

Royal Ransomware – Stopping at Nothing

Royal Ransomware, formerly known as Zeon, is a highly advanced malware strain that emerged in early 2022 that is operated by Dev-0569 group. From using Blackcat's encryptor, Royal has evolved to use its own 'Zeon' encryptor having major resemblance with tools of Conti. The group has been targeting multiple counties around the globe, across sectors spanning transportation, critical manufacturing industries, technology, education, healthcare, and government sectors.

Royal gains initial access through techniques like callback phishing, malvertising, exploiting vulnerabilities of vSphere & other public facing services and exposed RDP. Tools like PCHunter, Process Hacker, GMER, or PowerTool are then used to kill security solutions. Remote access software such as AnyDesk, LogMeIn, and Atera are leveraged to maintain persist access to the victim's network. Network and system discovery tools allow Royal to collect information about Active Directory and other systems. Cobalt Strike and Qakbot are used as C2 to deliver malware, payloads, other additional tools including dual use agents. Connectwise, Splashtop, etc were leveraged for lateral movement and to execute malicious processes. Rclone cloud web service is used to exfiltrate data before proceeding to file encryption over SMB. Execution requires a 32character "id" argument along with "path" & "ep" arguments for target encryption path and encryption percentage. Finally, volume shadow copies are deleted via "vssadmin" tool to hamper recovery.

Royal ransomware is on a massive hacking spree, getting ranked among the most active and dangerous ransomware campaigns of 2022. Further, with Royal expanding its scope of attack to target ESXi servers by abusing multiple CVEs, organizations must ensure that latest patches are applied and secure exposed systems and services.

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.

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Indicators of Compromise: IP Addresses	
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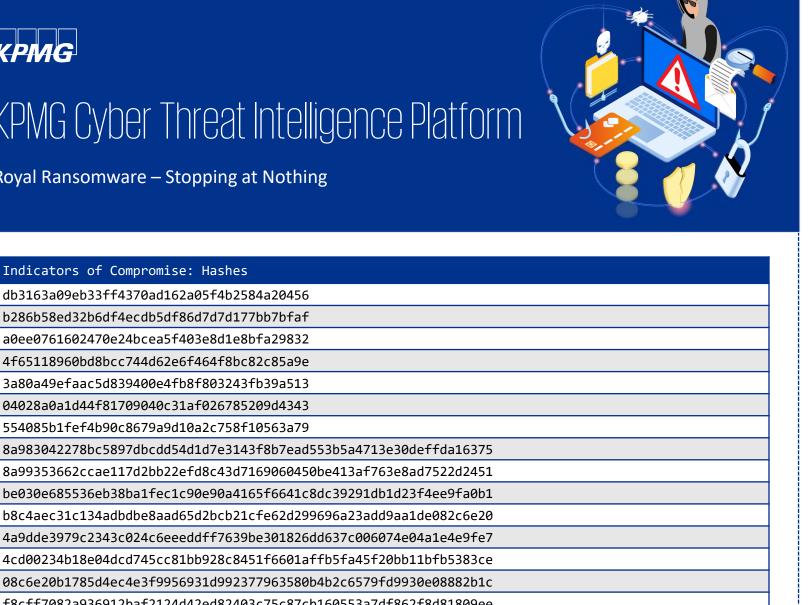
Indicators of Compromise: Domains	
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Indicators of Compromise: Hashes
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