



Locky Strike:

Smoking the Locky Ransomware Code



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WannaCry



Payment will be raised on

5/16/2017 00:47:55

Time Left

02:23:57:37

Your files will be lost on

5/20/2017 00:47:55

Time Left

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About bitcoin

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Ooops, your files have been encrypted!

English

What Happened to My Computer?

Your important files are encrypted.

Many of your documents, photos, videos, databases and other files are no longer accessible because they have been encrypted. Maybe you are busy looking for a way to recover your files, but do not waste your time. Nobody can recover your files without our decryption service.

Can I Recover My Files?

Sure. We guarantee that you can recover all your files safely and easily. But you have not so enough time.

You can decrypt some of your files for free. Try now by clicking <Decrypt>.
But if you want to decrypt all your files, you need to pay.

You only have 3 days to submit the payment. After that the price will be doubled. Also, if you don't pay in 7 days, you won't be able to recover your files forever. We will have free events for users who are so poor that they couldn't pay in 6 months.

How Do I Pay?

Payment is accepted in Bitcoin only. For more information, click <About bitcoin>. Please check the current price of Bitcoin and buy some bitcoins. For more information, click <How to buy bitcoins>.

And send the correct amount to the address specified in this window.

After your payment, click <Check Payment>. Best time to check: 9:00am - 11:00am



Send \$300 worth of bitcoin to this address:

12t9YDPgwueZ9NyMgw519p7AA8isjr6SMw





Cerber

CERBER RANSOMWARE

YOUR DOCUMENTS, PHOTOS, DATABASES AND OTHER IMPORTANT FILES
HAVE BEEN ENCRYPTED!

The only way to decrypt your files is to receive the private key and decryption program.

To receive the private key and decryption program go to any decrypted folder - inside there is the special file (*README*) with complete instructions how to decrypt your files.

If you cannot find any (*README*) file at your PC, follow the instructions below:

Download "Tor Browser" from https://www.torproject.org/ and install it.
 In the "Tor Browser" open your personal page here:

http://p27dokhpz2n7nvgr.onion/DC91-E730-12F8-0095-7496

Note! This page is available via "Tor Browser" only.



Locky

```
~==*~|||+$=$**|$_
._-~=_*-|$_*=+$||
+*+.|_|
-~*++
!!! IMPORTANT INFORMATION !!!!
```

All of your files are encrypted with RSA-2048 and AES-128 ciphers.

More information about the RSA and AES can be found here:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSA_(cryptosystem) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_Encryption_Standard

Decrypting of your files is only possible with the private key and decrypt program, which is on our secret server. To receive your private key follow one of the links:

- 1. http://5n7y4yihirccftc5.tor2web.org/ECCEADDE847A1F1A
- 2. http://5n7y4yihirccftc5.onion.to/ECCEADDE847A1F1A

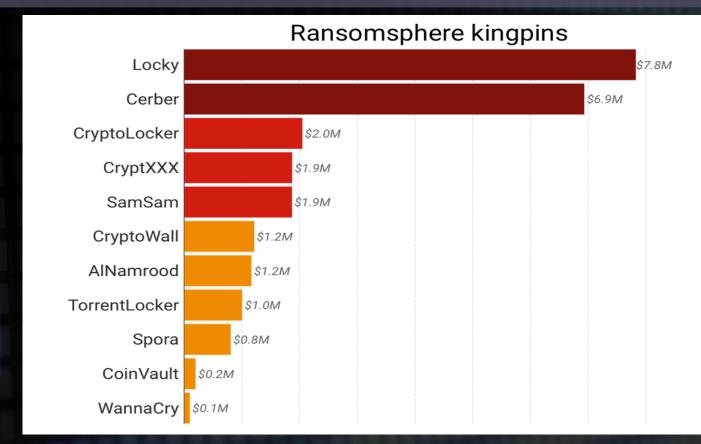
If all of this addresses are not available, follow these steps:

- 1. Download and install Tor Browser: https://www.torproject.org/download/download-easy.html
- 2. After a successful installation, run the browser and wait for initialization.
- 3. Type in the address bar: 5n7y4yihirccftc5.onion/ECCEADDE847A1F1A
- 4. Follow the instructions on the site.

!!! Your personal identification ID: ECCEADDE847A1F1A !!!



How Profitable is Ransomware?





