

THREAT ADVISORY



ATTACK REPORT

Attackers target Telecommunications sector to gain network access

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Summary

Active Since: June 2022

Attack Countries: Worldwide

Threat Actor: Scattered Spider

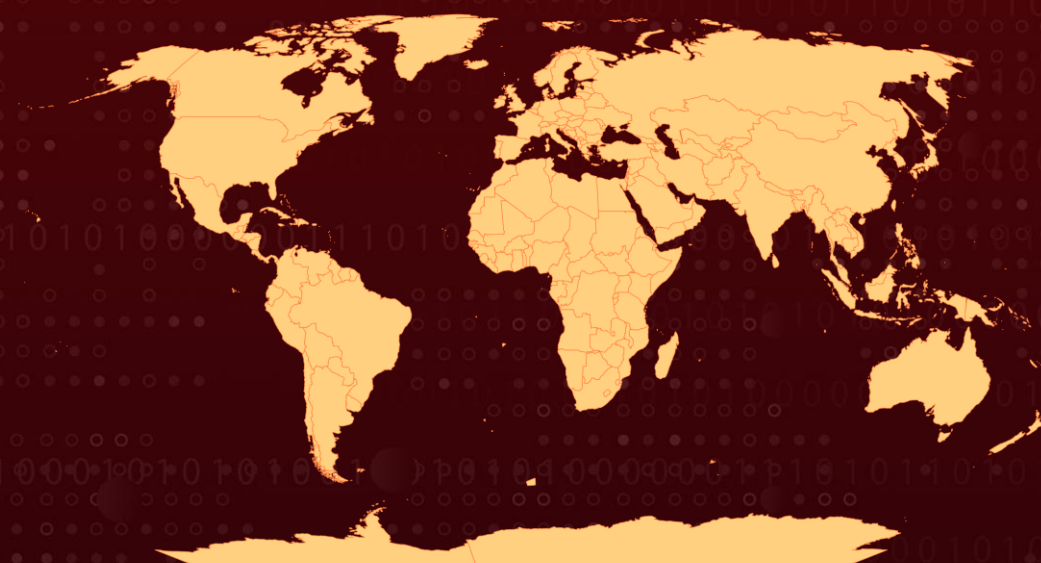
Attack Industries: Telecommunications and business process outsourcing(BPO)

Attack: Get access to mobile carriers' networks and perform SIM swapping.

⚙ CVE

CVE	NAME	PATCH
CVE-2021-35464	ForgeRock AM Java deserialization vulnerability	✓

🗡 Attack Regions



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Attack Details

#1

To gain initial access, the adversary used social engineering to impersonate IT, staff, using phone calls, SMS, and/or Telegram. When the adversary gains access to the target environment, it performs constant activity within that environment.

#2

As mitigation measures are slowly implemented, the adversary becomes more active and sets up additional persistence mechanisms, such as VPN access and multiple RMM tools. Adversaries reverted some mitigation measures by reenabling accounts previously disabled by victims.

#3

The adversary utilized mobile carrier networks from a Telco or BPO environment and performed SIM swapping. The activity has a low confidence level of association with the SCATTERED SPIDER.

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

TA0043 Reconnaissance	TA0003 Persistence	TA0004 Privilege Escalation	TA0005 Defense Evasion
TA0001 Initial Access	TA0006 Credential Access	TA0007 Discovery	TA0011 Command and Control
TA0008 Lateral Movement	T1040 Network Sniffing	T1036 Masquerading	T1134 Access Token Manipulation
T1566 Phishing	T1090 Proxy	T1190 Exploit Public-Facing Application	T1219 Remote Access Software
T1078 Valid Accounts	T1046 Network Service Discovery	T1593 Search Open Websites/Domains	T1210 Exploitation of Remote Services

Indicator of Compromise (IOCs)

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SHA256	cce5e2ccb9836e780c6aa075ef8c0aeb8fec61f21bbef9e01bdee025d2892005 acadf15ec363fe3cc373091cbe879e64f935139363a8e8df18fd9e59317cc918 982dda5eec52dd54ff6b0b04fd9ba8f4c566534b78f6a46dada624af0316044e 648c2067ef3d59eb94b54c43e798707b030e0383b3651bcc6840dae41808d3a9 53b7d5769d87ce6946efcba00805ddce65714a0d8045ae532db4542c958b9f 443dc750c35afc136bfea6db9b5ccbdb6adb63d3585533c0cf55271eddf29f58 4188736108d2b73b57f63c0b327fb5119f82e94ff2d6cd51e9ad92093023ec93 3ea2d190879c8933363b222c686009b81ba8af9eb6ae3696d2f420e187467f08
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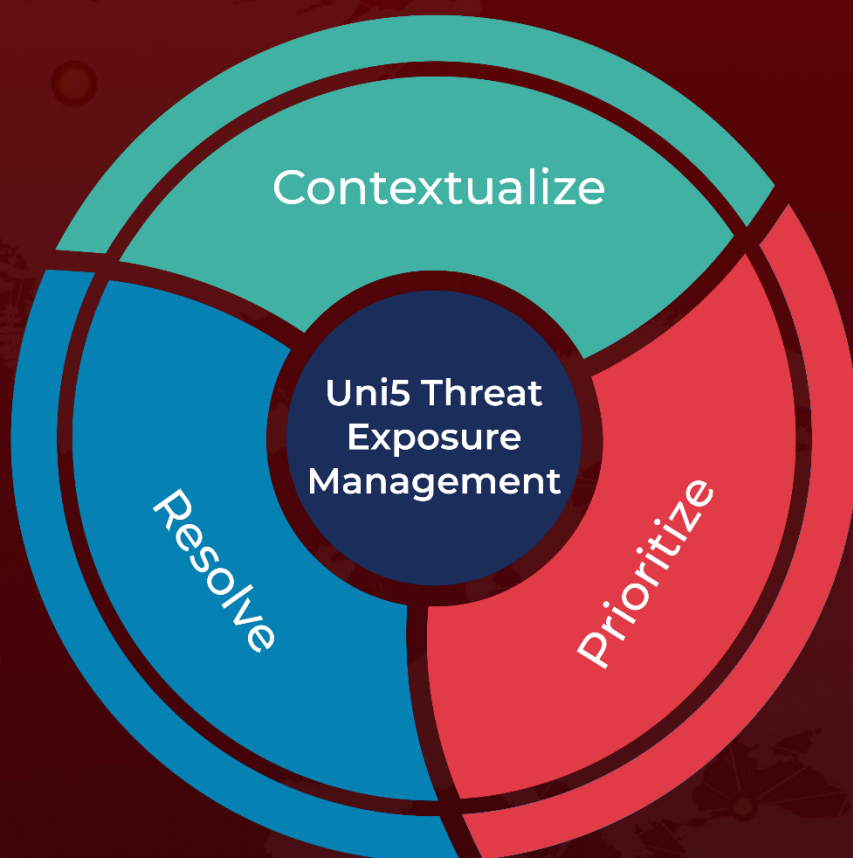
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