



INCIDENT RESPONSE REPORT

COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS AND CONTAINMENT PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

This presentation provides an overview of the incident response efforts following a recent security breach, highlighting the critical aspects of email analysis, threat identification, containment strategies, and communication plans.

EMAIL:-

Urgent Request from Data Team!

from:"Joyce S." joyce@dashlanedata.com

Hello,

I am writing to seek your expertise in understanding the technicalities of a document related to business analytics that I am currently reviewing for an URGENT MATTER. Given your vast experience and knowledge in this domain, I believe your insights will be valuable in helping me comprehend the complexities and of the analytics mentioned above.

To provide a bit of context, the document focuses on [customer data feedback for a new product]. While I have a foundational understanding of the topic, certain sections, specifically [audience targeting using machine learning for increased revenue], contain technical jargon and advanced methodologies that are quite challenging to decipher without an in-depth knowledge of the field.

Your guidance on the below document would be incredibly helpful:

<http://dashlanedataanalytics.com/clickme>

I understand that you have a busy schedule, so I am more than willing to accommodate your availability but would greatly appreciate it if you can EXPEDITE this request!!!

Thank you very much for considering this URGENT request. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to your guidance on making the most out of this document.

Warm regards,

Joyce Serin

Data Analytics @ Dashlane



KEY FINDINGS FROM THE EMAIL ANALYSIS:-



The first and the most obvious issue with this email is the exploitation of the urgency factor of social engineering. By using the word “URGENT MATTER”, the attacker expects the end user to not think properly about this email and take immediate action.



Next issue with this email is an un-identified domain “dashlanedata.com” which is a malicious version of legit password manager website “dashlane.com”.



A legit employee could have just attached the document to the email (which could also be malicious), but instead, the employee includes a 'clickme' link to the document which could be malicious too.



The formatting of this email also doesn't look professional, like using [], instead of (), capitalizing words in the middle of sentences extra emphasis, etc.



EMPLOYEE REVIEW:-

- Has the employee interacted with Joyce before? If they have, is Joyce's communication style similar?
- Did the employee exchange any credentials or any vital information with the employee following the email ?
- Did the employee find any unusual activity if they clicked the link or if they download something off the link?
- Does the employee have procedural instructions from the organization to follow in such incidents?
- Did the employee communicate this incident to the IT manager?

FILE HASH ANALYSIS:-

- As we just have the hash and executable text, and not the actual file to be scanned, it's best to use the hash on "virustotal" to scan for potential threats.
- Hash value:-
"961f8b54fbc4f6260228abd91e8de3771841fe5137876ef43c1cb36433ebb1c2".
- Upon analyzing the hash on virus-total, the hash seems to be of a windows trojan file called "virus.xpaj/goblin". This analysis can be trusted as it is detected by 42 security vendors.
- Virus total also gives us more details about the hash, like other hash conversions, file type, Mitre signatures, IDS criticality, etc.

BRIEF FINDINGS(1):-

41

/ 71

Community Score

41 security vendors and no sandboxes flagged this file as malicious

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961f8b54fbc4f6260228abd91e8de3771841fe5137876ef43c1cb36433ebb1c2

ir50_32.dll

Size1.76 MBLast Analysis Date1 minute ago

pedll overlay

MD521de3c770f1bb9351250ddcbc18ecce9

SHA-1bd1e040803ad0095cb1b2d0362d437acb966184d

SHA-256961f8b54fbc4f6260228abd91e8de3771841fe5137876ef43c1cb36433ebb1c2

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Rich PE header hash8c1d032281b9eaea4daf1bc21dba9015

SSDEEP49152:10az9KLd/jBhc2Uhc2UF4C6Hmit8NZt8NZJY5a9LeU:10az9NVT

TLSH1B085BF80FE9680B4E6430876316FA3FBEA344D05D1E48A46FBE1FFD1B472625B16461E

File typeWin32 DLL executable windows win32 pe pedll

BRIEF FINDINGS(2):-

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/ 71

Community Score

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42/71 security vendors flagged this file as malicious

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ir50_32.dll

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DETECTION

DETAILS

RELATIONS

BEHAVIOR

COMMUNITY

Popular threat label

🔔 virus.xpaj/goblin

Threat categories

virus

trojan

Family labels

xpaj

goblin

Security vendors' analysis

Do you want to automate checks?

