

Vietnam Cyber Threat Trends

Vietnam Security
Summit 2021

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by **Viettel Threat Intelligence**

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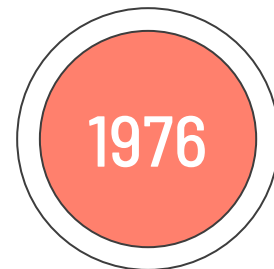
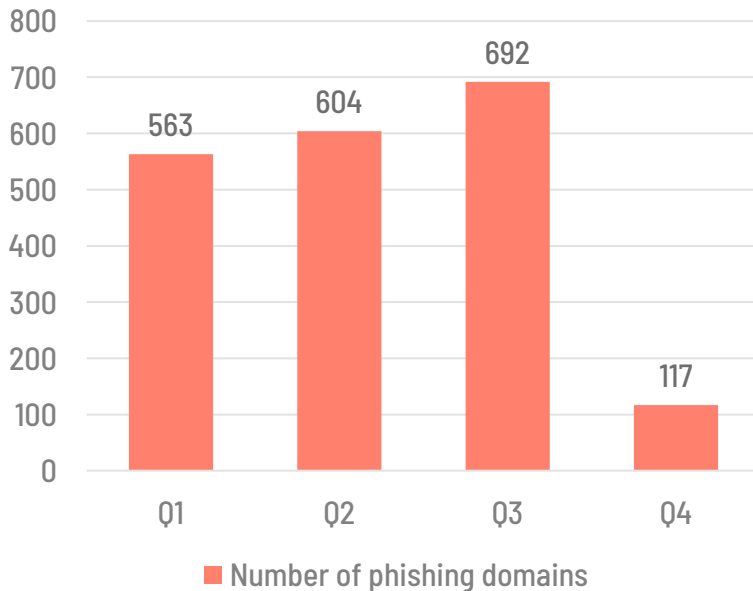


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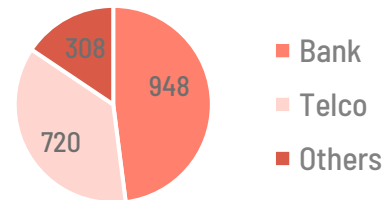
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Phishing

Phishing domains / Quarter



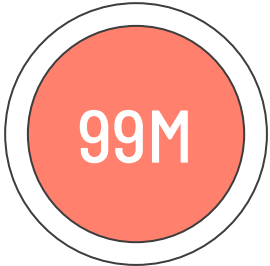
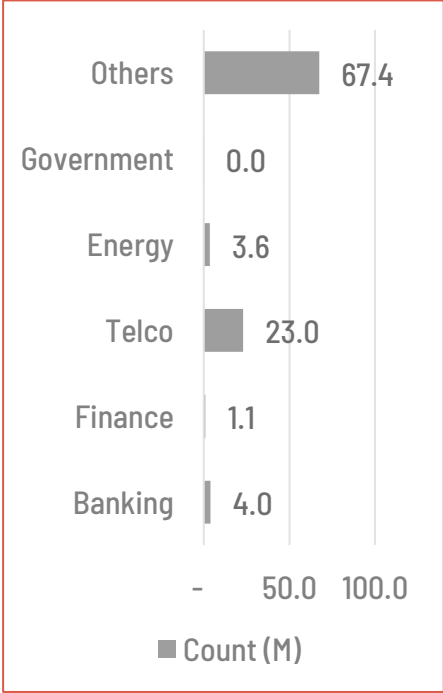
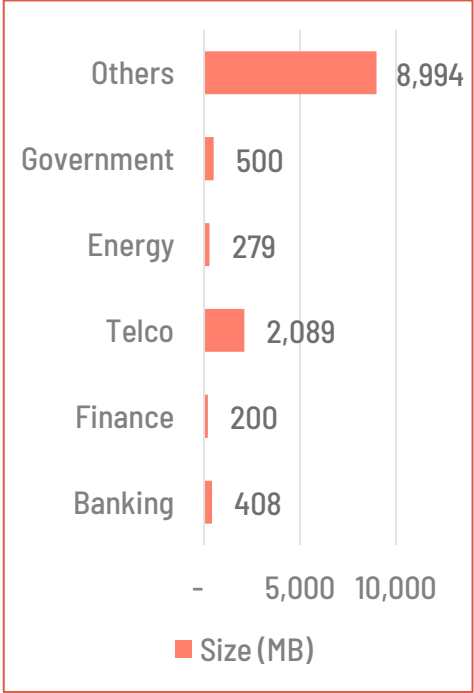
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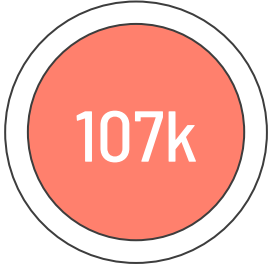
Phishing by industry