Prevalence: Affiliate Program

Affiliate ID	Method
1, 3, 5, 15, 21	Spam email containing a malicious attachment (e.g. script, MS Office)
13, 24, 1E	Compromised sites that redirects to Nuclear or Neutrino Exploit Kit



Locky Developments

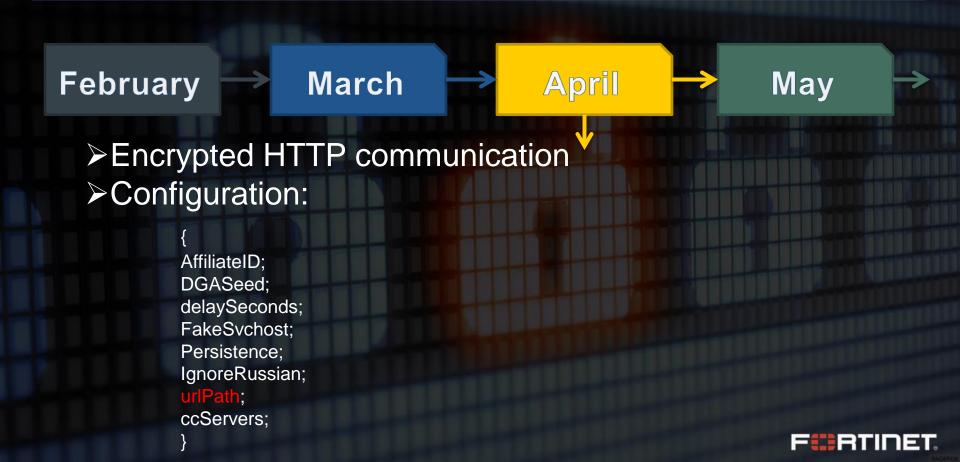






- **≻**Packed
- Registry key based on VolumeGUID
- ➤ Configuration(encrypted):





February March April May

New URI used

Encrypted HTTP POST data is now

encoded using percent encoding



June July August September

Requires argument. (e.g "123", "321")

Cracking Locky's New Anti-Sandbox Technique

by Note: Bacurio and Roland Dela Paz | Jun 30, 2016 | Filed in: Security Research

The last few weeks saw new variants of the Locky ransomware that employs a new anti-sandbox technique. from its JavaScript downloader in order to decrypt embedded malicious code and execute it properly. For exa in the following manner:

sample.exe 123





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- Offline Mode encryption
- &v = 2, addedto POST request



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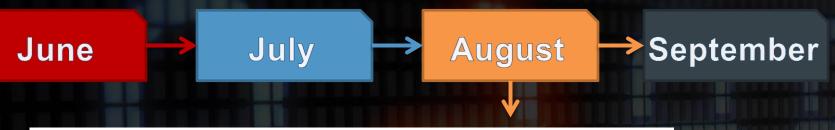
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New Locky ransomware version can operate in offline mode

The program will start encrypting files even if it can't connect to a command-and-control server.



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Locky Ransomware Switches to DLLs for Distribution

By SecurityWeek News on August 26, 2016



warn.













Locky, one of the most popular ransomware families at the moment, has changed its distribution method once again and is now using DLLs for infection, Cyren researchers



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Locky NSIS-based Ransomware

by Floser Bacurio Jr. and Kenny Yongjian Yang | Sep 12, 2016 | Filed in: Se

Over the last few months we saw that Locky's loader uses seed parameter without the correct parameter. Afterwards, we saw Locky shift itself from

Odin File Virus Ransomware Is Here!



TRIPWIRE GUEST AUTHORS

SEP 27, 2016

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Locky Happens: Notorious Ransomware Leaves an Unpleasant Trace

by Floser Bacurio Jr. and Joie Salvio | Oct 24, 2016 | Filed in: Security Research

We attended the recent VB 2016 conference to present our findings on the development and evolution of Locky ransomware. In that same presentation automation system designed by Fortiguard to extract its configuration and hunt for new variants. Locky-ly (*wink*), while improving the system we couldnot be a configuration and hunt for new variants.



