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THREAT ADVISORY

**ATTACK REPORT**

Ice Breaker a Looming Threat on the Gaming Industry

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Summary

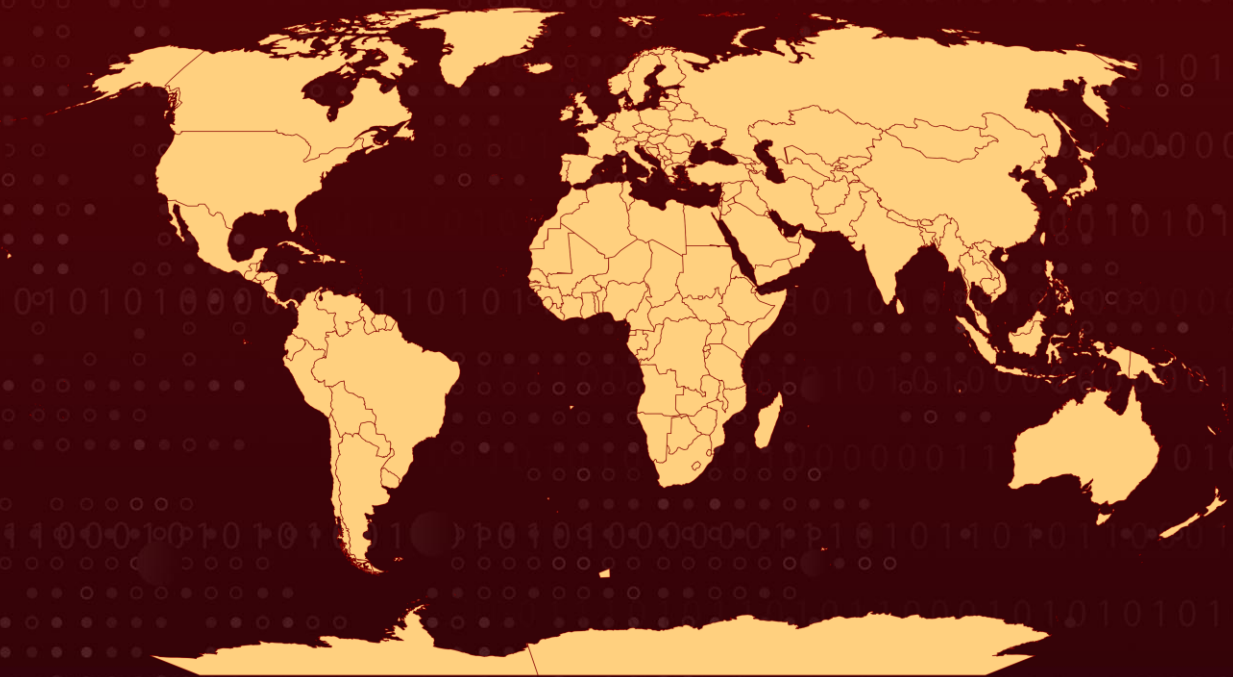
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Attack Region: Worldwide

Attack Sector: Gaming and gambling

Attack: Online gaming and gambling companies have been targeted by hackers using unseen backdoors. The attacks are grouped together and referred to as "Ice Breaker." The intrusions make use of smart social engineering strategies to install a JavaScript backdoor.

🔪 Attack Regions



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Attack Details

#1

The attack sequence proceeds as follows: The attacker poses as a customer and starts a conversation with a gaming company's support agent, claiming to have issues with account registration. The attacker then asks the agent to open a screenshot image hosted on Dropbox. The link provided retrieves an LNK payload or a VBScript file as a backup option.

#2

The LNK file leverages the trusted Windows binary msixexec.exe to download an additional MSI payload from its command-and-control server. During the second stage of the attack, the attacker uses two different payloads. The JavaScript file possesses all the traits of a standard backdoor, enabling the attacker to gather information about running processes, steal passwords and cookies, transfer files, capture screenshots, run VBScripts imported from a remote server, and even set up a reverse proxy on the compromised host.

