



KPMG Cyber Threat Intelligence Platform

Void Arachne - Infiltrating Chinese Users with Winos 4.0



Void Arachne, a newly identified threat actor group, has been actively targeting Chinese-speaking users since its discovery in early April 2024. It employs sophisticated techniques to distribute a command-and-control framework called Winos 4.0 through malicious MSI files. The campaign strategically focuses on sectors and countries where there is a high interest in AI technologies, VPN services, and Chinese-language software, to infiltrate system for covert operations.

Void Arachne utilizes SEO poisoning and leverages social media platforms to distribute malicious software, including compromised MSI files for popular VPNs and AI technologies. The attackers distribute backdoored MSI files and ZIP archives via Chinese-language Telegram channels, directly hosting them to exploit user trust. The malicious MSI installers utilize multiple DLLs to schedule tasks and modify firewall rules, crucial for maintaining C2 communication on public networks. Upon execution, the installer employs RC4 decryption to execute a second-stage payload. The loader uses a Visual Basic Script (VBS) to establish persistence through Windows Task Scheduler, ensuring the malware remains active across system reboots. The decrypted payload serves as a stager to connect to a remote C2 server, deploying the final payload, Winos 4.0. The stager in Winos 4.0 serves as the core plugin manager, executing tasks initiated by the operator and managing commands received from the C2 server as DLL plugins. Once activated, Winos 4.0 conducts various malicious tasks, including file management, DDoS attacks, disk searching, webcam control, screen capturing, microphone recording, keylogging, and remote shell access.

Void Arachne's strategic use of SEO poisoning and exploitation of the burgeoning interest in AI technologies highlight critical requirements for swift and effective mitigation efforts.

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.

The KPMG Cyber Threat Intelligence Platform is an industry defining, research-based capability for enhanced visibility into cyber threats.

Our machine ingestible feeds and analysis are the result of automated, sensor-based intelligence metrics with dedicated, expert insights of each threat to provide you the appropriate context on a timely basis in industry standard formats such as STIX/TAXII/MISP.

These feeds are additionally co-related with our industry partners and independent research for additional context. The intelligence obtained is then curated from strategic, tactical and operational perspective to give you a wide-ranging view of cyber threats.

We also assist you with our renowned cyber incident response and threat hunting services in case you identify an active threat in your environment.

We offer a wide-range of services, including:

Strategic threat intelligence report

Machine ingestible threat intelligence feeds

Threat intelligence driven pre-emptive threat hunting exercise

Cyber Incident Response Services

Contact us:

KPMG in India Cyber Response Hotline : +91 9176 471 471

Atul Gupta
Partner, Head of Cyber Security,
KPMG in India
T: +91 98100 81050
E: atulgupta@kpmg.com

B V, Raghavendra
Partner, KPMG in India
T: +91 98455 45202
E: raghavendrabbv@kpmg.com

Sony Anthony
Partner, KPMG in India
T: +91 98455 65222
E: santhony@kpmg.com

Chandra Prakash
Partner, KPMG in India
T: +91 99000 20190
E: chandraprakash@kpmg.com

Manish Tembhurkar
Associate Partner,
KPMG in India
T: +91 98181 99432
E: mtembhurkar@kpmg.com

The information contained herein is of a general nature and is not intended to address the circumstances of any particular individual or entity. Although we endeavor to provide accurate and timely information, there can be no guarantee that such information is accurate as of the date it is received or that it will continue to be accurate in the future. No one should act on such information without appropriate professional advice after a thorough examination of the particular situation.

KPMG Assurance and Consulting Services LLP, Lodha Excelus, Apollo Mills Compound, NM Joshi Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai - 400 011 Phone: +91 22 3989 6000, Fax: +91 22 3983 6000.

© 2024 KPMG Assurance and Consulting Services LLP, an Indian Limited Liability Partnership and a member firm of the KPMG global organization of independent member firms affiliated with KPMG International Limited, a private English company limited by guarantee. All rights reserved.

The KPMG name and logo are trademarks used under license by the independent member firms of the KPMG global organization.

