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Attacks, Vulnerabilities and Actors

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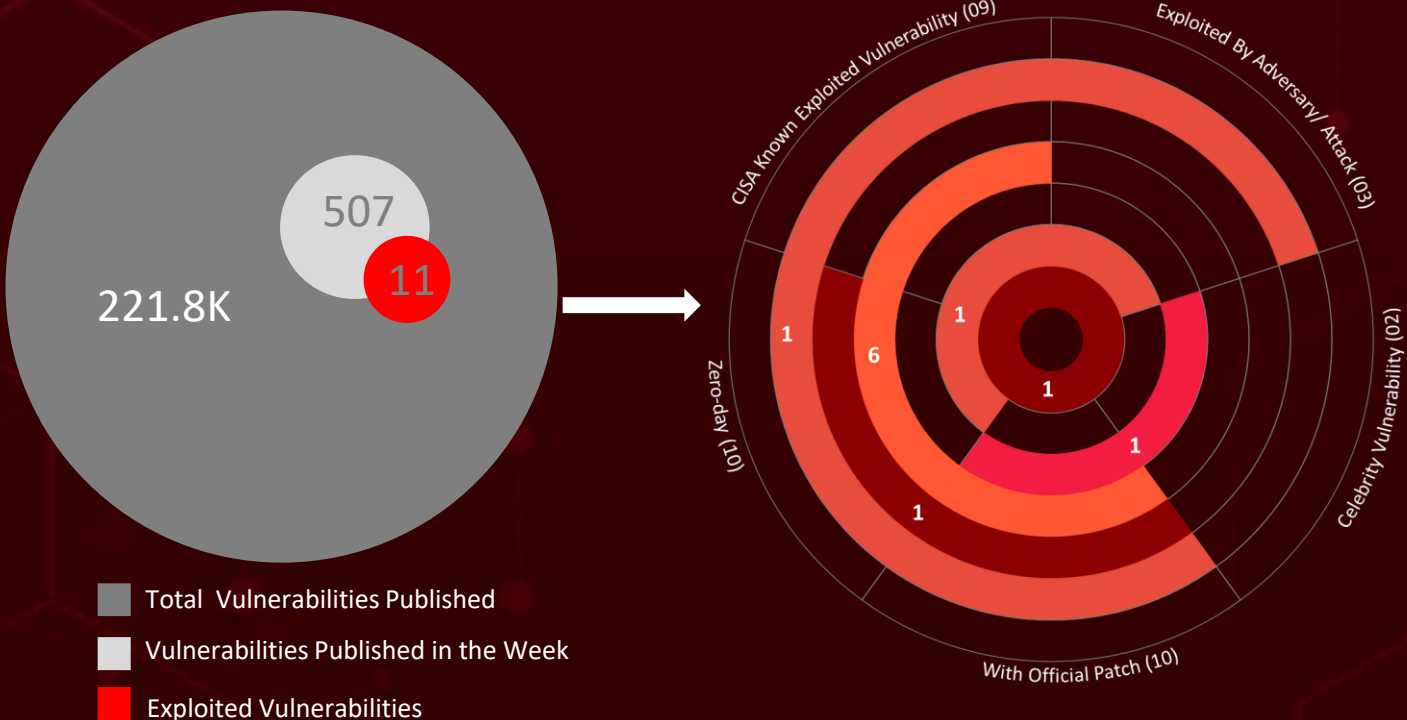
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Summary

HiveForce Labs recently made several significant discoveries related to cybersecurity threats. Over the past week, a total of **eight** attacks were executed, along with **eleven** vulnerabilities discovered, and **two** different adversaries were identified, all of which underscore the ever-present danger of cyberattacks.

Moreover, HiveForce Labs discovered that the **Cisco zero-day** vulnerability was exploited by the **Akira Ransomware** threat actors, playing a pivotal role in breaching corporate networks and leveraging tools like RustDesk for stealthy access. Additionally, identified **zero-days** in **Google**, **Adobe Acrobat**, **Apple**, and **Microsoft**.