December -> November October 2017 Extension change: URI change: /information.cgi .aesir .ZZZZZ

Locky Ransomware now using the Aesir Extension for Encrypted Files

By Lawrence Abrams



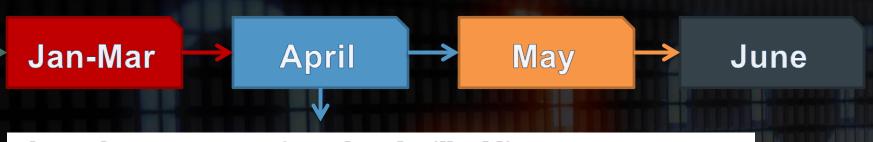








Timeline of Developments: 2017 Jan-Mar April May June Locky takes a break



The Locky Ransomware is Back and Still Adding OSIRIS to Encrypted Files

By Lawrence Abrams

April 21, 2017 🧑 0

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After almost an almost non-existent presence in 2017 and a few weeks off, according to Malwarebytes security researcher S!Ri, Locky is back with a fresh wave of SPAM emails containing malicious docs.

Extension change:

URI change:

> .loptr

> /checkupdate



July

August

September ==

October

Locky Strikes Another Blow, Diablo6 Variant Starts Spreading Through Spam

by Toser Bacurio, Joie Salvio, Rommel Joven | Aug 14, 2017 | Filed in: Security Research

This giant ransomware campaign just sent millions of malware-spreading emails

As many as 23 million emails containing Locky ransomware were sent in 24 hours, according to researchers.

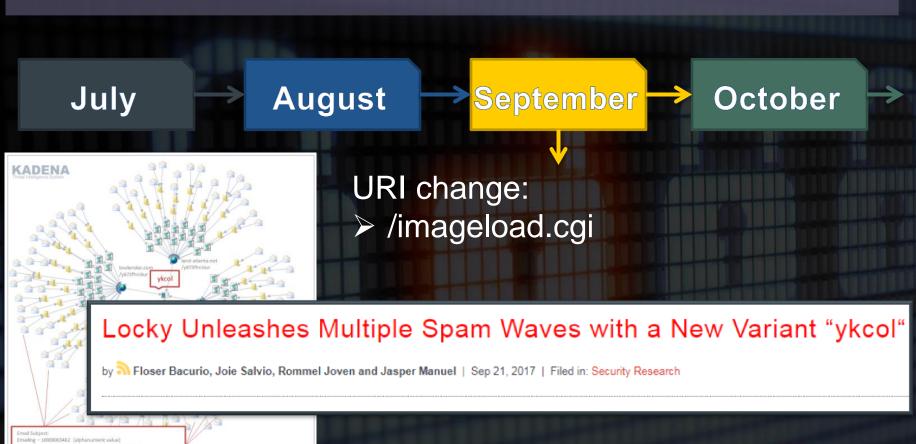


By Danny Palmer | August 31, 2017 -- 11:43 GMT (19:43 GMT+08:00) | Topic: Security

AutoClose() Function start Powershell

es of 2016, primarily affecting the United States





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September == October July August Extension change: .asasin Loader Serves up 1FAY15UD-WX31 1FAY15UD-WX31 1FAY15UD-WX31 1FAY15UD-WX31 -HOMN-00BF964 -HOMN-0B14B78 -HOMN-0CC426 -HOMN-0CE5B6F C-CF82E605AB7E 7-2A02DC262D39 5F-91E894A4CD3 D-019EDFD5F713 Locky or Trickbot 3.asasin asasin -asasin asasin