Data Leak

Data Leak by Industry



Total number of leaked data entry



Total number of leaked credentials

APT Attacks

27 days

Mean time to detect

5 days

Mean time to response

10 days

Mean time to comeback

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Source: *Viettel Threat Intelligence (cyberintel.io)*

APT Groups

APT32 (Ocean Lotus)

- Origin: Vietnam (suspicious)
- C&C (active): 18
- Targets: companies, organizations in Vietnam

Mustang Panda

- Origin: China
- C&C (active): 33
- Targets: government, political, non-profit organizations

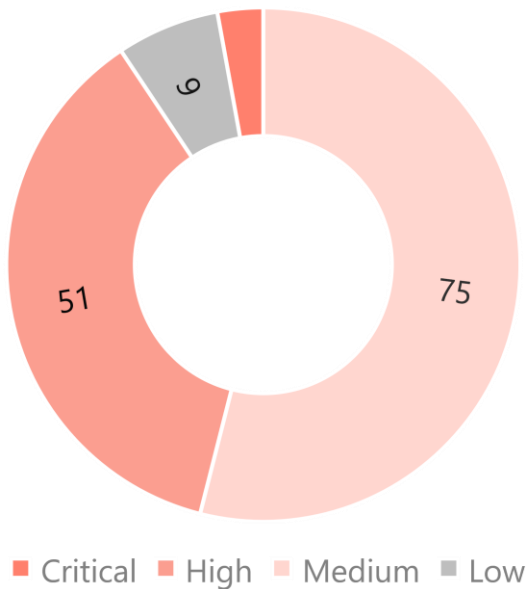
Goblin Panda

- Origin: China
- C&C (active): 12
- Targets: government, military, health, diplomacy, politics



Vulnerabilities

Number of vulnerabilities



Top impact vulnerabilities

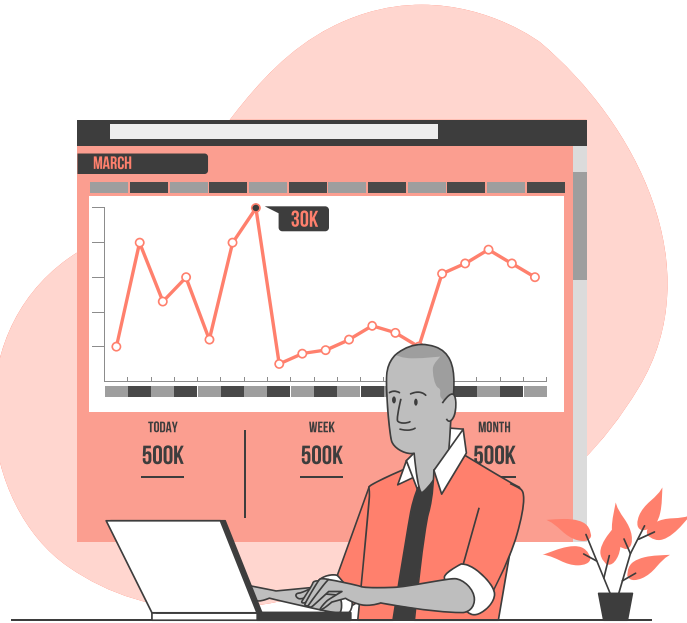
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	● ● ● ● ●	CVE-2021-34473 (ProxyShell - MS Exchange)
	● ● ● ● ●	CVE-2021-26084 (Atlassian Confluence)
	● ● ● ● ●	CVE-2021-40444 (MS Office)

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02 Trends

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Phishing is rising!



A large number of phishing campaigns have been recorded in Vietnam 2021:

- Multiple phishing domains
- Advanced attack techniques (email, sms, call...)
- Big campaigns targeted Vietnam banks

Data Leak: Big & Critical!