In the meantime, **Charming Kitten** orchestrated a sophisticated campaign employing the **Sponsor** backdoor, targeting **34** diverse entities across Brazil, Israel, and the United Arab Emirates. **Storm-0324** exploited a **Microsoft Teams zero-day** to deploy **JSSLoader**. These attacks are on the rise, posing a significant threat to users worldwide.



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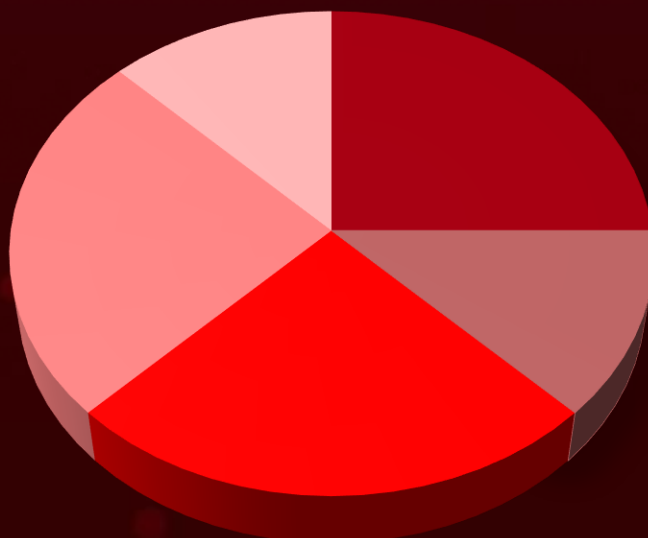
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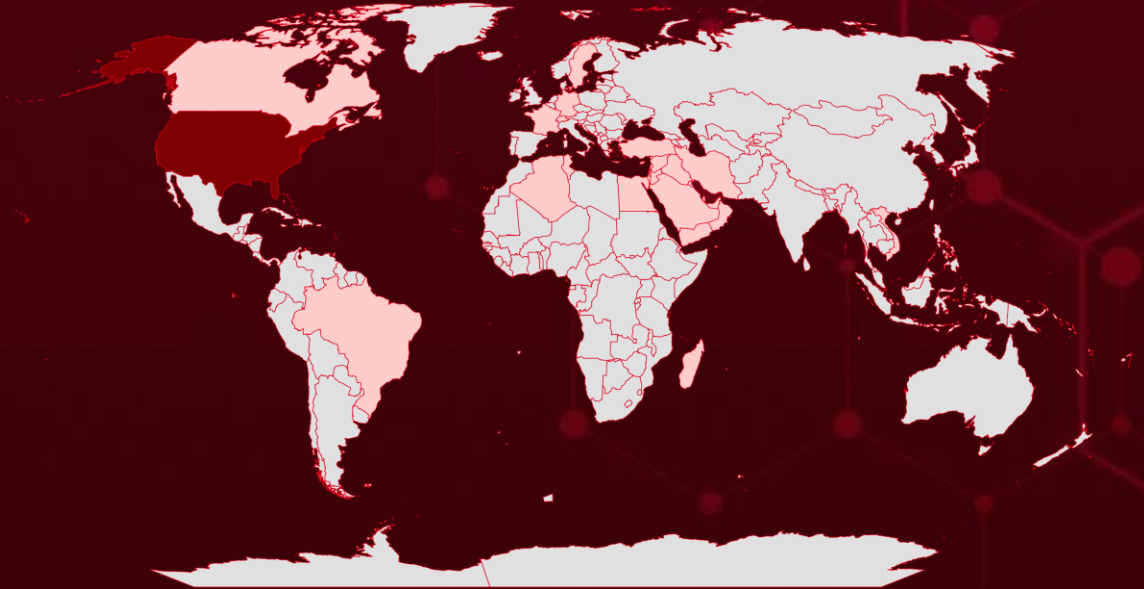


