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# THREAT ADVISORY

 **ATTACK REPORT**

**BianLian ransomware ramps up data-leak extortion and improves operational security**

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# Summary

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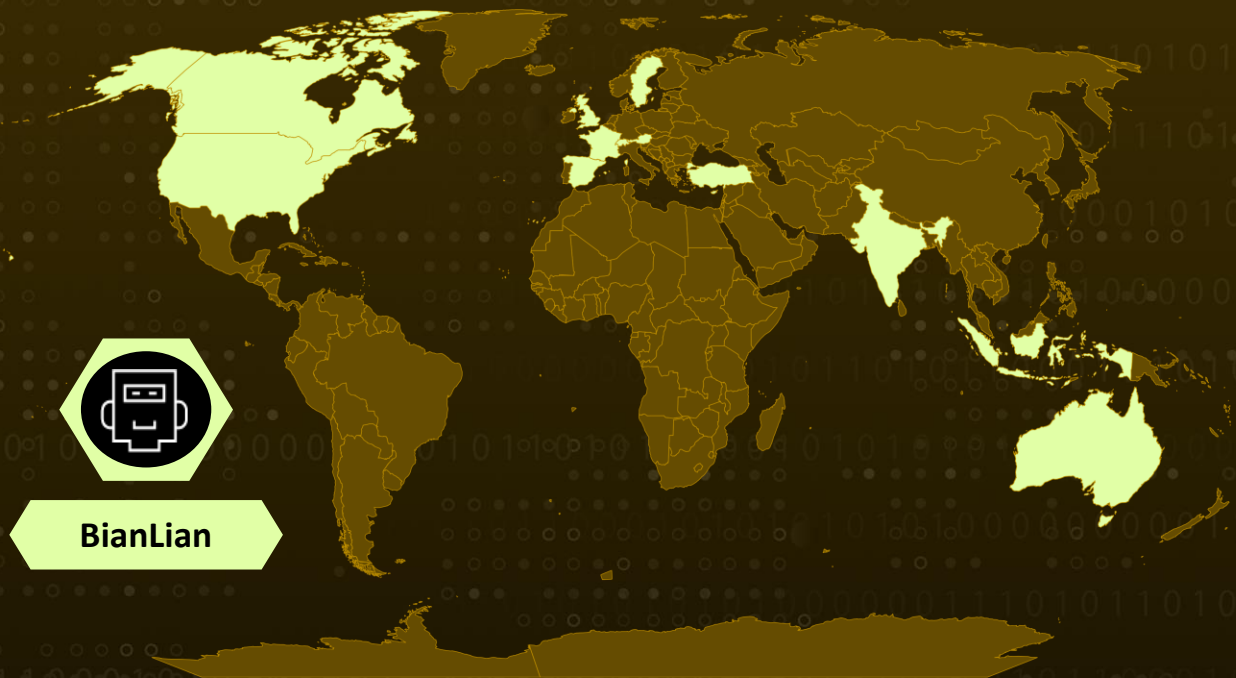
**Attack Region:** Canada, United States, United Kingdom, India, Sweden, France, Germany, Spain, Austria, Switzerland, Turkey, Cyprus, Indonesia, Australia, Northern Ireland

**Targeted Industries:** Hospitality, Real Estate, Manufacturing, Food Products, Professional Services, Education, Construction & Engineering, Health Care, Consumer Discretionary, Diversified Telecommunication

**Malware:** BianLian ransomware

**Attack:** BianLian ransomware group is ramping up data-leak extortion to extract payments, using similar tactics & a custom backdoor, and bringing 30 new C2 servers online monthly.

## Attack Regions



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# Attack Details

## #1

BianLian is a ransomware group, that continues to add more victims, displaying a high level of operational security and skill in network penetration. Its shift of focus from ransoming encrypted files to data-leak extortion is also notable. The group has improved its ability to operate the business side of a ransomware organization while maintaining similar Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs) to perform their initial access and lateral movement within a victim's network.

## #2

In addition, BianLian appears to have found its stride in the number of command and control servers it requires to sustain its operations. The group brings close to 30 new C2 servers online each month. BianLian has been tailoring the messages delivered to specific victims to increase the pressure felt by the organizations.

## #3

BianLian has also shifted its tactics to focus more on data-leak extortion as a means to extract payments from victims, rather than encrypting their data. The group promises that after they are paid, they will not leak the stolen data or otherwise disclose the fact the victim organization has suffered a breach, stating that their business depends on their reputation.

# Recommendations



### Security Leaders

Phishing simulations and routine education and awareness training and communications rarely account for MFA fatigue and web browser hygiene. Integrate and communicate all lessons learned.



### Security Engineers

- **Uni5 Users:** This is an actionable threat advisory in HivePro Uni5. Prioritize and block all indicators attributed to the threat actors and attacks through your Command Center. Test your controls with Uni5's Breach & Attack Simulation.
- **All Engineers:** Refer to and action upon the 'Potential MITRE ATT&CK TTPs' & 'Indicators of Compromise (IoC)' on the following pages.

