

QBot – Thriving With New Tactics



QBot, (a.k.a QuackBot, Qakbot, Pinkslipbot) with its humble origins as a banking trojan in 2007, has now grown into a sophisticated and formidable threat for organizations worldwide. QBot has since evolved to be capable of stealing sensitive information, evade detections, escalate privileges, download and execute additional malware. QBot has also been linked to distribution of multiple ransomware such as Black Basta, Egregor, DoppelPaymer, etc. Increasing infections of QBot has been observed in US, India, France, UK & Germany, targeting banking, financial, government & outsourcing sectors.

Recent initial attack vector involves large-scale phishing campaigns and email thread hijacking to send attachments or URLs to malicious PDF and OneNote documents. Malicious PDFs contain an image disguised as a notification from Microsoft Office 365 or Azure alert, which on clicking, downloads an archive file containing heavily obfuscated WSF script. On execution, the script connects to remote C2 to download the malware DLL. The OneNote attack path involves batch scripts, JavaScript & HTA files leveraging PowerShell or MSHTA to download and execute the malware DLL. Once loaded. QBot establishes persistence through task scheduler, injects itself into legitimate Windows Error Manager process & attempts to gain credentials through LSASS. It further conducts system discovery and communicates the same to the C2 server. It may also deliver other tools like Cobalt Strike beacon to further exploit the target system.

In conclusion, QBot is still highly active and is acting as both trojan and a malware dropper. It is crucial for organizations to leverage tools and employee awareness to prevent potential phishing attempts. Further, staying up-to-date with latest developments in cybersecurity can help to combat the ever-evolving threat landscape.

What should you do?

- Monitor Indicators of Compromise (IoCs) in your environment to identify anomalies.
- Ensure your Windows environment is patched to the brim and is protected with multi-factor authentication.
- Conduct a comprehensive, full spectrum, threat assessment exercise to uncover blind spots and improvement areas.

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Indicators of Compromise: IP Addresses	
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5.75.205[.]43	82.127.174[.]33
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47.32.78[.]150	68.108.122[.]180
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90.89.95[.]158	172.90.139[.]138

Indicators of Compromise: Domains	
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myvigyan[.]com	propertynear.co[.]uk
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