Targeted Countries

Most



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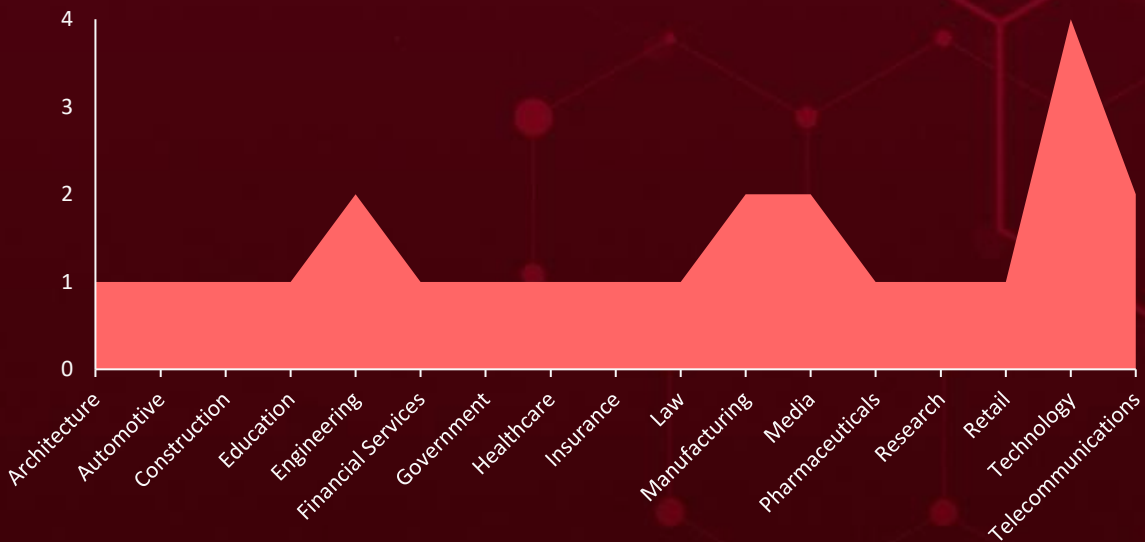


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Countries
US
Saudi Arabia
Akrotiri and Dhekelia
Algeria
Syria
Bahrain
Palestine
Brazil
Sweden
Canada
Turkey
Cyprus
Yemen
Egypt
Oman

Countries
France
Qatar
Germany
Singapore
Iran
Switzerland
Iraq
Tunisia
Israel
United Arab Emirates
Jordan
Vietnam
Kuwait
Lebanon
Madagascar

Targeted Industries



TOP MITRE ATT&CK TTPs

T1059

Command and Scripting Interpreter

T1588

Obtain Capabilities

T1203

Exploitation for Client Execution

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Exploits

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🔪 Attacks Executed

NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVEs
Akira Ransomware	Akira, a relatively new ransomware operation, emerged in March 2023 and is written in C++. It has expanded its tactics by adding a Linux encryptor to target VMware virtual machines. The Akira ransomware group targets Cisco VPN products to breach corporate networks and leverages tools like RustDesk for stealthy access.	Cisco VPN products	CVE-2023-20269
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PRODUCTS
Ransomware		Extortion of data and Financial Loss	Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) and Cisco Firepower Threat Defense (FTD)
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			Workaround
-			https://sec.cloudapps.cisco.com/security/center/content/CiscoSecurityAdvisory/cisc
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
IPv4	161.35.92[.]242, 173.208.205[.]10, 185.157.162[.]21		

NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVEs
HijackLoader	A new malware loader, HijackLoader, is swiftly gaining prominence within the cybercriminal sphere, being leveraged to disseminate an array of malicious malware strains, including DanaBot, SystemBC, and RedLine Stealer.	Unknown	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PRODUCTS
Loader		Data Theft and compromised systems	-
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
-			-
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA256	7bd39678ac3452bf55359b44c5192b79412ce61a82cd72eef88f91aba5792ee6, 6b1621bded06b082f83c731319c9deb2fdf751a4cec1d1b2b00ab9e75f4c29ca, e67790b394f5238908fcc326a9db940b200d9b50cbb45f0bfa94038db50beeae		

The IOCs (Indicators of Compromise) for the attacks executed are listed in the appendix section at the end of the report.

NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVEs
<u>PhoenixMiner</u>	PhoenixMiner Ethereum cryptocurrency mining malware with the filename "svhost.exe". PhoenixMiner is a publicly available miner that relies on the GPU capabilities of computers. The PowerShell launcher executes PhoenixMiner with the Ethereum Classic mining parameters from the victim machine's Windows systems folder.	Malicious Installer	-
TYPE		IMPACT Data Theft and Espionage	AFFECTED PRODUCTS
Miner			-
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINKS
-			-
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA256	3a1fa39b47697402df3eaa56b0e765addeb83f244aeb80ee0bcd434ae98ba5c3, c7e1aa53dc667581f37bcbcd0793c2ef909e8a4461c59641cb2c672ebe192609c, 201a1979e02bcaa2808e31613a0bef99ad55d514fcaed973840a1bf1efdb4cbe, f4b1dc6456aed765e11878c6a5b9555ee2aec1737219137d187e480599e254c9, d241ef2a157f44dcc323279bd89168c0f6b142de964815ceb0429181eae9a789		

NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVEs
<u>lolMiner</u>	lolMiner mines cryptocurrency by stealing the computational power of AMD, Nvidia, and Intel graphics cards. lolMiner is compatible with a variety of protocols, including Etchash, Autolykos2, Beam, Grin, Ae, ALPH, Flux, Equihash, Kasper, Nexa, Ironfish, and others. This campaign's lolMiner version is 1.76, which allows for the simultaneous mining of two different cryptocurrencies.	Malicious Installer	-
TYPE		IMPACT Data Theft and Espionage	AFFECTED PRODUCTS
Miner			-
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINKS
-			-
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA256	2d4adb8e894b22d6c60c3877995ba5e9845ec6005fc95382c395396eb84b1e73, aafe94fe2ca6210fde8f5691c066dc128090b097a7d45a69d7ccc977891e08b4, 8ebe85fd149f9b1e93668a733182ad6e0cafd1a0b285800e4e6b226b8673cbaa, ac1af3a386b2dcf0e2a2955101dc91de7f5e62c900ba4476b0b842d1aa951bbe, 2c049deedbc83923abdd41580faa07c98037f09b5fabe98f97a9239a0b6e3542		

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NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVEs
<u>M3 Mini Rat</u>	The M3_Mini_Rat client stub is a PowerShell script that allows the attacker to create a backdoor as well as download and execute other threats. The M3_Mini_Rat payload grants the attackers remote access, allowing them to conduct system reconnaissance.	Malicious Installer	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PRODUCTS
RAT		Data Theft and Espionage	-
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINKS
-			-
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA256	7a826c7755c173d041f48a08deecc5966082ff274f854174c96cee8c4b7d9d08		

NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVEs
<u>Sponsor</u>	The Sponsor backdoor, written in C++, collects host information and executes commands from a remote server. It uses Windows APIs to retrieve current usernames and collect system data such as operating system build and power source status, which is then sent to the command-and-control server through port 80.	Exploiting well-documented vulnerabilities	CVE-2021-26855
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PRODUCTS
Backdoor		Data Theft, compromised systems and Espionage	Microsoft Exchange Server
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINKS
Charming Kitten			https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/en-US/advisory/CVE-2021-26855
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA1	098b9a6ce722311553e1d8ac5849ba1dc5834c52, 5aee3c957056a8640041abc108d0b8a3d7a02ebd, 764eb6ca3752576c182fc19cff3e86c38dd51475, 2f3eda9d788a35f4c467b63860e73c3b010529cc, e443dc53284537513c00818392e569c79328f56f		





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NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVEs
<u>3AM Ransomware</u>	<p>'3AM,' a new ransomware outbreak, is a 64-bit executable written in the Rust computer language. It was recently discovered in a cyberattack carried out by a ransomware affiliate. When the encryption process begins, the 3AM ransomware disables numerous services on the infected system. It then appends the '.threeamtime' extension to the encrypted files.</p>	Unknown	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PRODUCTS
Ransomware			-
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINKS
-		-	Data Theft, