



# KPMG Cyber Threat Intelligence Platform

## Alphv/BlackCat – A Formidable Cross Platform Adversary



ALPHV/BlackCat ransomware aka ALPHV-ng, Noberus is a highly sophisticated ransomware group that emerged in November 2021 and is suspected to be a rebrand of BlackMatter. They employ triple-extortion strategy involving data theft, file encryption, and DDoS attacks on their victim. Written in Rust, the Windows variant packs advanced privilege escalation techniques, while the Linux variant dubbed “Sphynx” also packs the ability to target ESXI hypervisors. More creative attack tactics are being concocted by the group which includes deploying its custom Linux VM ‘Munchkin’ on victim host to distribute malware.

Initial access involves malvertising with social engineering, exploiting vulnerabilities in network devices like VPN gateways & Firewall and misusing credentials through exposed RDP services. To navigate host security constraints ALPHV deploys custom ‘Munchkin’ VM as an ISO via VirtualBox. Based off Alpine OS, it packs in a wealth of python scripts & tools to dump credentials, build the encryptor, distribute itself to other systems and configure attack parameters for minimal manual intervention. This allows the attacker to encrypt remote SMB and CIFS shares. Windows tactics include abuse of PowerShell, WMIC & fsutil, UAC bypass via COM interface elevation and payload execution via ‘PsExec’. ESXI behavior includes leveraging ‘esxcli’ to enumerate & kill all VMs and deletion of all snapshots to inhibit recovery. ALPHV uses multiple Remote Access tools & registry Run keys for persistence. Cobalt Strike beacons are used as C2 which are deployed by ‘.pyc’ scripts that run in memory. All of the above is done while using SpyBoy ‘Terminator’ utility to tamper/disable EDR & anti-virus solutions.

ALPHV’s adoption of ‘EDR killers’ & VM for malware deployment exemplify the continuous evolution of tactics to bypass & evade defensive measures, underscoring the need for increased vigilance.

### 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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47.154.86[.]24	162.33.179[.]114
193.42.32[.]58	206.188.196[.]78
45.12.253[.]50	167.88.164[.]141
45.12.253[.]51	172.86.123[.]127
45.81.39[.]175	172.86.123[.]226
45.81.39[.]176	104.234.11[.]236
84.54.50[.]116	157.254.195[.]83
45.154.138[.]39	104.234.11[.]226
67.216.143[.]42	85.217.144[.]233
167.88.164[.]40	193.149.187[.]213
45.66.230[.]240	157.254.195[.]108
167.88.164[.]91	104.234.147[.]134

### Indicators of Compromise: Domains

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### Indicators of Compromise: Hashes

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