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Clop Ransomware – Honing its techniques



Clop Ransomware, akin to the Russian affiliated CryptoMix ransomware family was discovered in Feb 2019. While known for its numerous high-profile attacks targeting Windows Operating System, instances of a nascent Linux variant making rounds have been identified recently. The group majorly targets US, Spain, Brazil, Turkey, etc. focusing on sectors like healthcare, finance, media, energy and educational institutions.

Clop targets organizations rather than individuals and employs multiple methods for initial access. These include using spear-phishing, maldocs, exposed RDP/SMB/WinRM services & malware droppers like Get2 and TrueBot to deliver payloads. Further, the necessary tools are downloaded using the initial loader payloads. FlawedAmmy RAT is used to extract system information such as processes, registries, antivirus, networks, etc. and to communicate with C2 for next stage. Persistence is achieved by writing itself to Run registry. Admin shares/SMB vulnerabilities are then leveraged to laterally move to compromise AD server for maximum impact. Also, Cobalt Strike & TinyMet are used for post-exploitation C2 activities. The main ransomware executable is distributed to all systems & detonated via AD admin account by running remote WMI commands PowerShell scripts. It also evades detection by utilizing application shimming technique and deletes shadow copies to prevent recovery. The encryption routine involves encryption of each file with a unique key and in-turn encrypting those keys with another key.

Clop is known to use extensive extortion techniques which hinges on data exfiltration through tools like DEWMODE web shell and Teleport. With Clop becoming cross-platform and constantly evolving attack vectors, organizations must secure their network by frequently patching vulnerabilities and by ensuring constant monitoring.

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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Indicators of Compromise: Domains

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Indicators of Compromise: Hashes

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