VCS TI recorded a large amount of leaked data of Vietnam companies on Dark/Deep Web:

- Customer data
- Company's credentials
- Confidential Documents

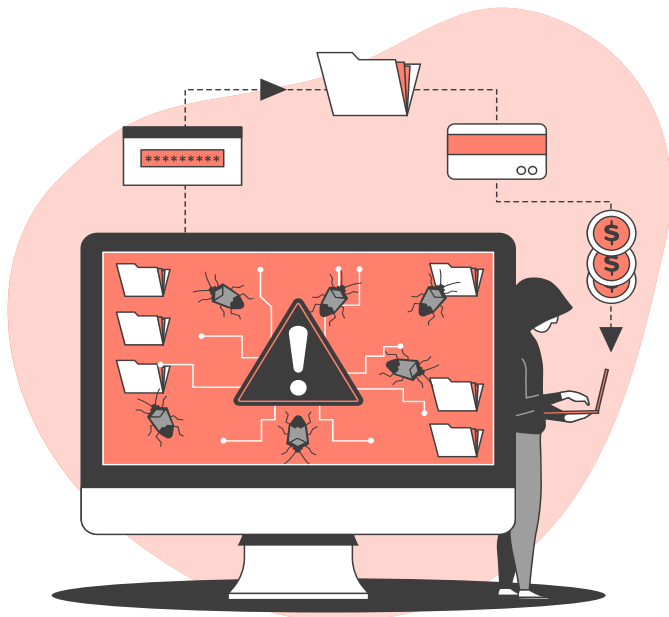
Real-world Exploitation



Many discovered vulnerabilities have been used in cyber attacks against Viet Nam organizations:

- Popular applications (MS Exchange, VMWare vSphere, Confluence, MS Office...)
- From advisories to working exploits
- Mass scan & attacks
- Both botnet & APT

APT is still a big problem



Vietnam is still one of the most active regions of targeted attacks

- Multiple industries (government, energy, finance, health, education...)
- Very active cyber espionage
- Dedicated tools, infrastructure
- Multiple purposes (politics, espionage, finance)

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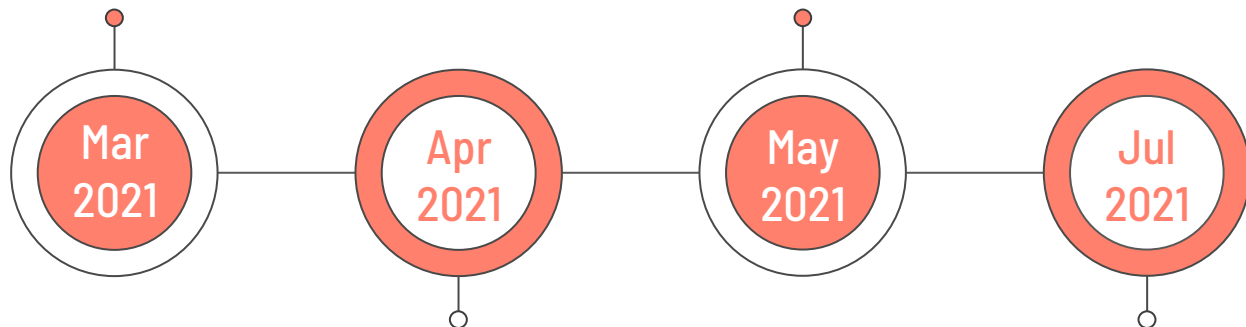
Case Study

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Goblin Panda: New Campaign!

