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 **ATTACK REPORT**

PindOS : a JavaScript dropper unleashing Bumblebee and IcedID malware

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Summary

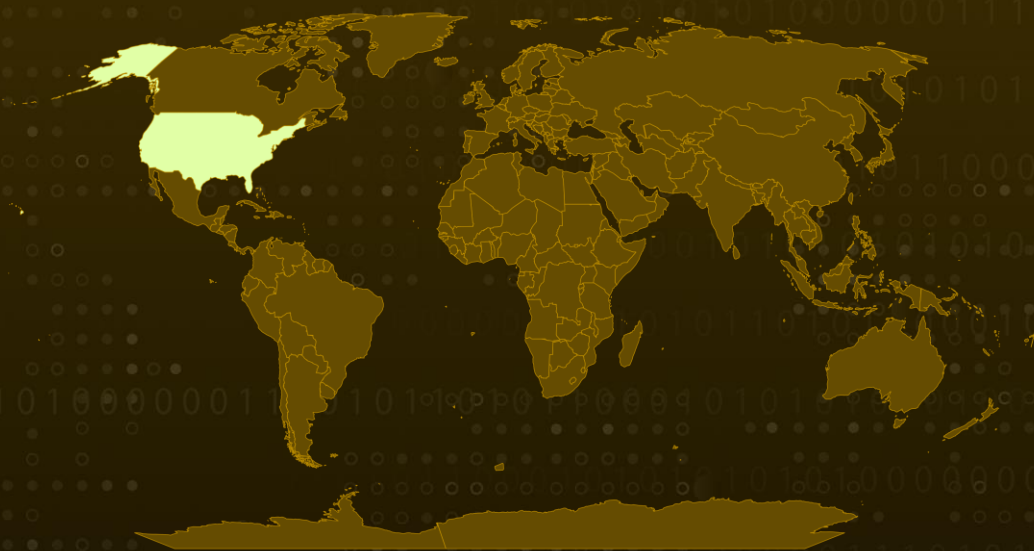
First appeared: May, 2023

Attack Region: United States

Malware: PindOS, Bumblebee, IcedID

Attack: PindOS, new JavaScript dropper has been spotted in wild. It is specifically engineered to deliver next-stage payloads and is currently deploying infamous malwares like Bumblebee and IcedID.

Attack Regions



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Attack Details

#1

PindOS is a sleek JavaScript dropper designed to fetch next-stage payload. It is distributed via social-engineering techniques and once executed, the JavaScript dropper discreetly retrieves and deploys subsequent payloads, such as Bumblebee and IcedID.

#2

PindOS employs a multi-step routine where it generates a User-Agent, calls a URL to fetch its payload, and executes it via the "runll32" command. In case of failure, a secondary URL is invoked, triggering a PowerShell command to run the payload using "rundll32".

#3

Payload is downloaded at "%appdata%/Microsoft/Templates/" as a DAT file with six random numbers as a name. The payloads are generated dynamically leading to new hash each time, this helps in avoiding signature-based detections.

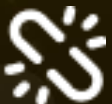
#4

PindOS is found to be deploying Bumblebee and IcedID malware, both are malware loaders and Bumblebee is found to be associated with Conti group. They both are known as primary vectors for other malwares including Ransomware.

#5

Adversaries are employing this multi-stage infection chain to avoid immediate detection and increase the complexity of their malicious activities.

Recommendations



Behavior based Detection: Employ behavior-based security solutions to deal with dynamically generated malware.



Regular Updates: Continuously ensure anti-malware and anti-virus software are loaded with latest detection patterns and have 100% asset coverage.

Potential MITRE ATT&CK TTPs

<u>TA0002</u> Execution	<u>TA0005</u> Defense Evasion	<u>TA0001</u> Initial Access	<u>T1566</u> Phishing
<u>T1027</u> Obfuscated Files or Information	<u>T1059</u> Command and Scripting Interpreter	<u>T1218</u> System Binary Proxy Execution	<u>T1608</u> Stage Capabilities
<u>T1204</u> User Execution	<u>T1059.007</u> JavaScript	<u>T1218.011</u> Rundll32	<u>T1608.004</u> Drive-by Target

Indicators of Compromise (IOCs)

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Sha256	bcd9b7d4ca83e96704e00e378728db06291e8e2b50d68db22efd1f8974d1ca91, 07d2cb0dc0cd353fb210b065733743078e79c4a27c42872cd516a6b1fb1f00d1, 00ec8f3900336c7aeb31fef4d111ee6e33f12ad451bc5119d3e50ad80b2212b0, 15da5b0a65dd8135273124da0c6e52e017e3b54642f87571e82d2314aae97eec, 180a935383b39501c7bdf2745b3a334841f01a7df9d063fecca587b5cc3f5e7a, 24dd5c33b8a5136bdf29d0c07cf56ef0e33a285bb12696a8ff65e4065cb18359, 76c9780256e195901e1c09cb8a37fb5967f9f5b36564e380e7cf2558652f875b, 28c87170f2525fdecc4092fb347acd9b8350ed65e0fd584ce9fc001fd237d523, ac261ac26221505798c65c61a207f3951cc7dce2e1014409d8a765d85bfd91d4, 92506fe773db7472e7782dbb5403548323e65a9eb2e4c15f9ac65ee6c4bd908b, c84c84387f0b9e7bc575a008f36919448b4e6645e1f5d054e20b59be726ee814, ...

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