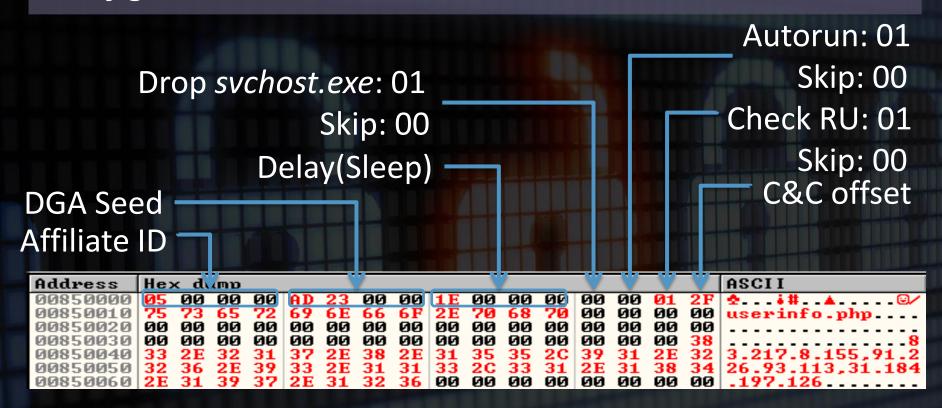
Use of DDE Exploit



Technical Analysis



Configuration





Configuration

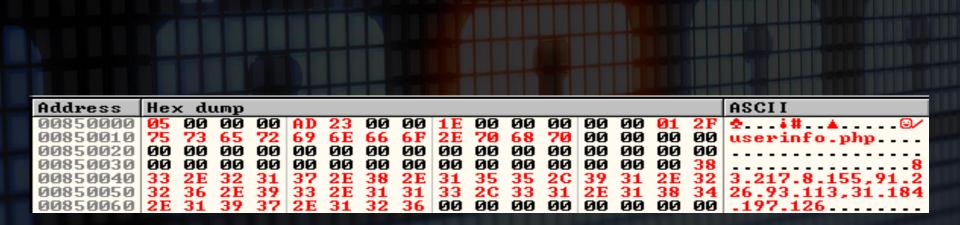
- URI for its C&C
- /main.php
- /submit.php
- /userinfo.php
- /access.cgi
- /linuxsucks.php
- /checkupdate

- /upload/_dispatch.php
- /php/upload.php
- /data/info.php
- /apache_handler.php
- /information.cgi
- /information.asp

/imageload.cgi

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																	userinfo.php
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00850030	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	38	8
00850040	33	2E	32	31	37	2E	38	2E	31	35	35	2C	39	31	2E	32	3.217.8.155,91.2
00850050	32	36	2E	39	33	2E	31	31	33	2C	33	31	2E	31	38	34	26.93.113,31.184
00850060	2E	31	39	37	2E	31	32	36	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.197.126

Configuration





Configuration: Offline

Online mode

Address	Hex dump														ASCII		
00850000	05	00	00	00	AD	23	00	00	1E	00	00	00	00	00	01	2F	☆
																	userinfo.php
00850030	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	38	8
00850040	33	2E	32	31	37	2E	38	2E	31	35	35	2C	39	31	2E	32	3.217.8.155,91.2
00850050	32	36	2E	39	33	2E	31	31	33	2C	33	31	2E	31	38	34	26.93.113,31.184
00850060	2E	31	39	37	2E	31	32	36	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.197.126

No DGA Seed

Offline mode

No C&C offset

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Configuration: Offline

Offline mode

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019A0010	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	 .	 	 	I
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019A0030																				
019A0040	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00		 	 	I

Embedded Public RSA key

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019A103F
019A107F
019A107F
019A107F
019A107F
019A108F
019A10BF
019A10BF
019A10FF
0
```



Configuration: Offline

Embedded Ransom Text

```
חהר .^.=:*_=^..-$:$*:.^.$_.. !!! IMPORTANT INFORMATION
!!!!....All of your files are encrypted with RSA-2048 and AES-1
28 ciphers...More information about the RSA and AES can be found
             http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSA_(cryptosystem)..
 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_Encryption_Standard..
..Decrypting of your files is only possible with the private key
 and decrypt program, which is on our secret server... To receive
 your private key follow one of the links:..
                                                      1. http://5n7y4y
ihirccftc5.tor2web.org/FF000000000000FF...
                                                  2. http://5n7y4yihi
rccftc5.onion.to/FF00000000000FF....If all of this addresses ar
e not available, follow these steps:..
                                               1. Download and instal
1 Tor Browser: https://www.torproject.org/download/download-easy
            After a successful installation, run the browser a
nd wait for initialization...
                                     3. Type in the address bar: 5n7
y4yihirccftc5.onion/FF0000000000000FF...
                                               4. Follow the instruct
ions on the site....!!! Your personal identification ID: FF0000 0000000FF !!!...~+_..=-_!-..!=+-!-_!*~*..==-~~.....
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Embedded HTML Ransom Text

	<a href="http://sn7y4yihirccftc5.tor2web.org/FF00000000000000FF" p="" t<="">
	arget="_blank">http://5n7y4yihirccftc5.tor2web.org/FF000000000000
	OFF br /> <div class="owfbp</th"></div>
	rnjid>qqsiz a <span class="kqfl</th></tr><tr><th></th><th>dfq">c <div class="owfbprnjid">wmdidtjxu</div> <span class="k</th></tr><tr><th>019A38FE</th><th>qfldfq"> <div class="owfbprnjid">bkzqxn</div> 2. <span class="</th">



Victim ID: Online

Locky creates a victim ID that needs to identify unique systems.