Initial Compromise

Lateral Movement
Maintain Persistence

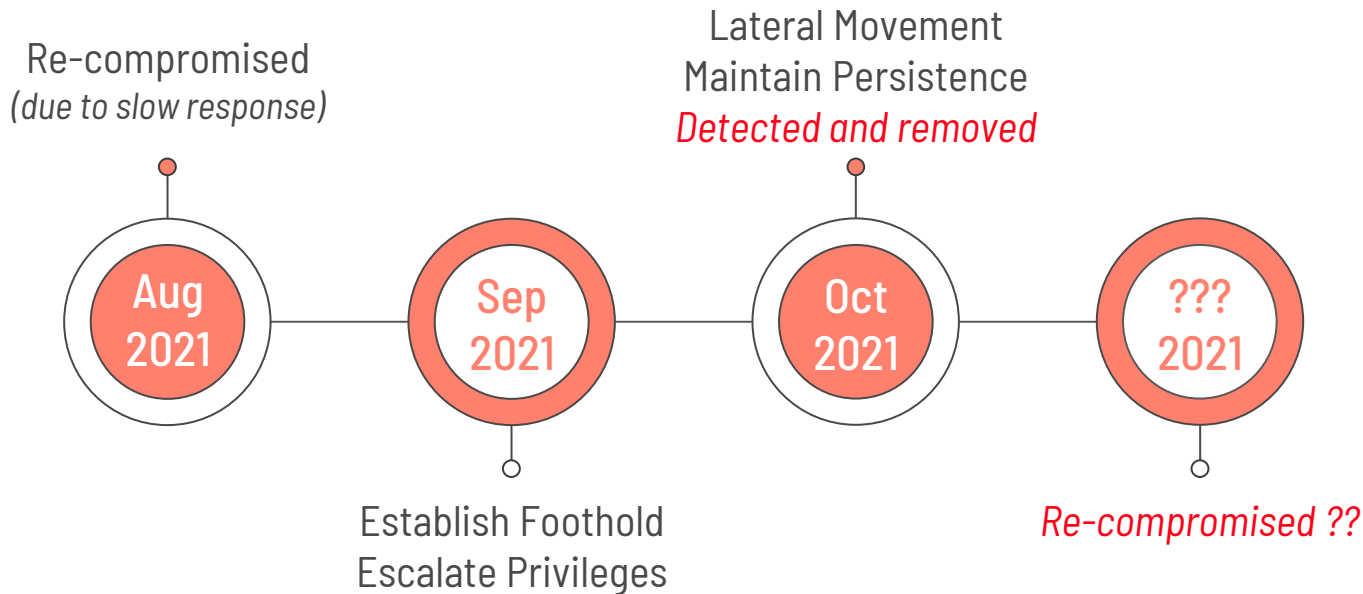


Establish Foothold
Escalate Privileges

Lateral Movement
Data Collection

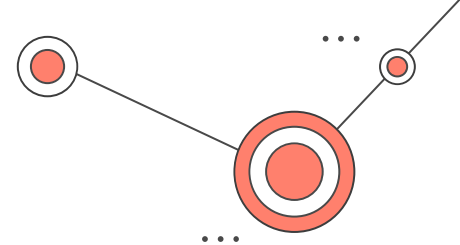
Detected and removed

Goblin Panda: New Campaign!



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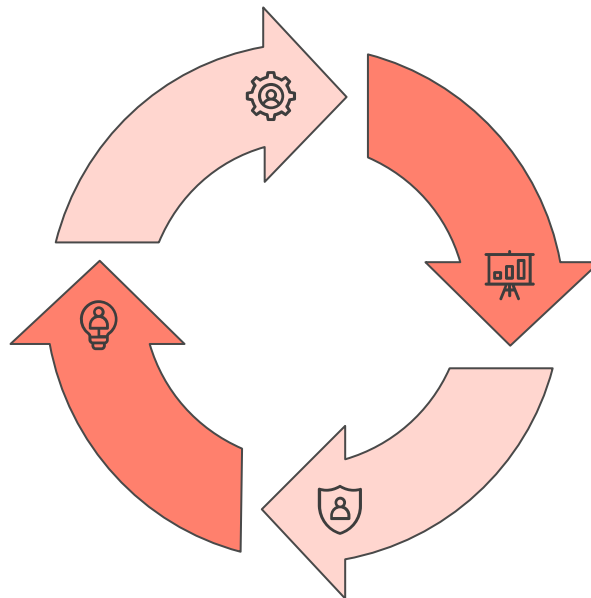


Initial Attack Vector

- MS Exchange Vulnerabilities (ProxyLogon)

