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ProxyShell and PetitPotam exploits weaponized by LockFile Ransomware Group

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LockFile, a new ransomware gang, has been active since last week. LockFile began by using a publicly disclosed PetitPotam exploit (CVE-2021-36942) to compromise Windows Domain Controllers earlier this week. Using ProxyShell vulnerabilities (CVE-2021-34473, CVE-2021-34523 and CVE-2021-31207), they've now infiltrated many Microsoft Exchange Servers. The origins of this gang are most likely China. This gang used a similar ransomware note as of LokiBot and is been linked to Conti ransomware due to the email id provided (contact@contipauper[.]com). HivePro Threat Research team advises everyone to patch the vulnerabilities to prevent an attack.

Vulnerability Details

CVE ID	Affected Versions	Affected CPE	Vulnerability Name
CVE-2021-34473	Microsoft Exchange Server 2013 CU23, 2016 CU19, 2016 CU20, 2019 CU8, 2019 CU9	cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:exchange_server:2013_cu23:*:*:*:*:*	Microsoft Exchange Server Remote Code Execution Vulnerability
CVE-2021-34523		cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:exchange_server:2016_cu19:*:*:*:*:*	Microsoft Exchange Server Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability
CVE-2021-36942		cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:exchange_server:2016_cu20:*:*:*:*:*	Windows LSA Spoofing Vulnerability
CVE-2021-31207		cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:exchange_server:2019_cu8:*:*:*:*:*	Microsoft Exchange Server Security Feature Bypass Vulnerability
		cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:exchange_server:2019_cu9:*:*:*:*:*	

Actor Details

Name	Target Locations	Target sectors
LockFile Ransomware	United States of America and Asia	manufacturing, financial services, engineering, legal, business services, and travel and tourism sectors

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Indicators of Compromise (IoCs)

Type	Value
IP Address	209.14.0.234
SHA-2 Hash	ed834722111782b2931e36cfa51b38852c813e3d7a4d16717f59c1d037b62291 cafe54e85c539671c94abdeb4b8adbef3bde8655006003088760d04a86b5f915 36e8bb8719a619b78862907fd49445750371f40945fed55a9862465dc2930f9 5a08ecb2fad5d5c701b4ec42bd0fab7b7b4616673b2d8fbd76557203c5340a0f 1091643890918175dc751538043ea0743618ec7a5a9801878554970036524b75 2a23fac4cfa697cc738d633ec00f3fbe93ba22d2498f14dea08983026fdf128a 7bcb25854ea2e5f0b8cfca7066a13bc8af8e7bac6693dea1cdad5ef193b052fd c020d16902bd5405d57ee4973eb25797087086e4f8079fac0fd8420c716ad153 a926fe9fc32e645bdde9656470c7cd005b21590cda222f72daf854de9ffc4fe0 368756bbcab9563e1eef2ed2ce59046fb8e69fb305d50a6232b62690d33f690 d030d11482380ebf95aea030f308ac0e1cd091c673c7846c61c625bdf11e5c3a a0066b855dc93cf88f29158c9ffbdc886a5d6642cbcb9e71e5c759ffe147f8

Patch Link

<https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/en-US/vulnerability/CVE-2021-34473>
<https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/en-US/vulnerability/CVE-2021-34523>
<https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/en-US/vulnerability/CVE-2021-36942>
<https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/en-US/vulnerability/CVE-2021-31207>

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