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

<u>TA0001</u> Initial Access	<u>TA0002</u> Execution	<u>TA0003</u> Persistence	<u>TA0005</u> Defense Evasion
<u>TA0006</u> Credential Access	<u>TA0007</u> Discovery	<u>TA0009</u> Collection	<u>TA0011</u> Command and Control
<u>T1566</u> Phishing	<u>T1566.003</u> Spearphishing via Service	<u>T1204</u> User Execution	<u>T1204.001</u> Malicious Link
<u>T1204.002</u> Malicious File	<u>T1059</u> Command and Scripting Interpreter	<u>T1059.005</u> Visual Basic	<u>T1059.007</u> JavaScript
<u>T1547</u> Boot or Logon Autostart Execution	<u>T1547.001</u> Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder	<u>T1036</u> Masquerading	<u>T1036.007</u> Double File Extension
<u>T1218</u> System Binary Proxy Execution	<u>T1218.007</u> Msiexec	<u>T1555</u> Credentials from Password Stores	<u>T1555.003</u> Credentials from Web Browsers
<u>T1539</u> Steal Web Session Cookie	<u>T1057</u> Process Discovery	<u>T1087</u> Account Discovery	<u>T1087.001</u> Local Account
<u>T1518</u> Software Discovery	<u>T1082</u> System Information Discovery	<u>T1113</u> Screen Capture	<u>T1572</u> Protocol Tunneling
<u>T1571</u> Non-Standard Port	<u>T1105</u> Ingress Tool Transfer	<u>T1071</u> Application Layer Protocol	<u>T1071.001</u> Web Protocols

Indicator of Compromise (IOCs)

TYPE	VALUE
Domains	screenshotcap[.]com screenshotlite[.]com screenshot[.]icu xn--screenshot-iib[.]net xn--screenshot-jib[.]net ponzix[.]net

TYPE	VALUE
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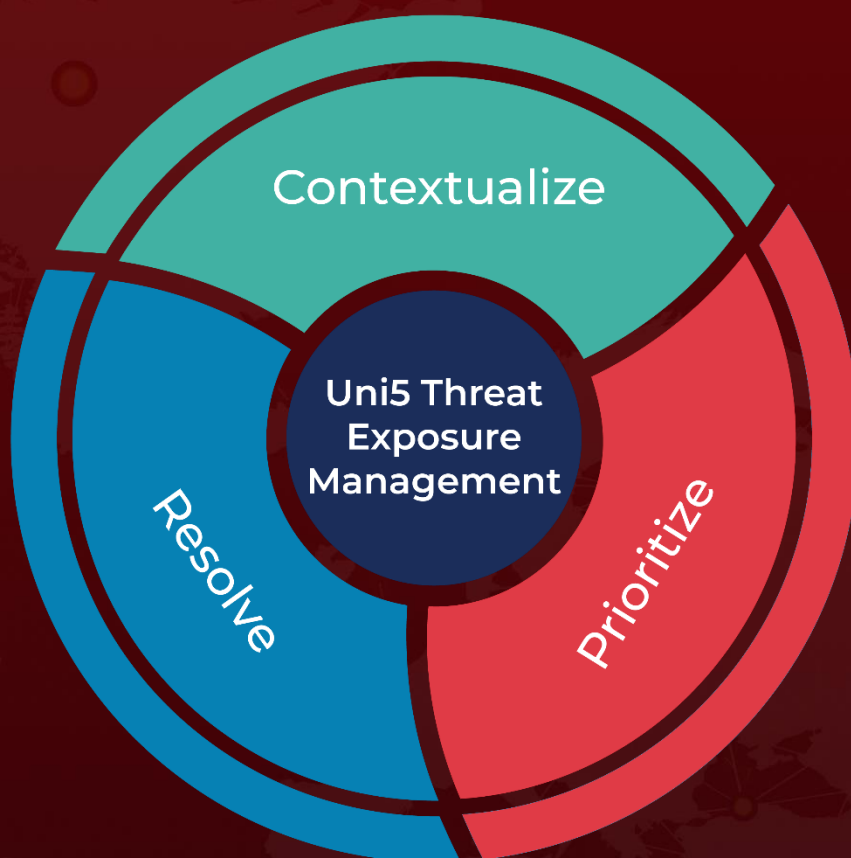
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