

Snatch Ransomware - Exploiting Safe Mode for Stealthy Intrusion

Snatch, formerly known as Team Truniger, has been operational since 2018 and has specifically targeted organizations in the United States since 2019. Their targets encompass critical industries such as the Defense Industrial Base (DIB), Food and Agriculture, and Information Technology. In June 2023, Snatch expanded its operations to include data theft and double extortion tactics. They have been observed purchasing data from other ransomware groups and leveraging this information to compel victims to pay ransoms, thereby avoiding data exposure on Snatch's extortion platform.

Initial access is achieved by exploiting Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) vulnerabilities & brute forcing administrator credentials. Post access, it establish persistence through compromised admin accounts and connects to its C2 server via port 443. They abuse Windows Safe Mode to circumvent detection by antivirus or endpoint protection. Tools like PowerShell, Metasploit, and Cobalt Strike are used to perform Data discovery and lateral movement. It persists for over three months in the network, systematically exploiting network vulnerabilities, executing lateral movement, and actively collecting data for exfiltration. Disable antivirus software's and execute a file called "safe[.]exe," using a hexadecimal filename matching the SHA-256 hash to avoid rule-based detection. After activation, it alters registry keys, utilizes Windows tools for enumeration, creates processes to execute specific batch (.bat) files, deletes volume shadow copies. Also, Attaches hexadecimal characters to file and folder names, along with ransom notes prompting communication via email or Tox communication platform.

Snatch's brute forcing and RDP based threats calls for actions like limiting exposure, enforcing multi-factor authentication, segmenting networks, enhancing monitoring & employee training to minimize risk.

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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193.188.22[.]26	67.211.209[.]151
193.188.22[.]25	185.61.149[.]242
37.59.146[.]180	94.140.125[.]150

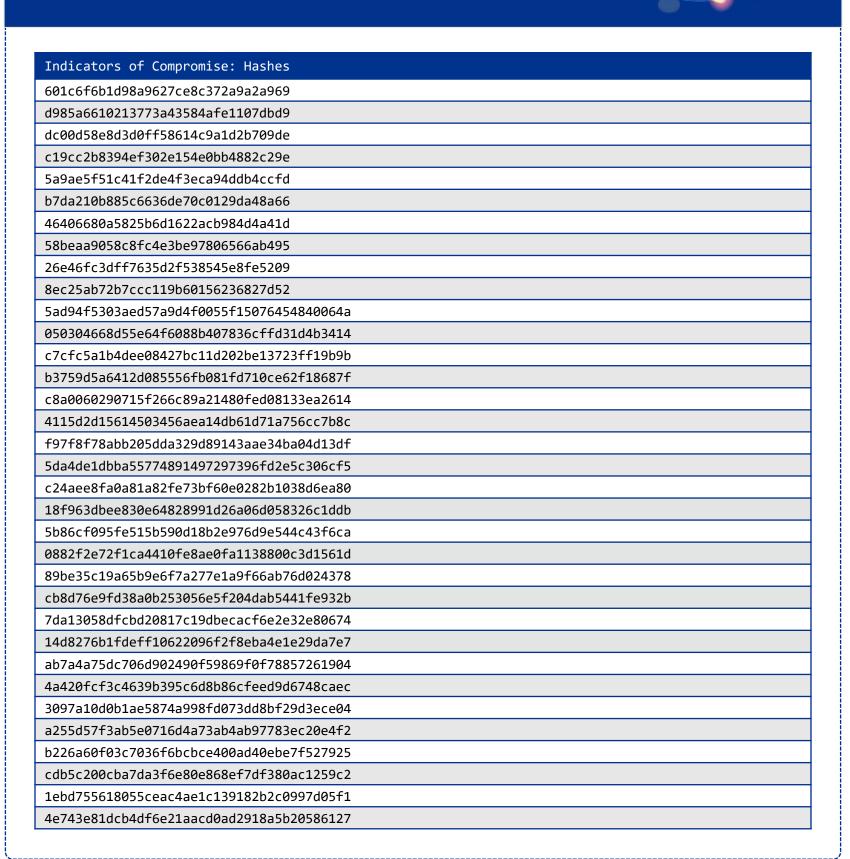
Indicators of Compromise: Domains

<pre>snatch24uldhpwrm[.]onion</pre>
snatch6brk4nfczg[.]onion
mydatasuperhero[.]com
mydatassuperhero[.]com

Indicators of Compromise: Hashes	
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