The victim ID is created from the following information:

- Volume GUID of the WindowsDirectory
- MD5 hash of the GUID value

e.g. victim_ID = 4DF383039AB03953



Victim ID: Offline

The victim ID is created from the following information:

- GUID of the WindowsDirectory
- Default UI Language
- OS version
- Domain Controller
- Affiliate ID from the configuration
- Public key ID from the configuration

Encodes it using a hard coded 32 character value:

"YBNDRFG8EJKMCPQX0T1UWISZA345H769".

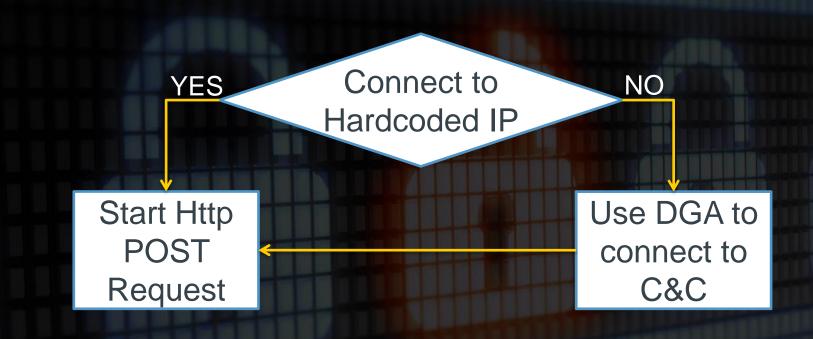
e.g. victim_ID = IZ8FDGTNEN8517JZ



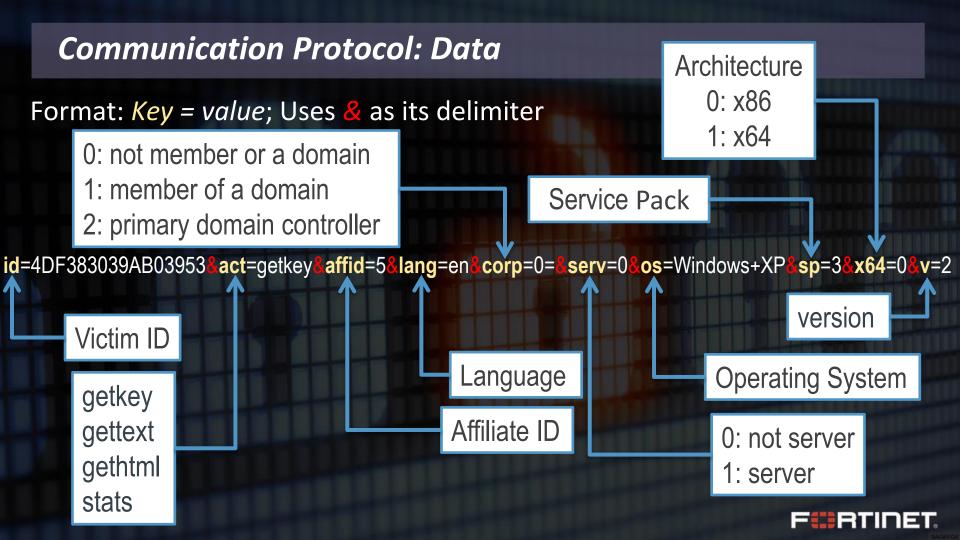
C&C Communication



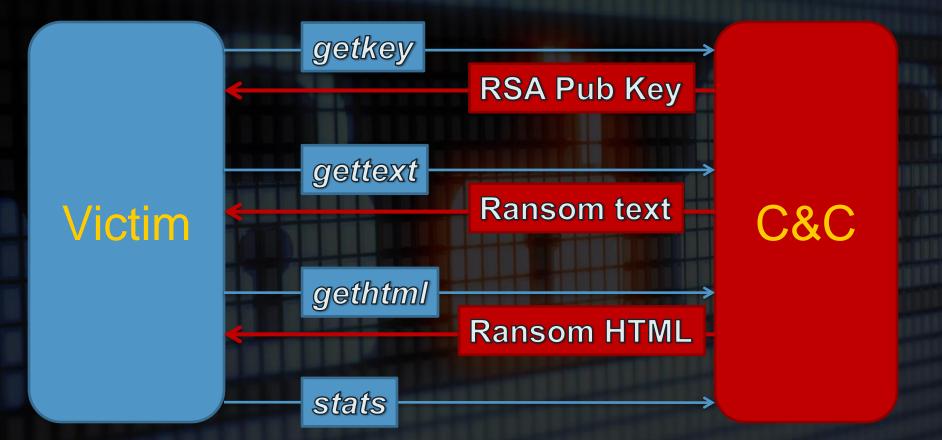
Communication Protocol: C&C







Communication Protocol: Http request





File Encryption: Targeted drives

- Drive_Removable
- Drive_Fixed
- Drive_Remote
- Drive_Ramdisk



File Encryption: Targeted extensions

File extensions:

.yuv, .gbx, .ndd, .exf, .cdr4, .vmsd, .dat, .indd, .pspimage, .obj, .ycbcra, .gbw, .mrw, .erf, .cdr3, .vhdx, .cmt, .iif, .ps, .mlb, .xis, .qbr, .**moneywell**, .erbsql, .bpw, .vhd, .bin, .fpx, .pct, .md, .x3f, .qba, .mny, .eml, .bgt, .vbox, .aiff, .fff, .pcd, .mbx, .x11, .py, .mmw, .dxg, .bdb, .stm, .xlk, .fdb, .m4v, .lit, .wpd, .psafe3, .mfw, .drf, .bay, .st7, .wad, .dtd, .m, .laccdb, .tex, .plc, .mef, .dng, .bank, .rvt, .tlg, .design, .fxg, .kwm, .sxg, .plus_muhd, .mdc, .dgc, .backupdb, .gcow, .st6, .ddd, .flac, .idx, .stx, .pdd, .lua, .