



KPMG Cyber Threat Intelligence Platform

Zloader - Targeting Windows Users with Revamped Tactics



Zloader, (aka DELoader, SILENTNIGHT, Terdot) a modular trojan derived from the Zeus source code, surfaced in 2016 targeting German banks. After a hiatus, it resurfaced as "Silent Night" in 2019, reaching version 2.0.0.0 by September 2021. Despite a takedown in April 2022, it returned in September 2023 with versions 2.1.6.0 and 2.1.7.0, boasting updated obfuscation, a revised domain generation algorithm (DGA), RSA encryption, and native 64-bit Windows support. Zloader's attacks have globally affected various countries, notably the US, China, Canada, Australia, Poland, Germany, Western Europe, and Japan.

Initial access involves deceptive tactics, like RIG kit usage, COVID-19 spam, fake invoices, and Google Ads misuse, to trick users into downloading malicious software. Execution proceeds with malicious documents, fake updates, or compromised website downloads deploying the payload. Persistence is established through methods like creating registry entries or auto-start services. The malware initially used evasion tactics like disabling Microsoft Defender, exploiting signature vulnerabilities, and encrypting communications with RC4 and XOR algorithms, but now employs junk code and string obfuscation. Zloader artifacts require specific filenames for execution, potentially evading sandboxes. Additional modules are downloaded for remote PC control and malicious tasks, employing HTTP/HTTPS communication with updated DGAs for C2 server fallback. Each affiliate uses a unique RC4/RSA encryption key for secure communication. Stolen data is exfiltrated to C2 servers, with tailored payloads potentially including ransomware.

Zloader's resurgence has brought significant enhancements to its loader modules, underscoring the importance for defenders to be vigilant and proactive in their defense measures.

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.

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Threat intelligence driven pre-emptive threat hunting exercise

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Indicators of Compromise: Domains

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Indicators of Compromise: Hashes

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Indicators of Compromise: Hashes

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