This document is for e-communication only.

#KPMGjoshi

home.kpmg/in

Follow us on home.kpmg/in/socialmedia





KPMG Cyber Threat Intelligence Platform

Void Arachne - Infiltrating Chinese Users with Winos 4.0



Indicators of Compromise: IP Addresses

98.159.98[.]114	103.214.147[.]14
156.248.54[.]11	103.214.147[.]101

Indicators of Compromise: Domain

webcamcn[.]xyz

Indicators of Compromise: Hashes

18b485a2a8cd14cd3bc7d274d2f12c43
fe7aedab70a5a58efb84e6cb988d67a4
4bb1a0acbe947b77031dcd4b5089d483
f361f91c2f2e8597bb579e8151e25bd7
cf887bbb3a9932417094ec7eab362f5a
b07aff833c84c8f60c220898369a85f8
d9263ad408e44848b4bd07b2fd99ef59
f3dd6c11f7cf5f4a7fe6f883d2c0a79c
7a00cac5f1e621ec3da5f781fd89f270
543785705c4402e8259acb4ea2b2449e
493c700ef6a7fa679d3d3fda9089f348
233e65344c964ecac506962f289f9503
4a6027e2547fe1418fb4ff73ca81176d
5a187185bd8ba9c5f7fe85cd125d99b5
562883ca2bc819790793756d02aeeef8d
9d3e4a459be46c901167e21194523236
00be3d2cc7bd3558a6ebf77a9cf3318e
28df247b75475c9d885376ae80b1a452
09821c414416fa1257fc4731dd6008dc
bb1db03aad061ec90289ec51ecfed72c
2eb7bb21074e8415b4196d7d2a8aa086
a03af44394e1647f8e9e76f12355bacd
6cd6f35229a4c3e1bea0d1b91b8c5141
ef34d4346a513a1f817c60daaa86556a
44e6acaffe3c643899dab6d05b9ba2b4



KPMG Cyber Threat Intelligence Platform

Void Arachne - Infiltrating Chinese Users with Winos 4.0



Indicators of Compromise: Hashes

0df68344f8c36d7d947ead941bd35228
966fde900b1ad15c9bc323ef940e261c
cc23fe095909828e70952ebbc41c162d
ba948d3de73c37f14b87879893f6ee547ced764c
2c01c74b4272ffb955afb52c3aa8ba770272d9d2
7cc287d886f8851caf987c4cd8238302b65eda09
678dca04bf40b208ed45854c0ed0849394a7aded
705a80b4a9ab6a31395e89dab91b9ee3933ee6d0
87b6afe25c7fea846a871e22f222e4ceb32f8201
df6ffd03639011d11fbea583c799e7b5c1893ce3
284560038b769a616c20057570e2d3e55497fa40
7c7f4ad223476ba94ad23166df1b07f590e9ee55
855a96bdb899d3f25956459895628ba4d8d044ab
723a2bffd15e3f09278d52f14be36dce1ce91012
ae09e14e3f911359903b0c296455607f1d0c8082
e042cda405b691de00411359ce3405d1cbc0dde7
5d1ad6938e19ec1a2de86a504cda3d7be4719313
9a5c08300f03a8381cfe3f0e726a32141f885c79
a219e064fd783758d3899b36e7c8a46fab57caa8
0dc3ef2cd2ffe3a4c52c6fd01a5501d7b84ae8d6
61cd40da9253a367e416c9ab67e73738f18948c3
6926da5cba7aed9eb370b338e38990c0268668ee
b665cb8cbb3cfd3253dc994102d579237b7dcc3a
2cf5ddffbc85a3acce9be26568f7258c7ea3a46c
cd3ed212441f221a2f0c40f2b71f7bfec1349a9a
5701fe1b8ab3b5d9c35cba743a391191127a9180
38219b6b966f397bce79cbd42f7bce5470709966
b248af4accd5739f1e7c792efb6a13d1ba89dbe0
6183c00570b7ae8c93dd2e5f0a0289aaafc8df06
09d07ce52af499c3674185511258ad15c5424fa1
d3cbc91e6d5c11303f5efc5994b0c681d7fdb4ba
9cbfbc782b224037e935b8501c79185f296de27e
ec928c5fe6e249fc426b27633c0826dfb011071e
f921c710dada0f5efa61527c006301cac7b40e2a



