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Account Takeovers Targeting the United States

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Commercial in confidence

16.09.2020

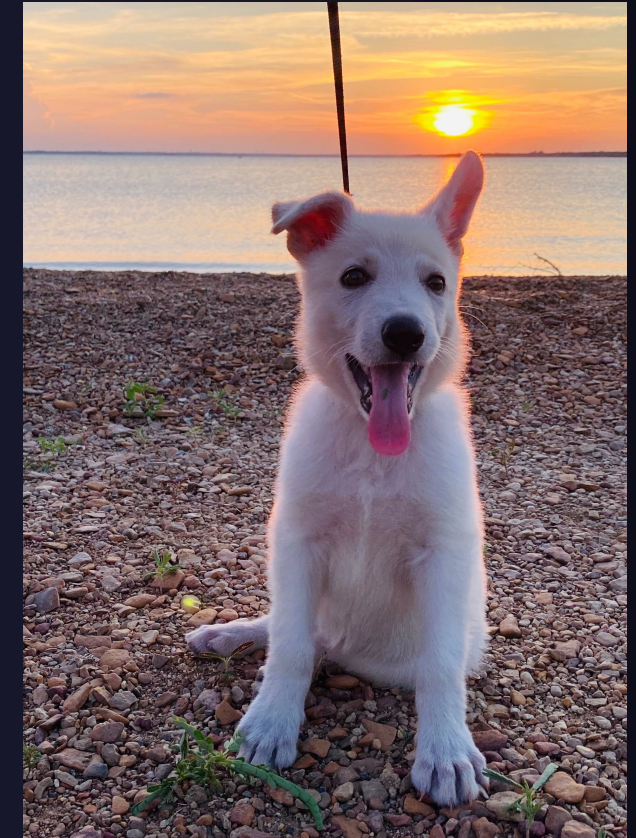
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- Threat Research Team Lead
- ShadowTalk Host (US)
- Recovering US Gov IT Recruiter
- Avid Outdoorswoman
- GSD Mom



Agenda

- Defining Account Takeover
- The Market For Exposed Credentials
- ATO Attacker's Toolkit
- Taking a Proactive Stance
- Resources & Shameless Plug
- Questions

DEFINING ACCOUNT TAKEOVER

The process of gaining access to a victim account, often by compromise or credential re-use



80%

Breaches related to hacking involved brute-force cracking or the use of lost or stolen credentials.

The Market for Exposed Credentials

Accounts For Sale

k.pax
kilobyte

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Paid registration

+6

27 posts
Joined
05/23/20 (ID: 104497)
Activity
хакинг / hacking

Posted June 14

006) Law Firms & Legal Services in US
Cost = 500\$
Access = Domain admin
Revenue = 24M

+ Quote

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Posted June 2 (edited)

004) Software engineering Company in US
Cost = 2.5k\$
Access = Domain admin
Revenue = 200M

Edited June 2 by k.pax

+ Quote

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Posted May 25

On 5/25/2020 at 11:31 AM, k.pax said:
002) Film making studio in US
cost = 1k\$
access = Domain admin

SOLD OUT

+ Quote

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Joined
05/23/20 (ID: 104497)
Activity
хакинг / hacking

Posted May 27 (edited)

003) Cyber Security company in US
cost = 700\$
access = Domain admin
Revenue = 5M

Edited May 27 by k.pax

+ Quote

pshmm

megabyte



Paid registration



58 posts

Joined

03/31/20 (ID: 102146)

Activity

вирусология / malware

Posted July 1

hi

i have access to domain controller of US health care company

4000 pc and ~50 server

send your price in pm for buy access

escrow welcome

2minutenoodles

Posted August 15

kilobyte



Paid registration



45 posts

Joined

07/05/20 (ID: 106020)

Activity

кардинг / carding

Company Info:

Location: US

Market: Logistics

Revenue: \$30 million

Employees: 150

Access: Domain Admin

Finance and Employee info gotten from ZoomInfo.

Price: \$1000



Nikolay

Joined: 2 years ago

86 posts

Primary post

Selling **Access** to **US** Water District

Have over 20k clients in two cities

Regular updates

Reservoirs and precipitation data/

Sustainable city groundwater basin management

Service connections about 4000.

Revenue 20m\$

Online payment on website.

Price \$3500

Domain Admin.