# 🌐 Potential MITRE ATT&CK TTPs

<b><u>TA0007</u></b> Discovery	<b><u>TA0011</u></b> Command and Control	<b><u>TA0003</u></b> Persistence	<b><u>TA0009</u></b> Collection
<b><u>TA0005</u></b> Defense Evasion	<b><u>TA0040</u></b> Impact	<b><u>TA0042</u></b> Resource Development	<b><u>T1027</u></b> Obfuscated Files or Information
<b><u>T1219</u></b> Remote Access Software	<b><u>T1584</u></b> Compromise Infrastructure	<b><u>T1486</u></b> Data Encrypted for Impact	<b><u>T1140</u></b> Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information
<b><u>T1102</u></b> Web Service	<b><u>T1022</u></b> Data Encrypted	<b><u>T1083</u></b> File and Directory Discovery	

## ✂ Indicators of Compromise (IOCs)

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<b>SHA256</b>	<p>076e59781d0759de35022291c3d63bbf4227bd79561d80f52c9073a6278c5077</p> <p>0772fb1102685def711ffe647080e1a9b6597fe60e8f1afe7b457ac97c6ac25e</p> <p>16cbfd155fb44c6fd0f9375376f62a90ac09f8b7689c1afb5b9b4d3e76e28bdf</p> <p>183b28fb93db1c907b32aa9fa2f83c7b0ebcc6724de85707a89e5d03c5be5d12</p> <p>1cba58f73221b5bb7930bfeab0106ae5415e70f49a595727022dcf6fda1126e9</p> <p>207078c70be916bb7d2ad4d206d2dca37406f84313f88699fa57fa9745a055bb</p> <p>228ef7e0a080de70652e3e0d1eab44f92f6280494c6ba98455111053701d3759</p> <p>38d6ec5f93f6722c3573989f1463fb1cba1c01c3a1a0579f329e0d625c57070b</p> <p>42b0606aa2c765c0b0789b47ebd3a3f43144dc0c20b2ff6db648ac5feb0a37a3</p> <p>45f76c5c5126501018f907f886dd23a56dd882ee7d4f41c41d732612b2e4da88</p> <p>46fa9a69989b79b56495a1ece8a45d6d5ae43c600b8a13ef88f3eb9d84efda02</p> <p>487f0d748a13570a46b20b6687eb7b7fc70a1a55e676fb5ff2599096a1ca888c</p> <p>4ca84be5b6ab91694a0f81350cefe8379efcad692872a383671ce4209295edc7</p>

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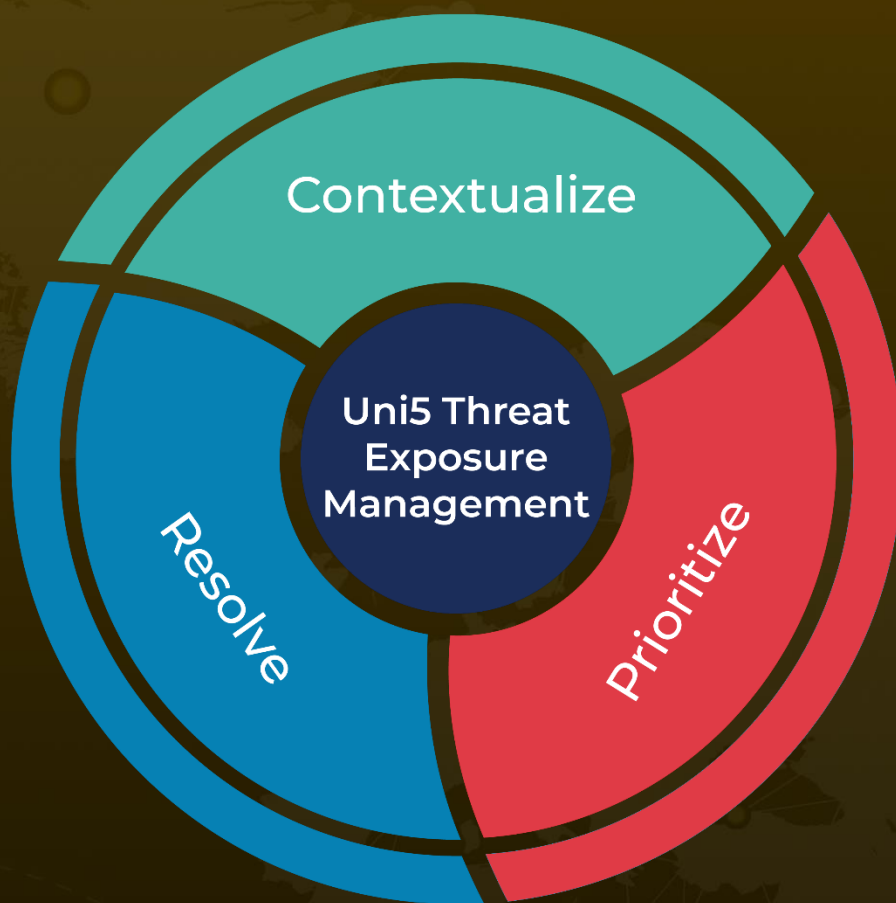
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