KPMG Cyber Threat Intelligence Platform

Void Arachne - Infiltrating Chinese Users with Winos 4.0



Indicators of Compromise: Hashes

ff2d05a637d8da53ff460a0427ea952ceee561b7
a2314cc7c245a276b0fce3a2f1d2de4bfbe5bd9b
16d3c176ca94c84b60e26981231bf59ebe75057ac10dd6f583ce65a3bed11dd0
3ac0afec0ce29b69d57c54663c6e4fa6fee703696069cb5b8f00783b5504cf80
ecf5394d78392b11daec1016c6b447f9da7eae69f7702ecf8c4d1d3f69e3fe64
2066dd040fe020ca32e5ebfeeb4fa75094d3ac43155c83fe222f380d4940df42
f6216d72f4d9a7d46f3b878650b2f26982e4f05b8b5ce363a60c564159db781f
81c30a63161d40fb6df55b6147b2d9577830f08bfc9121ba8574c8bb6ec3a2a2
41f827e6addfc71d68cd4758336edf602349fb1230256ec135121f95c670d773
11a96c107b8d4254722a35ab9a4d25974819de1ce8aa212e12cae39354929d5f
186bf42bf48dc74ef12e369ca533422ce30a85791b6732016de079192f4aac5f
202c378deb628a8104a1dd957bbd70b945beea8e11d55b9ce3e4787fbe496797
1dbb3d08931aac2a76c9a72fe38d038e172b29f898acaf5db1ec91e180f7ec22
b022e0f0b2ae9e27847cfc909bfcdbc89a732fcdde6e473443aaab2592a84910
4b323ab024562e6f25eb91c7bbcd3f752f67ed5274dd83cf45b9d55aa0f37522
c0aa7b470e2e76ba0aaa65de2257aec5ff23485115f38b7a7a1285067c69e0e8
fae4f96beda54a1ed4914537b0542182d3a020dd9db9d9995df37d303b88e6df
768881a43d2ff09701bf2e241a1d59d8a0c116cf20e27a632a8b087bb81de409
7ed8c7ea5e2feeadb1966f53c48ab3a580f53a4d20725031d764db7e962607a9
49120dfcef430df1c90c9c370b92b969c876b9b4327d81eae720cd71fcd75b87
023822a8ad26f2d7330a2afa310ccf943058f2765b7cbc6975c51c144739b55f
bc01cf528086de6a1b231dee01c1624cf58911b171904bf7a6b08ddfba661d83
5759fc938f228579fc5e64e74cee083581a975d4054deb715c0f371b66b96263
976837663b25f793470f24925198b06e79a72ede014a84ba62311fadede5062f
436499efe94c7a1bfefaa84c52f8187bffb3d4d1a49de1cbc8885e7807d11b42
5684fc4f33c168519b2fdcae59cc3be2e6db1f0b0f3718524ef57e0e7423f59d
7a3841a5315c01df299d8844b62dc150b1c3e5b5ebe7547c1a211349879659af
5abc2006c7a3a27e033075ba881a668aba5e70797677ed2220f7ab9fb36fc927
827ed4f36ea7032395bfa35da54c6e9d06d6633aa7396792e8511adf366c1fcc
c61c8ded2a9481c2e50b4872c8f7bcd8ecc33997a6004e62aa06b60742f54e57
409e09ac0fcf7d39044ef0b3eb798aea6dc0650e5214056760694c1340fc8488
61d73a8920c41483d0832c9a5c5bc9f57ac5f71146a98faefc0cb4d988e77bab
4791c23aff8a09061b76a05bb88ee37149995584a87aade236ea4eebab79ed1c
03669424bdf8241a7ef7f8982cc3d0cf56280a5804f042961f3c6a111252ffd3