AVERAGE PRICE OF LISTINGS BASED ON AN ANALYSIS OF DOZENS OF LISTINGS BY THREE SAMPLE VENDORS IN 2020.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT \$3,217



FINANCE AND INSURANCE \$2,667



MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING \$1,500



TECHNOLOGY \$1,233



OTHER \$1,200



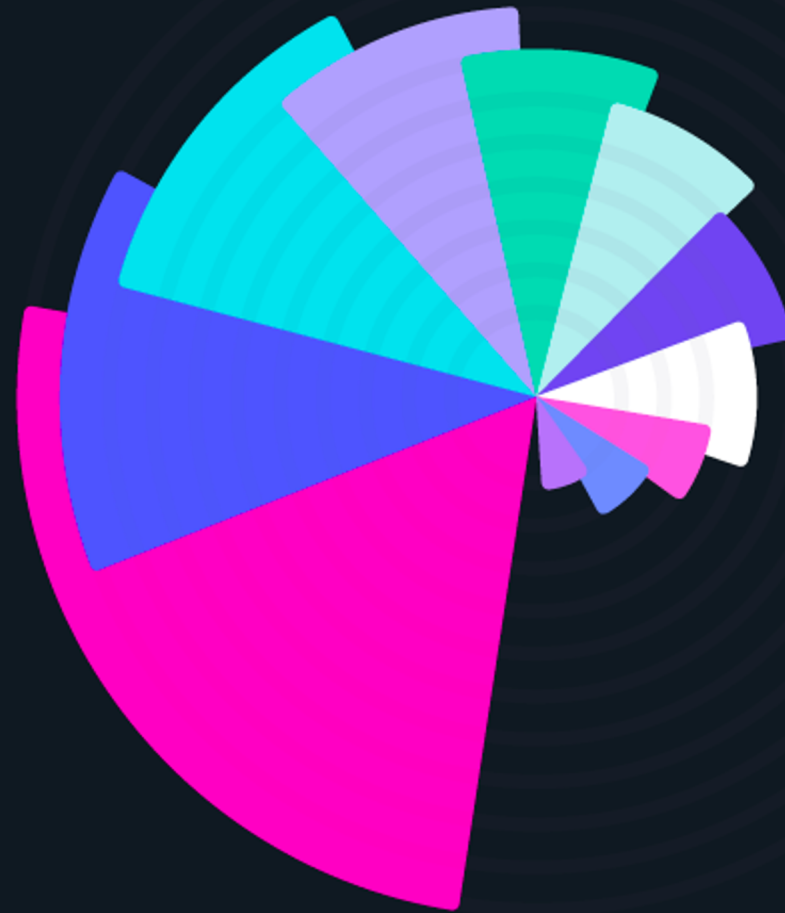
REAL ESTATE \$750



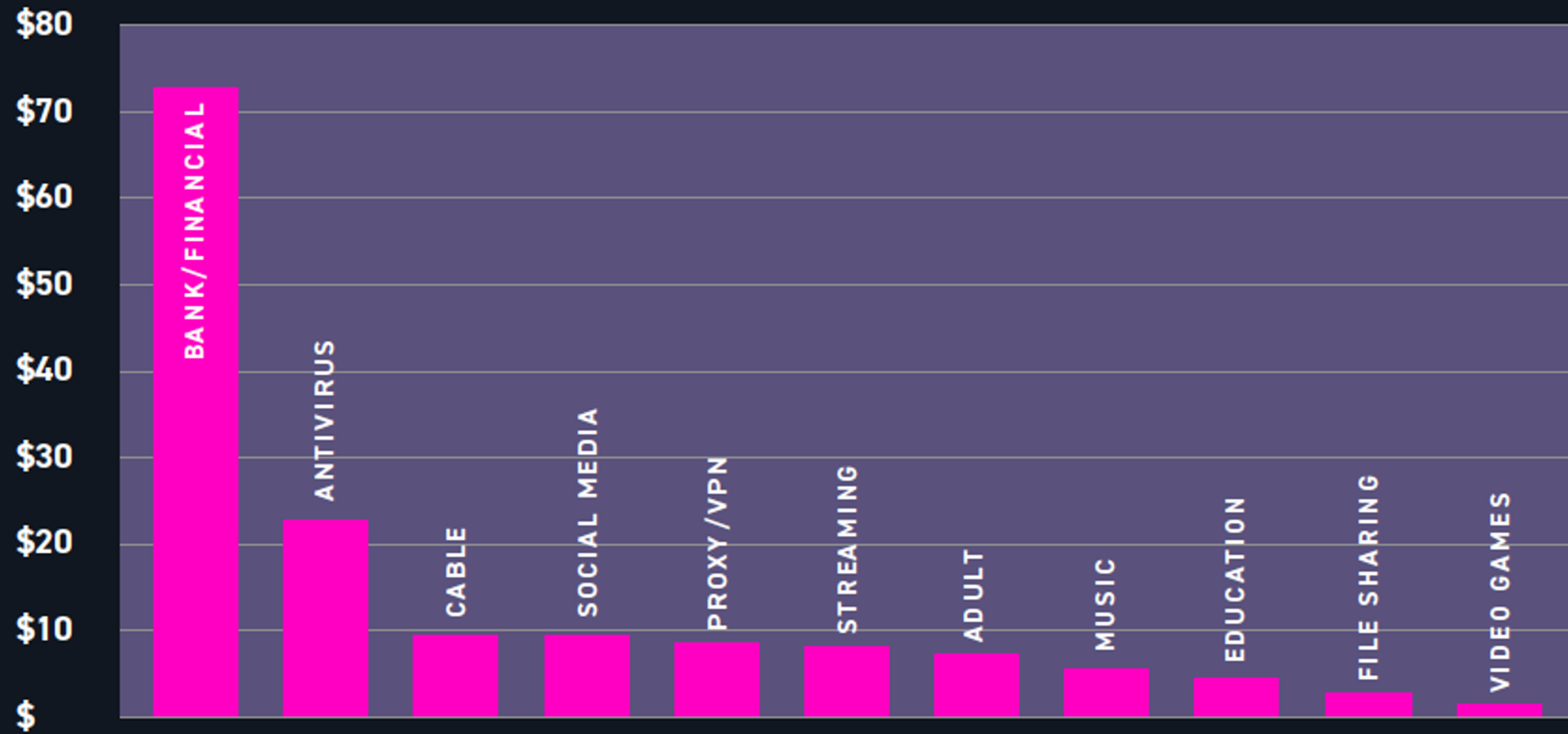
BREAKDOWN OF FREQUENCY OF DIFFERENT ACCOUNT LISTINGS

