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**ACTOR
REPORT**

**APT10 distributes LODEINFO malware to deploy
infection chains**

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Admiralty code

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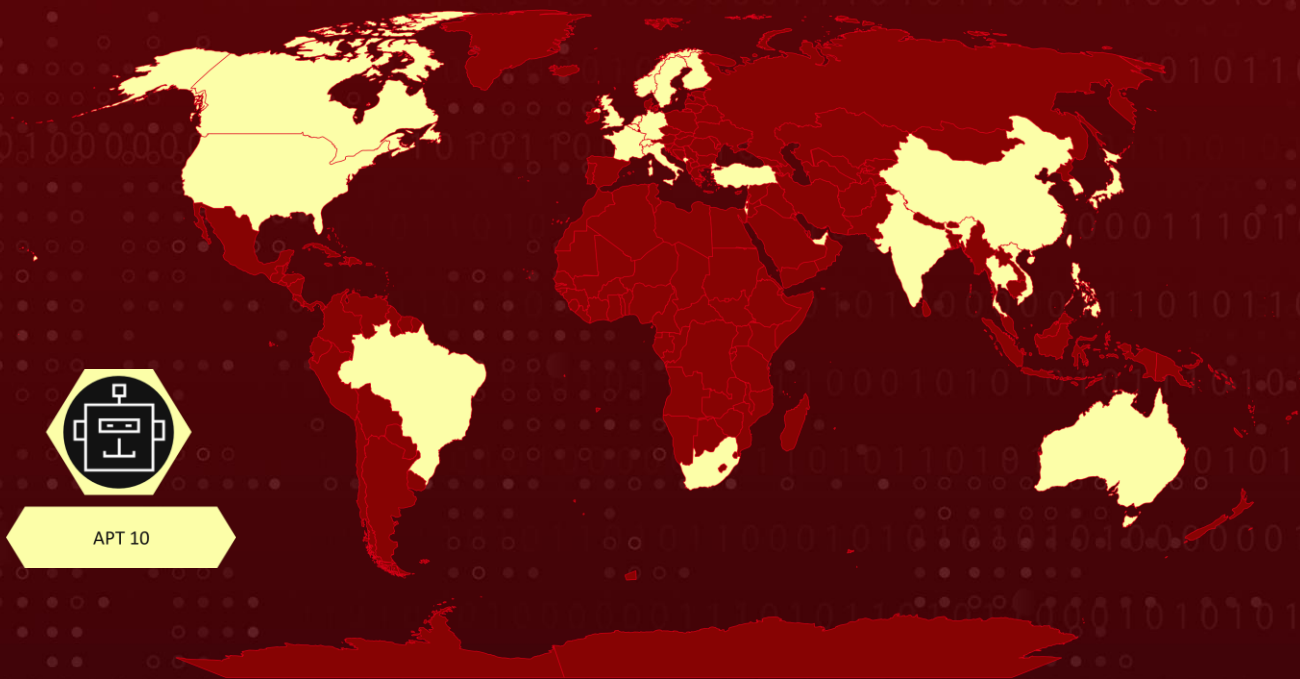
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Summary

The APT 10 cyber espionage gang has been spotted adopting a new stealthy infection chain to deploy the LODEINFO backdoor shellcode to exfiltrate sensitive information to Command and Control (C2).

Actor Map



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Potential MITRE ATT&CK TTPs

<u>TA0002</u> Execution	<u>TA0005</u> Defense Evasion	<u>TA0007</u> Discovery	<u>T1059</u> Command and Scripting Interpreter
<u>T1027</u> Obfuscated Files or Information	<u>T1140</u> Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	<u>T1124</u> System Time Discovery	<u>T1082</u> System Information Discovery

Technical Details

#1

During the initial phase of the attack, a spear-phishing email with a malicious attachment was delivered to install malware persistence modules, which consisted of a valid EXE file and a malicious DLL file loaded via the DLL sideloading technique.

#2

The malicious DLL file contains a LODEINFO shellcode loader. Another form of infection employs a self-extracting archive (SFX) file in RAR format, which comprises three files containing self-extracting script commands. It has been noticed in several incidents that the infection vector used a file-less downloader shellcode called "DOWNNISSA".

#3

After infiltrating the target machine, the LODEINFO backdoor transfers machine information to the C2. Furthermore, junk data is appended at random to the end of the data, potentially to avoid detection based on packet size.

