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THREAT ADVISORY

**ATTACK REPORT**

New Variant of BlackGuard Stealer Malware Steals Sensitive Information and Crypto Wallets

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Admiralty Code

A1

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TA2023157

Summary

First appeared: 2021

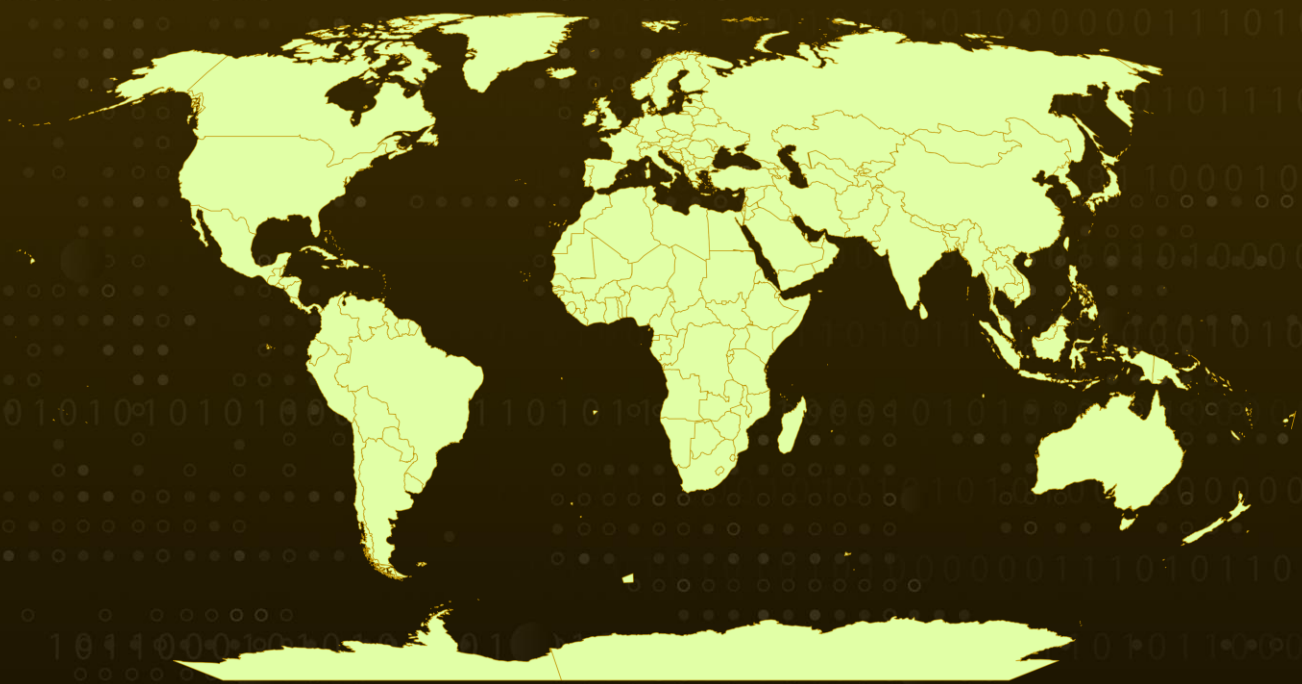
Attack Region: Worldwide

Targeted Industries: Crypto wallets, Technology

Malware: BlackGuard stealer

Attack: A new variant of the BlackGuard stealer malware that propagates through removable media and hijacks crypto wallets. It can steal sensitive information from various applications and supports stealing popular crypto assets.

Attack Regions



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Attack Details

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A new variant of BlackGuard stealer, a malware sold in underground forums and Telegram since 2021, steals sensitive information from various applications and browsers. The new variant has evolved since its previous version and now arrives with new capabilities. It propagates through removable media and shared devices and can hijack crypto wallets copied to the clipboard, replacing the victim's address with the threat actor's address.

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Additionally, the malware downloads and executes additional malware with process injection and duplicates itself to every folder in the C:\ drive recursively with a random name. The malware steals cryptocurrency wallets, login data, and other sensitive information from messaging, gaming, email, FTP, VPN, and other applications.

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It also collects information about the machine, such as the antivirus software installed, external IP address, localization, file system information, and operating system, among others. The malware supports stealing popular crypto assets and uses different handlers for messaging applications like Telegram, Discord, and Pidgin.

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

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>TA0007</u> Discovery | <u>TA0001</u> Initial Access | <u>TA0003</u> Persistence | <u>TA0009</u> Collection |
| <u>TA0005</u> Defense Evasion | <u>TA0010</u> Exfiltration | <u>TA0002</u> Execution | <u>TA0006</u> Credential Access |
| <u>TA0008</u> Lateral Movement | <u>TA0011</u> Command and Control | <u>T1020</u> Automated Exfiltration | <u>T1027</u> Obfuscated Files or Information |
| <u>T1566</u> Phishing | <u>T1106</u> Native API | <u>T1047</u> Windows Management Instrumentation | <u>T1547.001</u> Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder |
| <u>T1112</u> Modify Registry | <u>T1012</u> Query Registry | <u>T1083</u> File and Directory Discovery | <u>T1003</u> OS Credential Dumping |
| <u>T1539</u> Steal Web Session Cookie | <u>T1528</u> Steal Application Access Token | <u>T1552</u> Unsecured Credentials | <u>T1552.002</u> Credentials in Registry |
| <u>T1522.001</u> Credentials in Files | <u>T1010</u> Application Window Discovery | <u>T1622</u> Debugger Evasion | <u>T1057</u> Process Discovery |
| <u>T1082</u> System Information Discovery | <u>T1497</u> Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion | <u>T1091</u> Replication Through Removable Media | <u>T1115</u> Clipboard Data |
| <u>T1213</u> Data from Information Repositories | <u>T1005</u> Data from Local System | <u>T1071</u> Application Layer Protocol | <u>T1105</u> Ingress Tool Transfer |

✂ Indicators of Compromise (IOCs)

| TYPE | VALUE |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| IPV4 | 23.83.114[.]131 |
| SHA256 | 88e9780ce5cac572013aebdd99d154fa0b61db12faffeff6f29f9d2800c915b3 |
| SHA1 | 88e9780ce5cac572013aebdd99d154fa0b61db12 |
| MD5 | 3235ebcead914e4a210dc9dbe5c36c2f |

✂ References

<https://cybersecurity.att.com/blogs/labs-research/blackguard-stealer-extends-its-capabilities-in-new-variant>

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