PERCENTAGE OF LISTINGS

- 25% BANK/FINANCIAL
- 13% STREAMING
- 12% PROXY/VPN
- 9% CABLE
- 8% EDUCATION
- 7% ADULT
- 7% MUSIC
- 7% FILE SHARING
- 5% SOCIAL MEDIA
- 5% ANTIVIRUS
- 2% VIDEO GAMES



AVERAGE COST OF ONE ACCOUNT FOR DIFFERENT ONLINE SERVICES



DID SOMEONE SAY

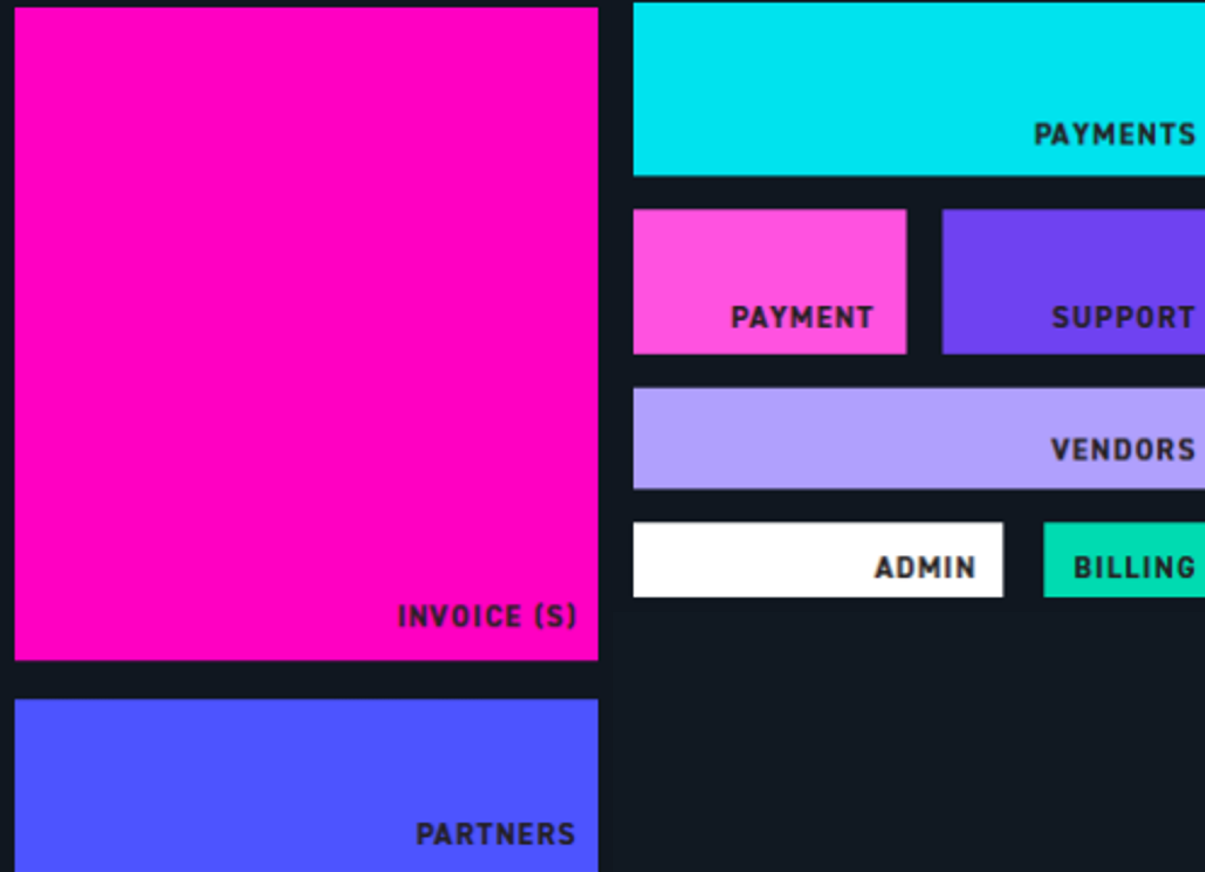
FREE STUFF?

