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THREAT ADVISORY

**ATTACK REPORT**

New KamiKakaBot Malware Targeting Government Entities in ASEAN Countries

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A1

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Summary

First appeared: February 2023

Attack Region: ASEAN countries

Targeted Industries: Government

Actor Name: Dark Pink APT (Saaiwc Group, APT-LY-005)

Malware: KamiKakaBot

Attack: The new KamiKakaBot malware has been discovered targeting government entities in ASEAN countries, with the Dark Pink APT group believed to be behind the campaign.

Attack Regions



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Attack Details

#1

In February 2023, a new cyberattack campaign using the KamiKakaBot malware being used to target government entities in ASEAN countries. This malware is designed to steal data from web browsers such as Chrome, Edge, and Firefox, including saved credentials, browsing history, and cookies. It can also allow the attackers to execute remote code on infected devices.

#2

The campaign is believed to be the work of the Dark Pink APT group, the malware is delivered via phishing emails containing a malicious ISO file as an attachment. The ISO file contains a decoy Word document, as well as a legitimate WinWord.exe file that is used for DLL side-loading. The KamiKakaBot loader is then executed into the memory of WinWord.exe.

#3

The malware uses various evasion techniques, such as Living-off-the-Land binaries, to remain undetected while executing its malicious actions. The attackers communicate with the malware using a Telegram bot controlled by the threat actor. The campaign has exploited the increasing digitization of economies and relationships between Europe and the ASEAN region.

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

<u>TA0002</u> Execution	<u>TA0003</u> Persistence	<u>TA0004</u> Privilege Escalation	<u>TA0005</u> Defense Evasion
<u>TA0006</u> Credential Access	<u>TA0007</u> Discovery	<u>TA0009</u> Collection	<u>TA0001</u> Initial Access
<u>TA0011</u> Command and Control	<u>T1574</u> Hijack Execution Flow	<u>T1059</u> Command and Scripting Interpreter	<u>T1059.001</u> Powershell
<u>T1574.002</u> DLL Side-Loading	<u>T1204</u> User Execution	<u>T1204.002</u> Malicious File	<u>T1566</u> Phishing
<u>T1547</u> Boot or Logon Autostart Execution	<u>T1547.001</u> Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder	<u>T1036</u> Masquerading	<u>T1112</u> Modify Registry
<u>T1423</u> Network Service Scanning	<u>T1055</u> Credentials from Password Stores	<u>T1055.003</u> Credentials from Web Browsers	<u>T1539</u> Steal Web Session Cookie
<u>T1185</u> Browser Session Hijacking	<u>T1203</u> Exploitation for Client Execution	<u>T1218</u> System Binary Proxy Execution	<u>T1102.002</u> Bidirectional Communication
<u>T1102</u> Web Service	<u>T1566.001</u> Spearphishing Attachment	<u>T1547.004</u> Winlogon Helper DLL	<u>T1036.007</u> Masquerading Double File Extension
<u>T1140</u> Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	<u>T1027</u> Obfuscated Files or Information		

Indicators of Compromise (IOCs)

TYPE	VALUE
MD5	ea05a0d4468f865219130740dfe41bb
SHA1	c320963f3f64ce27a0c340807583b5bdb4d8fe27
SHA256	06ecb4ae52acd132706830e3f1d4885dfb1a89b2925130d62a55b635e8ef36fd

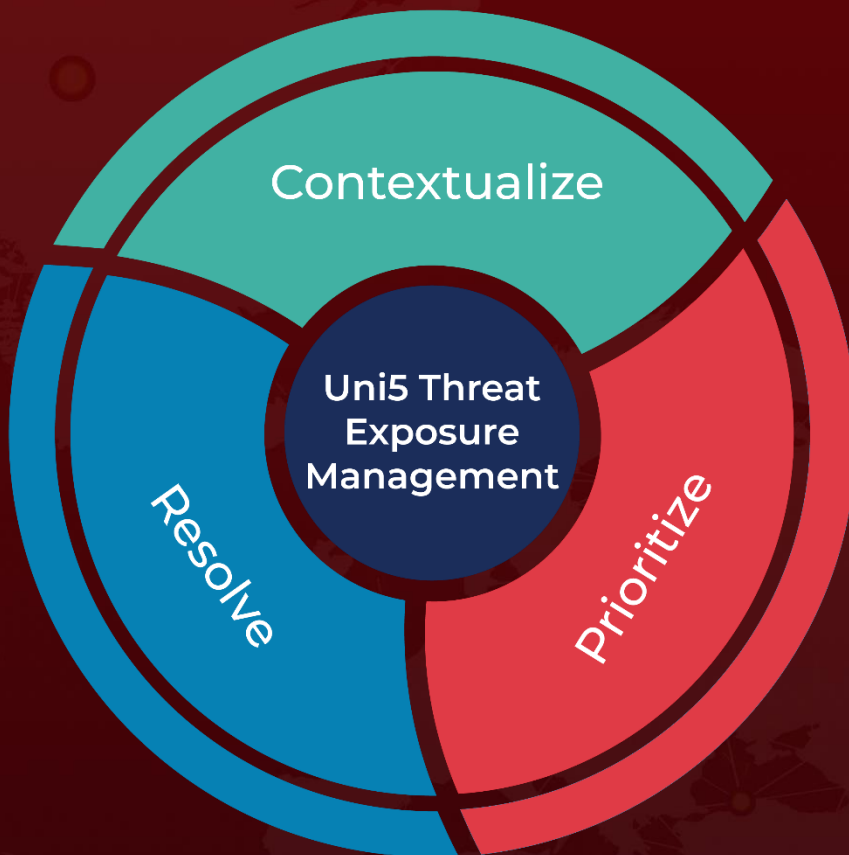
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