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# THREAT ADVISORY

 **ATTACK REPORT**

## **Gozi Malware Spreads through Fake Italian Revenue Agency Email Campaign**

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Admiralty Code

A1

TA Number

TA2023148

# Summary

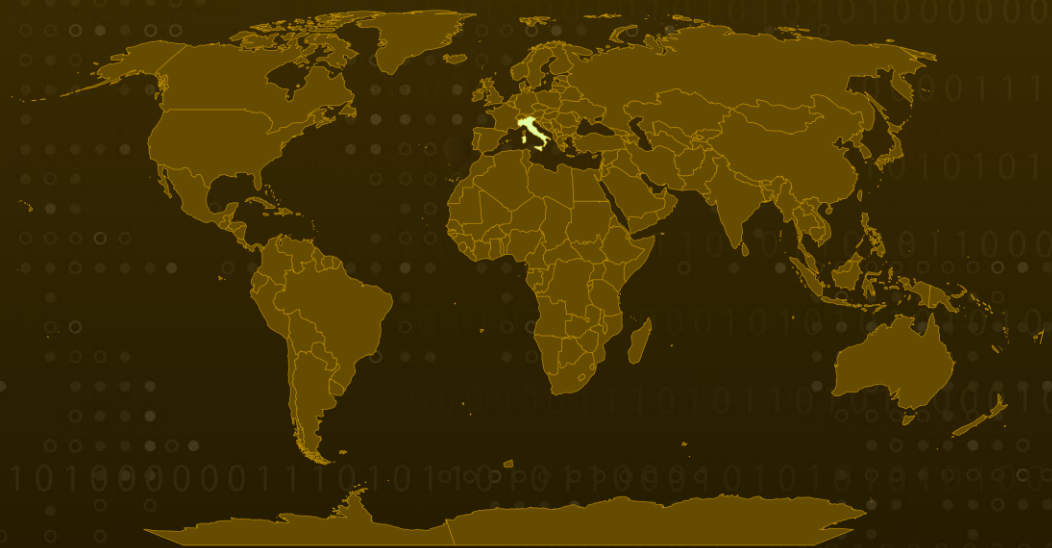
**Attack Began:** March 2023

**Attack Region:** Italy

**Malware:** Gozi

**Attack:** A fake Italian Revenue Agency email campaign tricks victims into downloading a malicious attachment that installs Gozi, a binary that bypasses Italy's geofencing and creates a loader process on the victim's computer.

## Attack Regions



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# Attack Details

## #1

A recent malspam email campaign has been discovered impersonating the Italian Revenue Agency, luring victims into downloading and executing a malicious attachment. The attachment contains obfuscated code that, once unescaped and decoded, downloads an external payload that leverages the Curl command to bypass Italy's geofencing measures.

## #2

The payload downloads a packed binary that contains a wrapper function for a decryption routine that calls the next shellcode, which then resolves API dynamically, creates a new memory section, and writes a loader process to disk. The binary has been identified as Gozi.

# 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>TA0001</b> Initial Access	<b>TA0002</b> Execution	<b>TA0003</b> Persistence	<b>TA0005</b> Defense Evasion
<b>TA0009</b> Collection	<b>TA0011</b> Command and Control	<b>T1566</b> Phishing	<b>T1566.001</b> Spearphishing Attachment
<b>T1204</b> User Execution	<b>T1204.002</b> Malicious File	<b>T1059</b> Command and Scripting Interpreter	<b>T1547</b> Boot or Logon Autostart Execution
<b>T1547.001</b> Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder	<b>T1027</b> Obfuscated Files or Information	<b>T1056</b> Input Capture	<b>T1005</b> Data from Local System
<b>T1573</b> Encrypted Channel			

## 🌀 Indicators of Compromise (IOCs)

TYPE	VALUE
<b>SHA256</b>	a3cec099b936e9f486de3b1492a81e55b17d5c2b06223f4256d49afc7bd212bc c99f4de75e3c6fe98d6fbbcd0a7dbf45e8c7539ec8dc77ce86cea2cfaf822b6a 9d1e71b94eab825c928377e93377feb62e02a85b7d750b883919207119a56e0d ebea18a2f0840080d033fb9eb3c54a91eb73f0138893e6c29eb7882bf74c1c30 df4f432719d32be6cc61598e9ca9a982dc0b6f093f8314c8557457729df3b37f 061c271c0617e56aeb196c834fcab2d24755afa50cd95cc6a299d76be496a858 876860a923754e2d2f6b1514d98f4914271e8cf60d3f95cf1f983e91baffa32b
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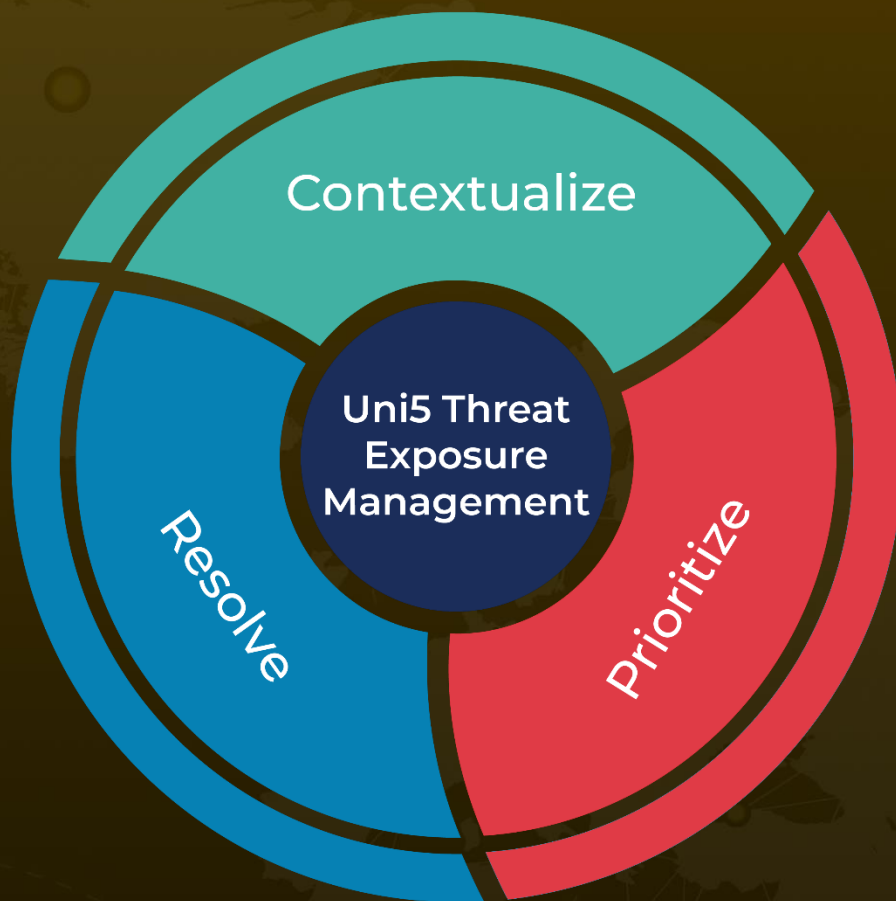
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# What Next?

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