Defense Evasion

- Rootkit
- Disable Antivirus

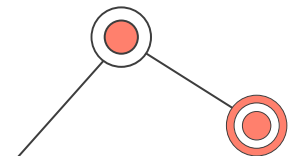


Maintain Persistence

- Compromise Authn Systems
- Compromise Central Management Systems

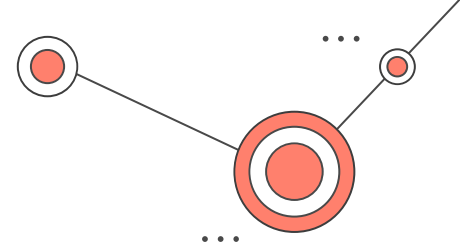
Credentials Collection

- Exchange Special Module
- Customize Mimikatz



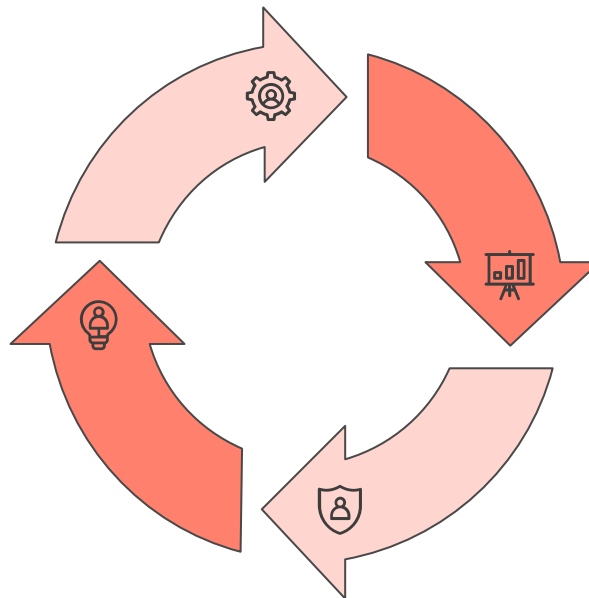
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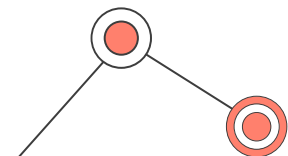
Malware & Tools

- Special Loader
- Newly built
 - May/Jun 2021
 - Aug 2021
- Same code-base from 2015



Infrastructure

- No domain used
- VPS/compromised hosts
 - Viet Nam
 - China
 - Hong Kong
 - South Korea
 - Malaysia



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Sophisticated Phishing Campaigns

Campaign 1

- From Dec 2020
- Target: Vietnamese Bank Users

Campaign 2

- From Mar 2021
- Target: Vietnamese Bank Users

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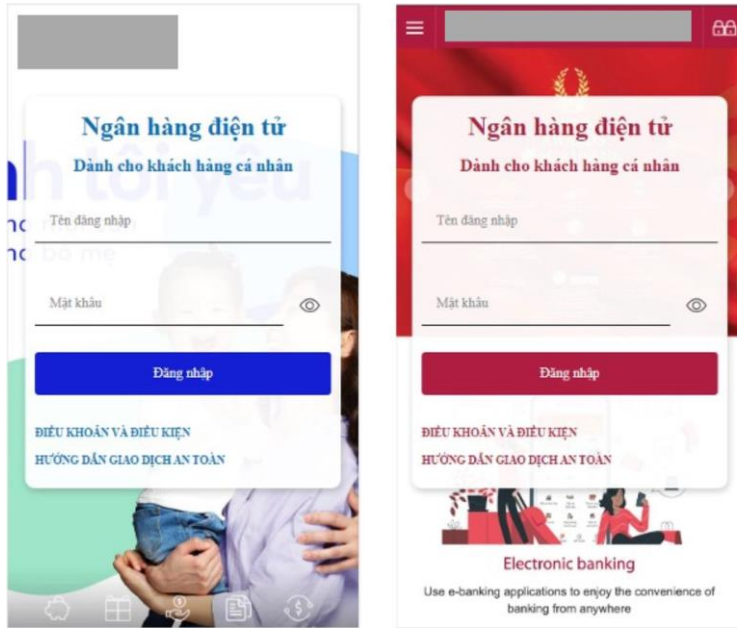
Sophisticated Phishing Campaigns



Step 1: Send SMS to victim

- Fake sender: victim's bank
- Content: account lock announcement, lure victim to malicious URL
- How?
 - Fake BTS
 - SMS Fake Sender ID
 - Malicious Application

Sophisticated Phishing Campaigns



Step 2: Information Steal

- Victim access malicious URL, input personal finance information
- Malicious websites have similar interface to original websites
- Victim information is sent to attacker

