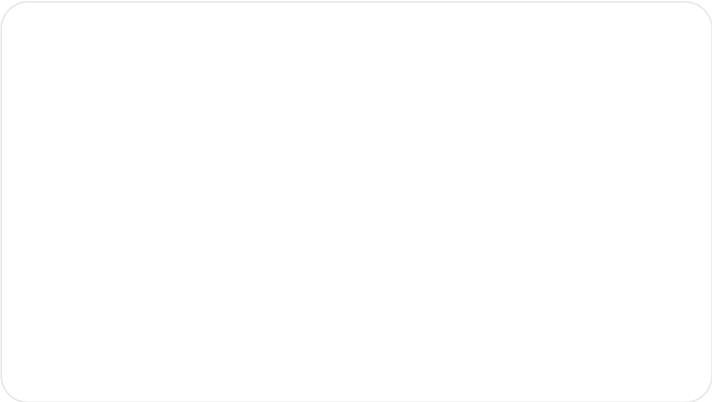
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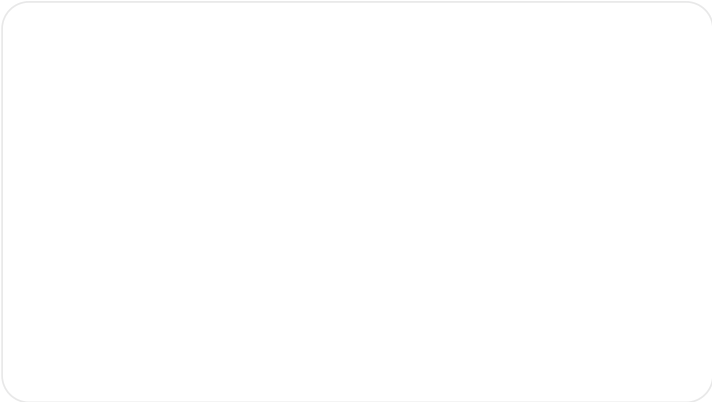
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