des, .backup, .ged, .st4, .dcr, .eps, .html, .st8, .p7c, .kpdx, .der, .back, .pif, .say, .dac, .dxb, .flf, .st5, .p7b, .kdc, .ddrw, .awg, .pdb, .sas7bdat, .cr2, .drw, .dxf, .srw, oth, .kdbx, .ddoc, .apj, .pab, .gbm, .cdx, .db3, .dwg, .srf, .orf, .kc2, .dcs, .ait, .ost, .gbb, .cdf, .cpi, .dds, .sr2, .odm, .jpe, .dc2, .agdl, .ogg, .ptx, .blend, .cls, .css, .sglite, .odf, .incpas, .db_journal, .ads, .nvram, .pfx, .bkp, .cdr, .config, .sdf, .nyf, .iiq, .csl, .adb, .ndf, .pef, .al, .arw, .cfg, .sda, .nxl, .ibz, .csh, .acr, .m4p, .pat, .adp, .ai, .cer, .sd0, .nx2, .**ibank**, .crw, .ach, .m2ts, .oil, .act, .aac, .asx, .s3db, .nwb, .hbk, .craw, .accdt, .log, .odc, .xlr, .thm, .aspx, .rwz, .ns4, .gry, .cib, .accdr, .hpp, .nsh, .xlam, .srt, .aoi, .rwl, .ns3, .grey, .ce2, .accde, .hdd, .nsg, .xla, .save, .accdb, .rdb, .ns2, .gray, .ce1, .ab4, .groups, .nsf, .wps, .safe, .7zip, .rat, .nrw, .fhd, .cdrw, .3pr, .flvv, .nsd, .tga, .rm, .1cd, .raf, .nop, .fh, .cdr6, .3fr, .edb, .nd, .rw2, .pwm, .wab, .gby, .nk2, .ffd, .cdr5, .vmxf, .dit, .mos, .r3d, .pages, .prf, .oab, .msg, .mapimail, .jnt, .dbx, .contact ...



File Encryption: Algorithm

Encryption used:

- Uses both RSA and AES algorithms
- The AES-128 key is randomly generated for each file.
- The AES-128 key is used to encrypt the file and it's filename
- After encryption, the AES-128 key will be encrypted by RSA-2048



File Encryption: Filename

Format of filenames of encrypted files.