Actor Detail

NAME	ORIGIN	TARGET COUNTRIES	TARGET INDUSTRIES
APT 10(Stone Panda, menuPass Team, menuPass,Red Apollo,CVNX, Potassium, Hogfish, Happyyongzi, Cicada, Bronze Riverside, CTG-5938,ATK 41,TA429,ITGO 1)	China	Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, UAE, UK, USA, Vietnam.	Aerospace, Defense, Energy, Financial, Government, Healthcare, High-Tech, IT, Media, NGOs, Pharmaceutical, Telecommunications, Think- Tanks, Biomedical , Consulting , Manufacturing , Oil and Gas ,
	MOTIVE		
	Information theft and espionage		

Indicator of Compromise (IOC)

TYPE	VALUE
MD5	da20ff8988198063b56680833c298113,89bd9cf51f8e01bc3b6ec025e d5775fc,,cb2fcd4fd44a7b98af37c6542b198f8d,a0828f194d3835ea21 8609dd93d87d16,16cd587529c230b1a6b47b66d3c84fcf,de4c87a05b ecc78ab2e3f568cd46272c,9066bec5834279ffcb8876f2fdb8752c,016a 974e70bbce6161862e0ac01a0211,d3cae3b6d948ffd17c5a165bad94f 857,16f0b02bf9676d066d245fe0c717ba52,ff71fadcc33b883de934e632 ddb4c6b78,1a5a74453ebb9747b433342d1ba242cc,013ef386b1c792f aec51fc550fef063a,da1c9006b493d7e95db4d354c5f0e99f,a8220a76c 2fe3f505a7561c3adba5d4a,26892038ab19c44ba55c84b20083cdabd,c 5bdf14982543b71fb419df3b43fbf07,db0bfce29c7c2f076f711cdde289 8227,a809231cf901bad9d643494d0eb5a630,0fcf90fe2f5165286814a b858d6d4f2a,ad206315afaa0cd5b42f0fc7b537fefcd,c9d724c2c5ae965 3045396deaf7e3417,f7de43a56bbb271f045851b77656d6bd,15b80c5 e86b8fd08440fe1a9ca9706c9,6780d9241ad4d8de6e78d936fbf5a922, 76cdb7fe189845a0bc243969dba4e7a3,edc27b958c36b3af5ebc3f775 ce0bcc7
IPV4	103.175.16[.]39 172.104.72[.]4 172.104.112[.]218 172.105.223[.]216 202.182.108[.]127 45.77.28[.]124 5.8.95[.]174
Domain	www.dvdsesso[.]com

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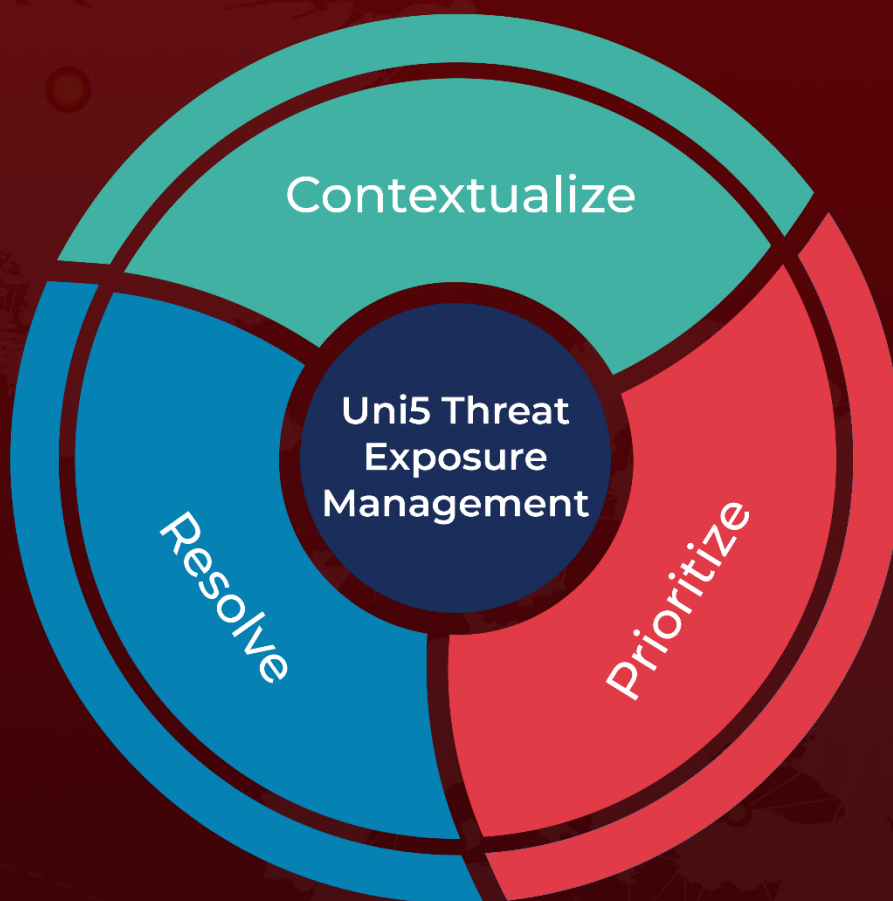
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