Alibaba	🔔 Virus:Win32/Goblin.4a18432e	ALYac	🔔 Win32.XPaj.B
Antiy-AVL	🔔 Virus/Win32.Goblin.a	Arcabit	🔔 Win32.XPaj.B
Avast	🔔 Win32:Goblin	AVG	🔔 Win32:Goblin
BitDefender	🔔 Win32.XPaj.B	BitDefenderTheta	🔔 AI:FileInfectior.EA694EEA0C
Bkav Pro	🔔 W32.AIDetectMalware	ClamAV	🔔 Win.Trojan.Xpaj-2
CrowdStrike Falcon	🔔 Win/malicious_confidence_70% (D)	Cylance	🔔 Unsafe
Cynet	🔔 Malicious (score: 100)	DeepInstinct	🔔 MALICIOUS
Elastic	🔔 Malicious (high Confidence)	Emsisoft	🔔 Win32.XPaj.B (B)
eScan	🔔 Win32.XPaj.B	ESET-NOD32	🔔 A Variant Of Generik.QHWNZM
Fortinet	🔔 W32/Goblin.B	GData	🔔 Win32.XPaj.B
Google	🔔 Detected	Ikarus	🔔 Virus.Win32.Xpaj
Kingsoft	🔔 Win32.Troj.Unknown.a	Lionic	🔔 Virus.Win32.XPaj.nlc
Malwarebytes	🔔 Xpaj.Virus.FileInfectior.DDS	MAX	🔔 Malware (ai Score=86)
MaxSecure	🔔 Trojan.Malware.121218.susgen	Microsoft	🔔 Virus:Win32/Xpaj.gen1A
Panda	🔔 Trj/Genetic.gen	Sangfor Engine Zero	🔔 Trojan.Win32.Xpaj.Vo2z
SecureAge	🔔 Malicious	Skyhigh (SWG)	🔔 BehavesLike.Win32.Infected.tz
Sophos	🔔 Mal/Generic-S	Symantec	🔔 ML.Attribute.HighConfidence
Tencent	🔔 Virus.Win32.Goblin.ka	Trellix (ENS)	🔔 Artemis121DE3C770F1B
Trellix (HX)	🔔 Win32.XPaj.B	TrendMicro	🔔 PE_XPAJA-1
TrendMicro-HouseCall	🔔 PE_XPAJA-1	Varist	🔔 W32/ABRisk.LPJF-6006
VIPRE	🔔 Win32.XPaj.B	Zillya	🔔 Trojan.XPaj.Win32.1333

IMPLICATIONS OF THE IDENTIFIED TROJAN AND ITS CHARACTERISTICS:-

- As this trojan mainly exploits windows systems, it would be a good idea to look it up on Microsoft database to know more about it.
- As we do that, we come to know that this trojan can get into your system through various ways, some of them are:-
 1. Spam emails.
 2. Malicious office macros.
 3. Infected removable devices.
 4. Bundled with other software.
 5. Hacked or compromised webpages:-

Note:- Fortunately, Windows defender and Microsoft security essentials can be used to detect and removed this trojan if a device is infected with it. Microsoft also advices to often run full system scans to detect and remove such trojans.

CONTAINMENT PLAN:-

1. Identification and isolation:-

- As we know that the specific trojan can be easily detected by windows defender or any other scanning tools, its best to conduct a full system scan of all the system to identify the systems that are affected.
- Once the affected systems are identified, they can be isolated by disconnecting them from the network to prevent further spread.

2. Neutralizing the threat:-

- Make use of scanning tools like antivirus softwares to clean your system from all the junk and malicious files related to the trojan and otherwise.
- Make use of IP lookup tools to identify the IPs related to the trojan, and configure firewall tools to block those malicious IP addresses from the network.
- It's also really important to change passwords on the affected systems and implement multi-factor authentication on all systems.

COMMUNICATION PLAN:-



CONCLUSION:-

- Reflecting on the recent security incident, our team's quick and effective response played a pivotal role in managing the situation. We delved into the suspicious email and analyzed the malicious file hash, uncovering a complex trojan that posed a serious threat. Our immediate action to isolate and address the affected systems can prevent further damage and loss of sensitive information.
- This experience has highlighted the importance of staying alert and continuously updating our security measures to counter new threats. It's a reminder that in the digital age, the safety of our data requires constant vigilance and a proactive approach to security.
- Going forward, we are committed to strengthening our defenses by improving our response strategies, keeping our team informed about the latest security practices, and ensuring everyone understands their role in maintaining our cyber resilience. This incident has not only tested our readiness but also strengthened our resolve to protect our digital environment against future threats.