Sophisticated Phishing Campaigns



Step 3: OTP Request

- Attacker use victim credential to login to bank systems, request to get OTP

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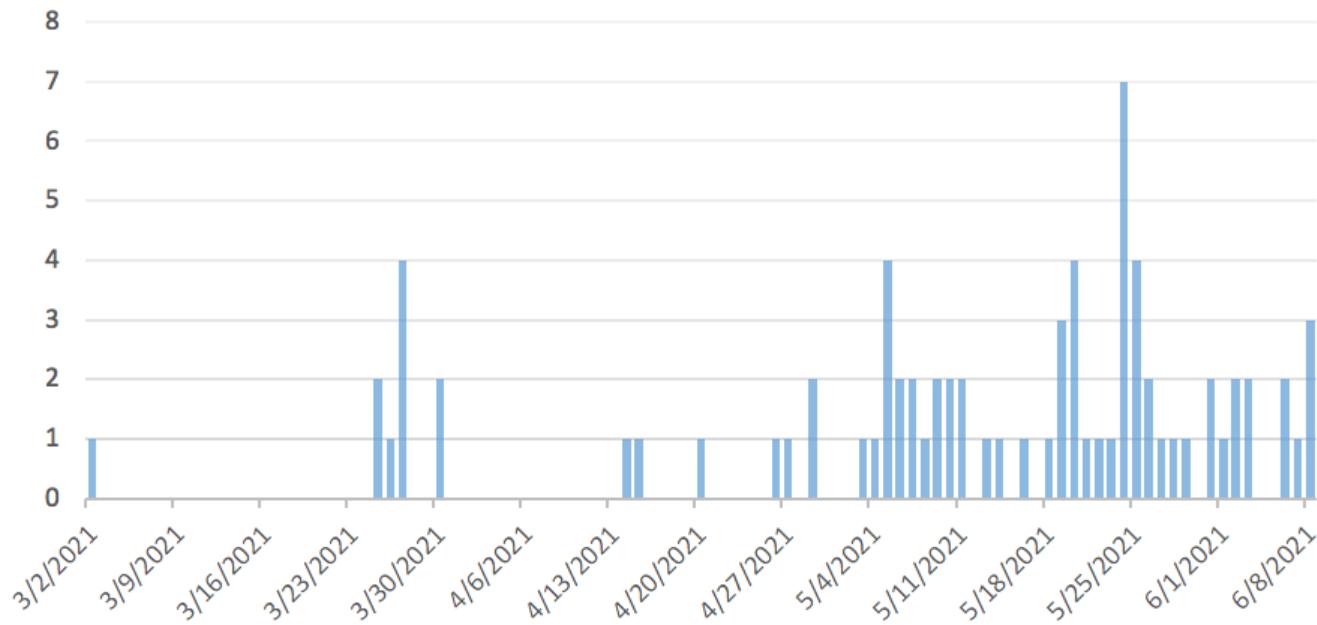


Step 4: OTP Steal

- OTP is sent to victim's phone
- Phishing website redirect to OTP submit form
- Victim submit real OTP
- Attacker now able to do transactions