15,000,000,000
Credentials Exposed

**TYPES OF PASSWORD HASHES COLLECTED BY DIGITAL SHADOWS,
EXCLUDING THOSE STORED IN PLAINTEXT.**




2 Million Accounting Usernames





AVERAGE CREDENTIALS PER ONE ORGANIZATION PER SECTOR





ATO ATTACKER'S TOOLKIT


 genesis





 Dashboard


 News

 Bots

 Orders


 Purchases




 Payments


 Tickets


Home / Bots


Bots

Extended Search 


 BOT NAME// 


[SORT FP](#) 

 RESOURCES KNOWN / OTHER


[SORT](#) 






COUNTRY / HOST




[PRICE](#) 



Any

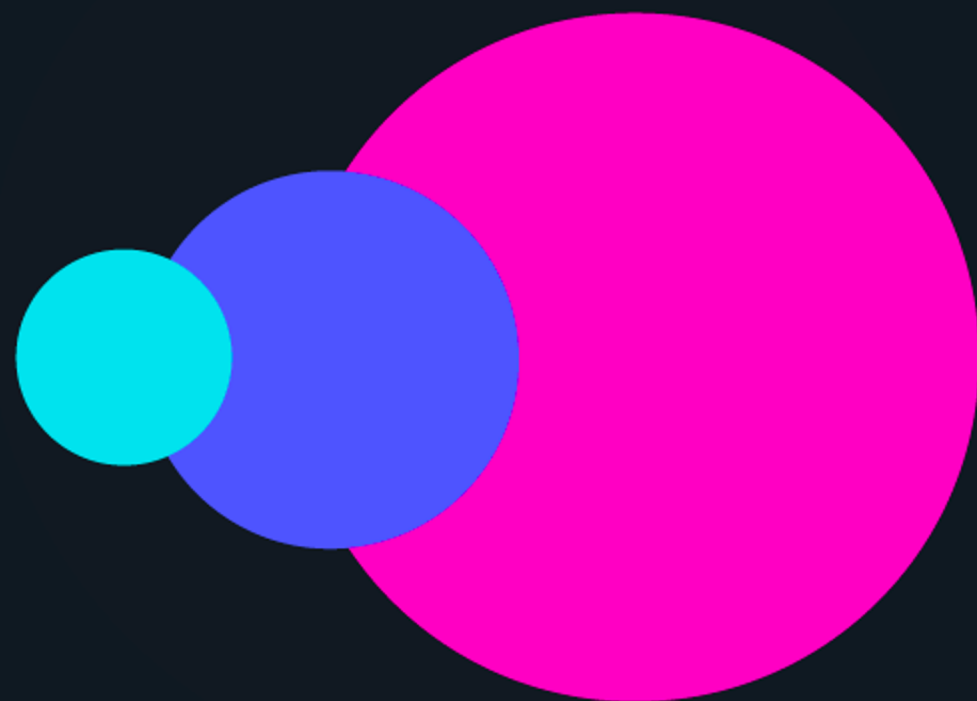
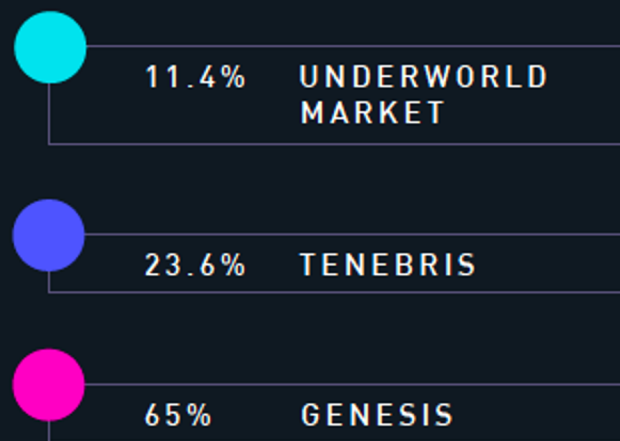