4DF383039AB03953D81660EB4CADC28D.locky

Victim ID

File ID



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File ID

IZ8FDXJD-K685-W9X6-491BC1BE-644CD37731DF.asasin

Victim ID

File ID



File Encryption: File layout

Original File

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Encryption

Encrypted Original File

000

4 Bytes Hard Coded Victim ID

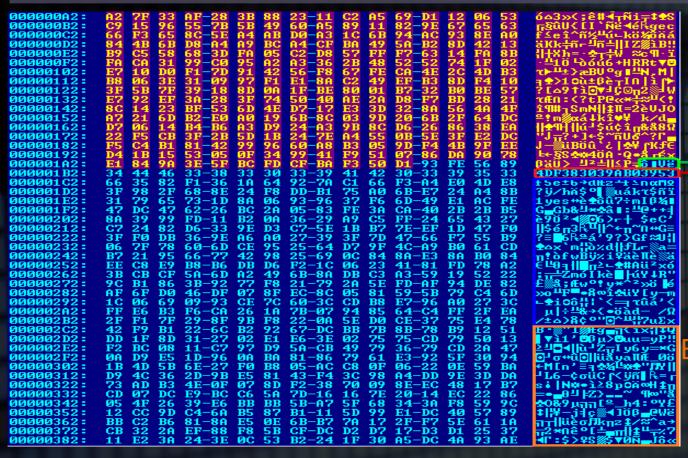
Encrypted AES Key

Encrypted Filename

Encrypted File



File Encryption: File layout



Encrypted Data

*Encryption used:

AES-128

▶ Hardcoded Value ▶ Victim ID

Encrypted AES Key

*Encryption used: RSA-2048

Encrypted Filename

*Encryption used:

AES-128

HTML Ransom Note

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- Follow the instructions on the site.

!!! Your personal identification ID: IZ8FDXJDK685W9X6 !!! ._*=* -\$



Decryptor Page

Locky Decryptor™ We present a special software - Locky Decryptor™ which allows to decrypt and return control to all your encrypted files. How to buy Locky Decryptor™? You can make a payment with BitCoins, there are many methods to get them. You should register BitCoin wallet: Simplest online wallet or Some other methods of creating wallet Purchasing Bitcoins, although it's not yet easy to buy bitcoins, it's getting simpler every day. Here are our recommendations: localbitcoins.com (WU) Buy Bitcoins with Western Union. coincafe.com Recommended for fast, simple service. Payment Methods: Western Union, Bank of America, Cash by FedEx, Moneygram, Money Order, In NYC: Bitcoin ATM, in person. localbitcoins.com Service allows you to search for people in your community willing to sell bitcoins to you directly. cex.io Buy Bitcoins with VISA/MASTERCARD or wire transfer. btcdirect.eu The best for Europe. bitquick.co Buy Bitcoins instantly for cash. howtobuybitcoins.info An international directory of bitcoin exchanges. cashintocoins.com Bitcoin for cash. coinjar.com CoinJar allows direct bitcoin purchases on their site. anxpro.com bittylicious.com Send 0.1 BTC to Bitcoin address: 1Nk2e1VVEvPUzzoX5xSCrPVBEVxebNWjSP

Transaction ID

not found

5 Refresh the page and download decryptor.

When Bitcoin transactions will receive one confirmation, you will be redirected to the page for downloading the decryptor.

Note: Payment pending up to 30 mins or more for transaction confirmation, please be patient...