Sophisticated Phishing Campaigns

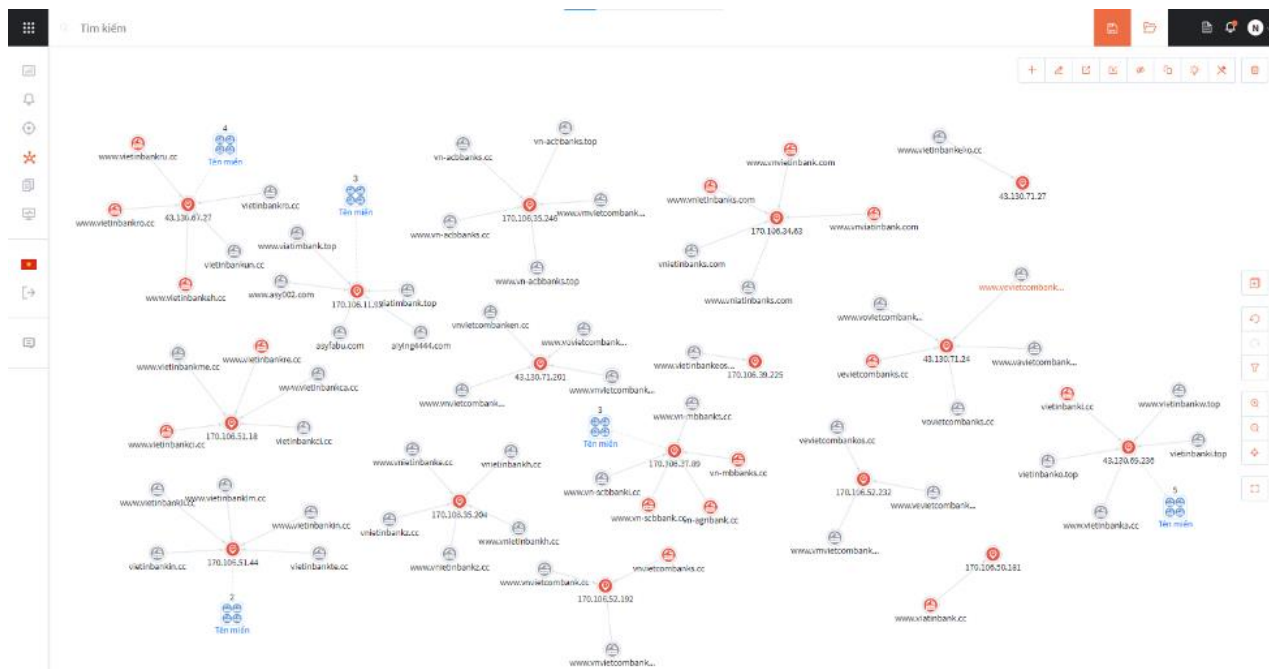
Number of phishing domains by time



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Sophisticated Phishing Campaigns

Phishing Infrastructure

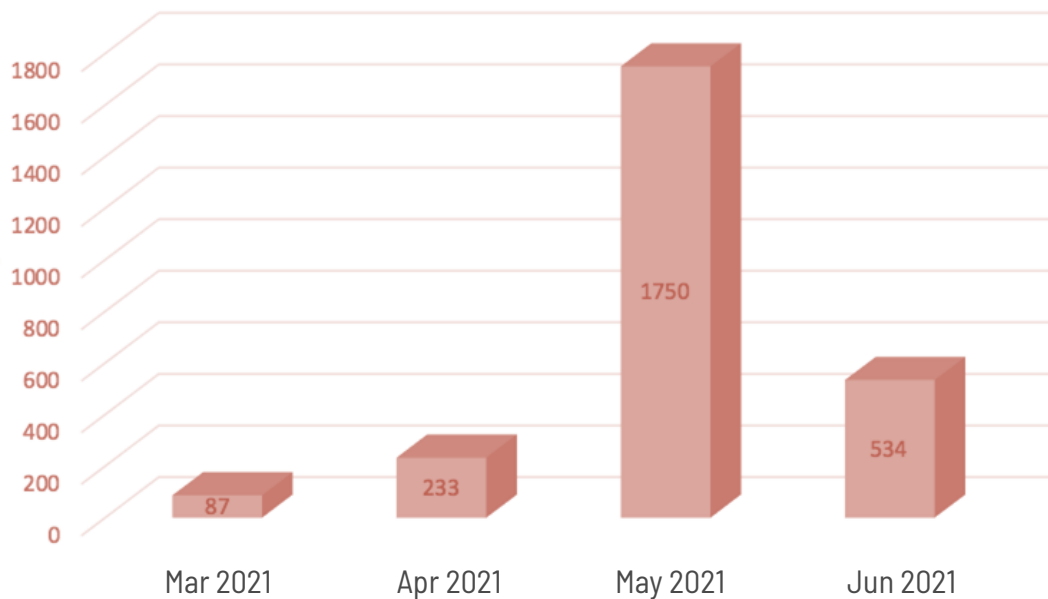


* 18 IPs, 80 domains (maybe more)

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Sophisticated Phishing Campaigns

Connections to phishing infrastructure



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Conclusion

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The significant increase in number and severity of cyber security threats make organizations to quickly adapt, take effective countermeasures, and pay a much greater attention to information security



Conclusion

End users are facing many increasingly sophisticated scams, well organized by cybercriminals, which forces enterprises to have solutions to protect their customers to increase their prestige, credibility and competitiveness of its brand, especially organizations in the banking and finance sector



Thanks!

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