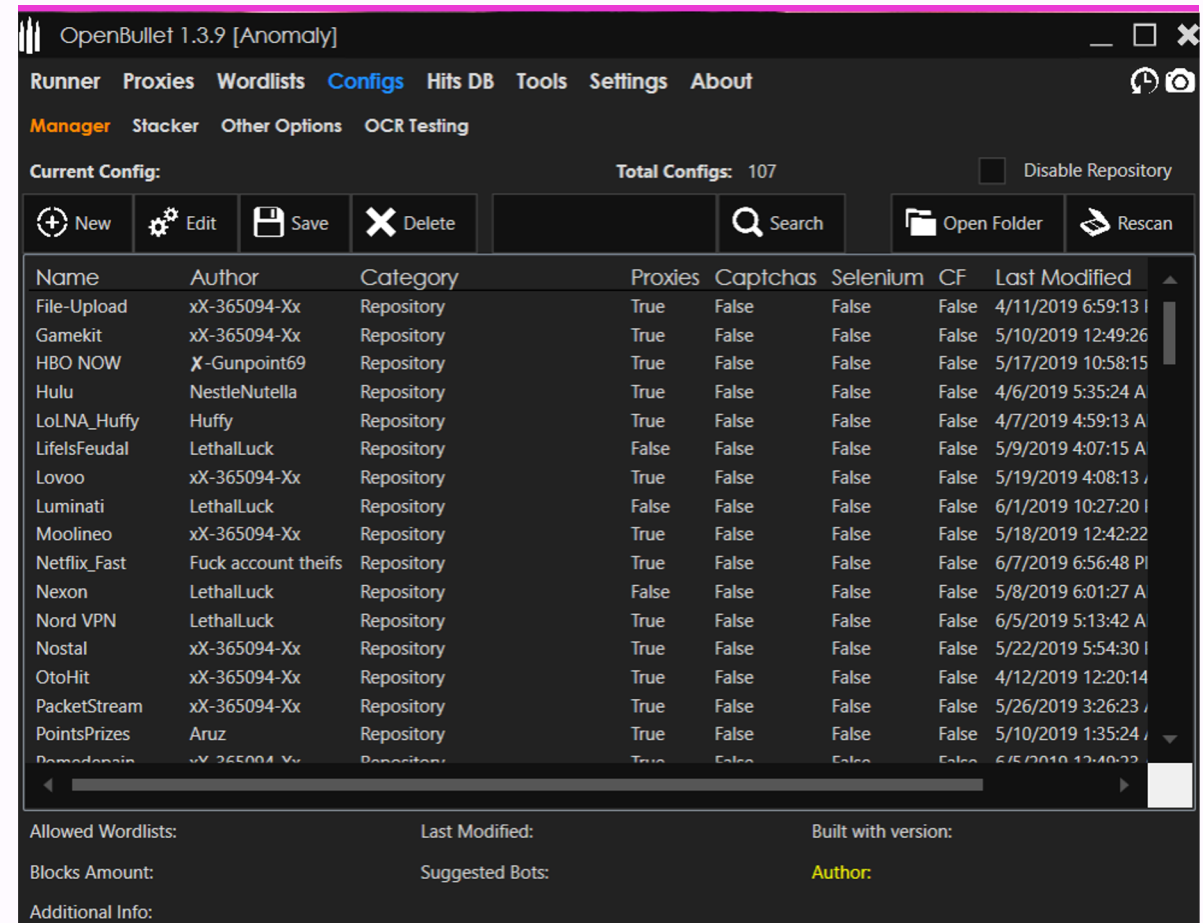
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PREVALENCE OF DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO THREE FINGERPRINTING SERVICES BY TOTAL REFERENCES