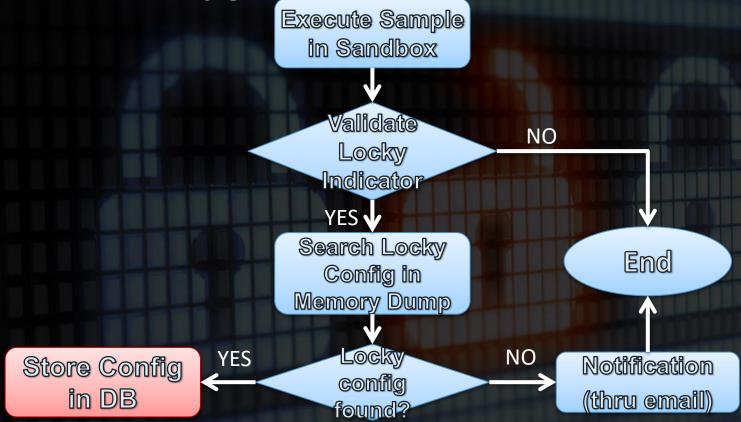
Date Amount BTC

Confirmations

Harvest Locky Configuration



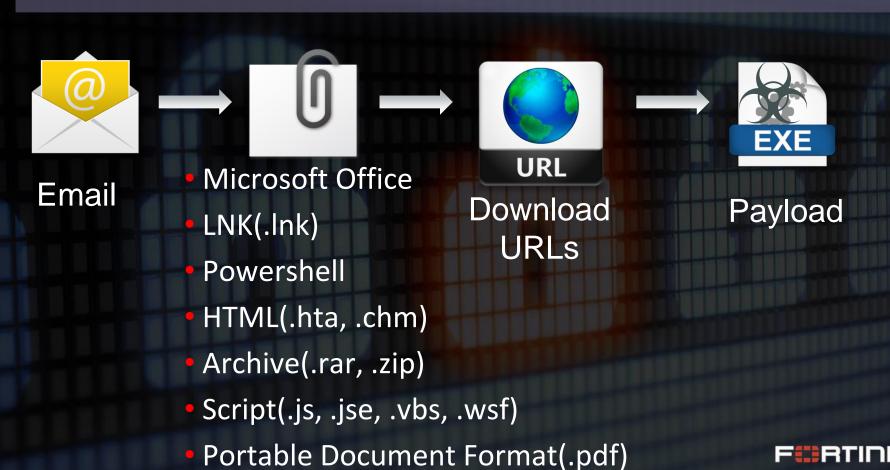
Automate Configuration Extraction: Overview

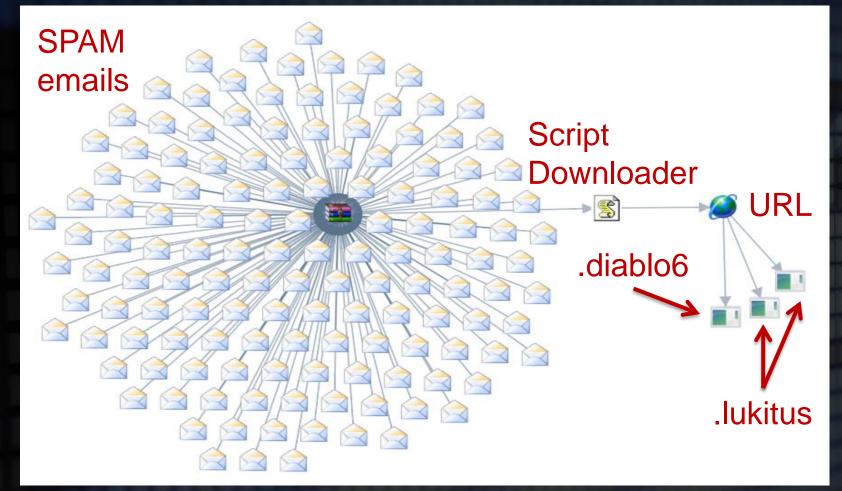






Kill Chain: SPAM Campaign





Date	Email Subject	Attachment	DL URI	Config
1 st Wave Monday 09/17/17 08:24 AM	Status of invoice	A2173164- 48.7z	/87thiuh3gfDGS	affillD: 3 URI: <yes> C&C: <yes> *online/offline encryption</yes></yes>
2 nd Wave Monday 09/17/17 05:13 PM	Message from km c224e	20171809_6 0412473780. 7z	/DKndhFG72	affillD: 3 URI: <none> C&C: <none> *offline encryption</none></none>
54	OR SECURE AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NAMED IN	ALC: NO.		FERTINET.

Interesting Observations

- Email subject (e.g. "Message from km_c224e")
 - » Same spam email subject by Dridex and Jaff Ransomware
- Qtbot loader serves Trickbot and Locky
 - » Country codes: UK, IE, AU, GB, LU or BE -> Trickbot
- Locky ransomware files share the same download servers with Sage ransomware
- Locky ransomware files share the same download servers with Fake Globe ransomware



Conclusion





FortiGuard

Thank you



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