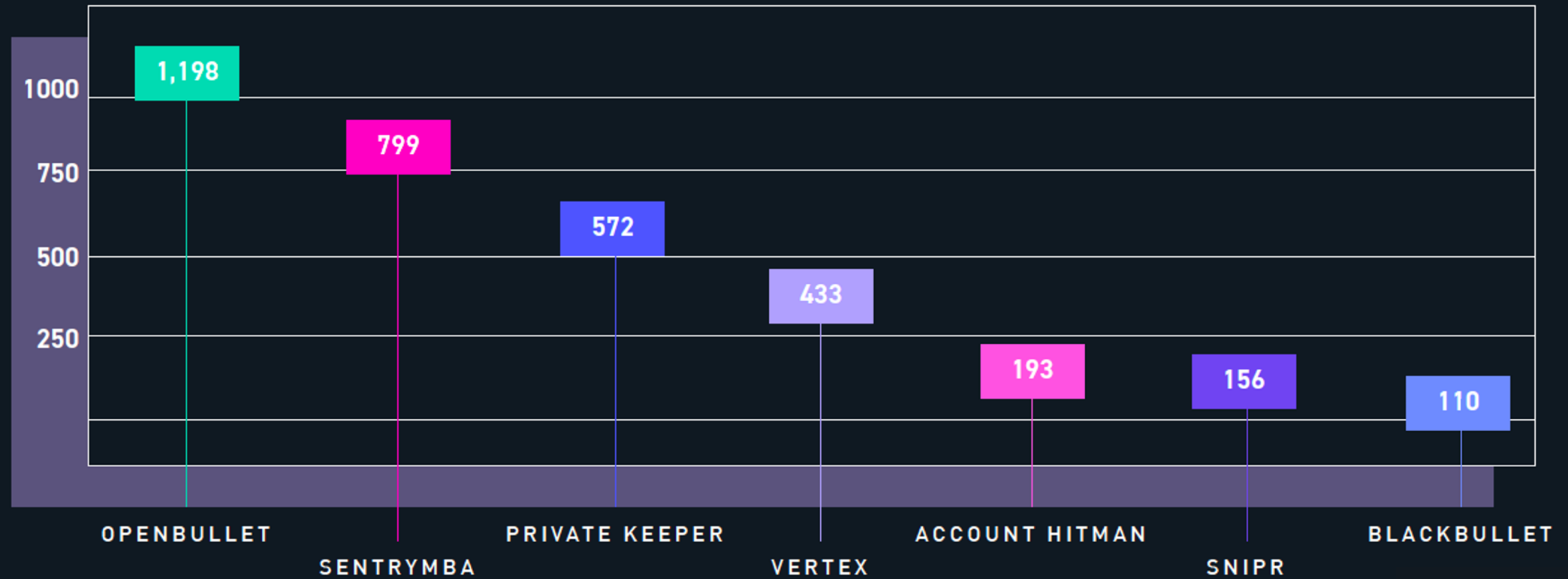
JANUARY 2020-JUNE 2020



- Brute-force tools
- Account checkers
- Credential stuffing tools
- SentryMBA
- Rising star: OpenBullet


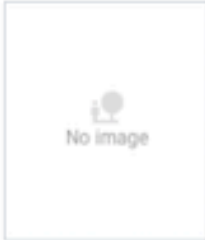



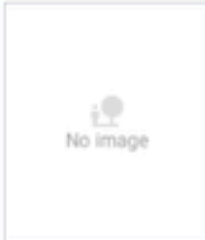


MENTIONS OF VARIOUS CREDENTIAL STUFFING TOOLS ACROSS CRIMINAL LOCATIONS IN 2020.



Moving to a Proactive Stance

Prioritize Patching

 Forum post	<h3>Хакеры эксплуатируют уязвимость в корпоративном VPN</h3> <p>проблема известна под идентификатором CVE-2019-11510, инструменты для ее использования можно свободно ... уязвимостью CVE-2019-11510 успели воспользоваться разные хак-группы, но за инцидентами, обнаруженными</p> <p>Posted 30 Dec 2019 09:40</p>	Observables 1 CVE		Associated user GLOV Network Tor Site Categories Criminal
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 Forum post	<h3>После раскрытия уязвимостей на Black Hat начались атаки на ...</h3> <p>, в том числе на GitHub 1: https://github.com/imjdl/CVE-2019-11510-poc/blob/master/poc.py 2: https://badpackets.net/over-14500-pulse-secure-vpn-endpoints-vulnerable-to-cve-2019-11510/ ... -2019-11510 (Pulse Secure) и CVE-2018-13379 (FortiGate). Обе уязвимости представляют собой проблемы ... уязвимостей в вышеупомянутых продуктах, и две из этих проблем оказываются весьма полезны злоумышленникам: CVE</p> <p>Closed Source</p> <p>Posted 26 Aug 2019 11:36</p>	Observables 2 Domains 2 CVEs		Associated user INC. Network Tor Site Categories Criminal

ID Early Discussions and Advertisements

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Thanos Ransomware Affiliate Program

Posted: 06 Feb 2020 14:45

Data source:
<https://xss.is/threads/34821/post-207630>

Associated user:
Nosophoros


Forum Name:
MALWARE: трояны, связи, эксплойты, A3, крипт

Forum post

Observables

☒ None
☐ Email (1)
☐ Domains (2)

Post content



Nosophoros
Joined: 4 months ago
1 posts

Primary post

Hi guys I am very pleased for the opportunity to create malware for many years and update my products.

Thanos Private Ransomware Builder. Here you can find the source code of the ransomware.

<https://i.postimg.cc/JhRDd4MB/2019-11-11-18-47-18.png>

<https://i.postimg.cc/hPSGBZNH/2019-11-11-18-47-18.png>

<https://i.postimg.cc/5yfffjKw/2019-11-11-18-47-18.png>

Ransomware Builder is designed for both Windows and Linux.

nemty

NEMTY Ransomware (TOR Panel)

Posted: 20 Aug 2019 18:47

Data source:
<https://forum.exploit.in/topic/180821/>

Associated user:
jsworn


Forum Name:
[Software] - malware, exploits, bundles, crypto

Forum post

Observables

No observables

Post content



jsworn
Joined: 12 years ago
12 posts

Primary post

Приветствую всех в партнерской программе NEMTY.

Самый качественный и удобный в использовании Windows Ransomware.
Поддержка Windows XP (для старых и новых).
Без частых изменений и скрытых платежей - 8.95.

Удобная панель и мощные инструменты для создания.

За контакты в /IC, увеличив количество трафика и продаж.
Edited Tuesday at 18:47 PM by jsworn

Thread content

Primary post


20 Aug 2019 18:47 | #1




Google


Description


Founded in 1998, Google, Inc. is a multinational corporation that provides Internet-related services and products, including an internet search engine, software... [Read More](#)


 **Headquarters:** 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, California, 94043, United States

 **Phone:** (650) 253-0000

 **Website:** www.google.com

 **Employees:** 118,899

 **Revenue:** \$161 Billion

 **Stock Symbol:** GOOGL

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Software

Software Development & Design

Monitor for Leaked Access Keys

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```
investigator@bsidesdfw:~$ trufflehog https://github.com/robinyokeys/workstation_setup
~~~~~
Reason: High Entropy
Date: 2019-10-26 10:31:09
Hash: 0d0ed42d616991b1e7f7a58c5b8c444ac5698798
Filepath: desktop_setup.sh
Branch: origin/master
Commit: Create desktop_setup.sh
@@ -1,14 +0,0 @@
-#!/bin/bash
```

truffleHog

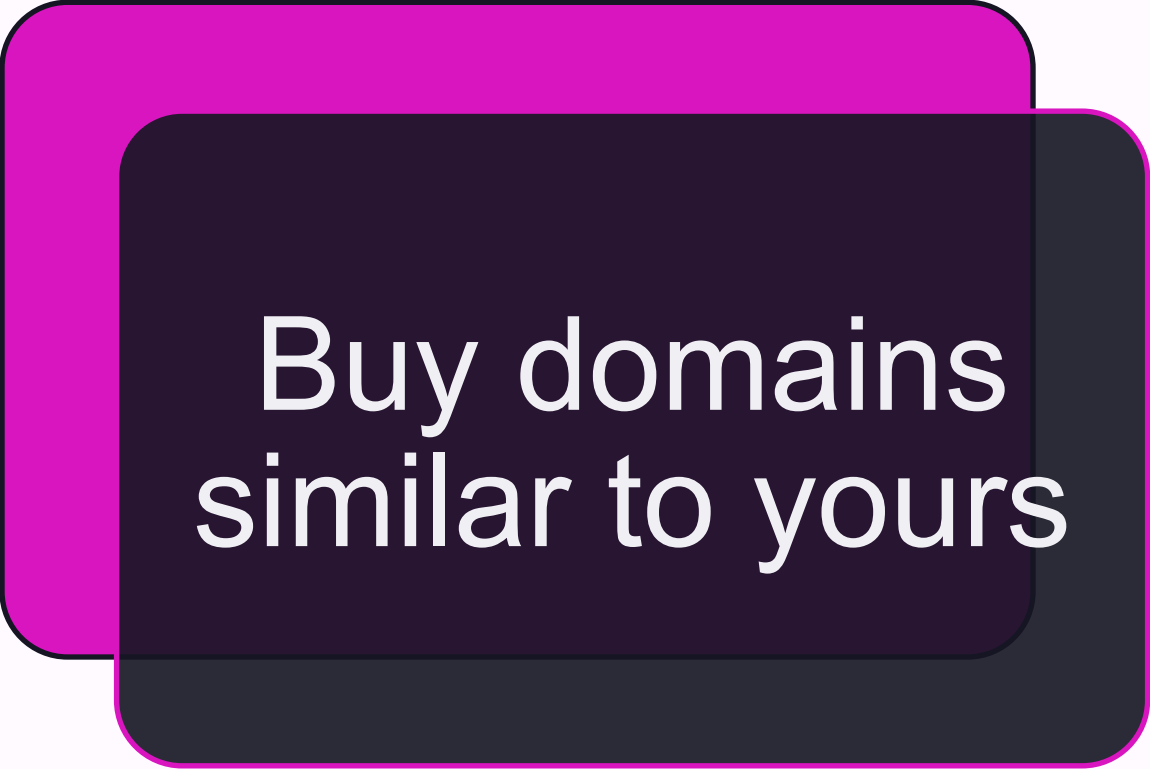
Gitrob: Putting the Open Source in OSINT

Gitrob is a tool to help find potentially sensitive files pushed to public repositories on Github. Gitrob will clone repositories belonging to a user or organization down to a configurable depth and iterate through the commit history and flag files that match signatures for potentially sensitive files. The findings will be presented through a web interface for easy browsing and analysis.



GitHub Secret Scanning





Buy domains
similar to yours



Monitor domain
registration
activity

Resources & Shameless Plug

<https://resources.digitalshadows.com/whitepapers-and-reports/from-exposure-to-takeover>

PROTECT YA NECK (AND YOUR ACCOUNTS)

ATO isn't new, and there are several ways it can be thwarted (see our list at the end), but it's worth pointing out two known mitigation methods that attackers have proven their ability to beat: CAPTCHA and 2FA.

The concern with CAPTCHA

CAPTCHA (Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart) was initially introduced to hinder automated bots and malware from being able to communicate with websites. In true form, cybercriminals found a way to bypass this website defense by deploying a variety of methods: human-assisted solving services, machine learning solutions, and automated tools (e.g. Anticaptcha, Buster) among them.

One of the reasons Sentry MBA has been so successful is that it can bypass some forms of CAPTCHA by using its optical character recognition module or a database containing a plethora of CAPTCHA images and answers.

The failure in 2FA

Let's be very clear: 2FA is better than just a username-password pair. But it's now clear now that it isn't infallible. SMS message-based 2FA takes a lot of criticism for being less secure than other 2FA methods; there are several well-documented issues. SIM-jacking (SMS hijacking), for example, is a type of attack that uses social-engineering methods to convince mobile network providers to transfer a victim's mobile service to a new, attacker-controlled SIM card. Any 2FA codes are then automatically routed to the attacker.

Other attacks that target SMS-based authentication include SS7 hijacking, which involves exploiting a weakness in Signaling System No 7, allowing attackers to intercept and eavesdrop on data, texts, and locations of a mobile device, perform man-in-the-middle attacks, and use tools like "Murena". It's not just SMS-based 2FA, either. Earlier this year, the "Cerberus" malware was discovered to have added the ability to bypass Google Authenticator⁸.

Methods to bypass 2FA are commonly discussed on cybercriminal forums. In December 2019, for example, one user of Exploit created a thread to sell a method that would bypass 2FA systems at a United States-based online bank. The cybercriminal said their system would allow every seven to nine out of ten accounts to be accessed without requiring SMS verification, and valued their offer at USD 5,000.

For more detailed information about this very topic, see our in-depth report [Two-Factor in Review](#).

⁸. Cerberus is frequently discussed on Russian-language cybercriminal forums

⁹. <https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/cerberus-android-malware-can-bypass-2fa-unlock-devices-remotely/>



Figure 27: Exploit user's offer to sell a method to bypass 2FA systems at a bank

Besting the takeover artists

Becoming truly resilient to ATO requires a shift in behavior and practice, from both the organization and its employees. We offer the following guidance to put up your best defense against the ATO threat.

- Monitor for leaked credentials of your employees. (free and open-source) tools, such as TruffleHog and Gitrob, that comb them for access keys, authentication tokens, and client secrets.
- Monitor for references to your company and brand names on cracking forums. Configuration files for your website that are being actively shared and downloaded are a good indication of impending ATO attempts. Use Google Alerts for this monitoring, which identifies the risks specific to your business; [Johnny Long](#) offers some great tips to assist.
- Code repositories can be rich with secrets and hard-coded passwords, but there are some great

FROM EXPOSURE TO TAKEOVER

The 15 billion stolen
credentials allowing
account takeovers

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ATO Part 1: <https://www.digitalshadows.com/blog-and-research/from-exposure-to-takeover-part-1-beg-borrow-and-steal-your-way-in/>

ATO Part 2: <https://www.digitalshadows.com/blog-and-research/the-rise-of-openbullet-a-deep-dive-in-the-attackers-ato-toolkit/>

ATO Part 3: <https://www.digitalshadows.com/blog-and-research/account-takeover-expanding-on-impact/>

Ransomware Trends in Q2: <https://www.digitalshadows.com/blog-and-research/ransomware-trends-in-q2-how-threat-intelligence-helps/>

Not Another Ransomware Blog: <https://www.digitalshadows.com/blog-and-research/not-another-ransomware-blog-initial-access-brokers-and-their-role/>

Access Keys Exposed: <https://www.digitalshadows.com/blog-and-research/access-keys-exposed-more-than-40-are-for-database-stores/>





Questions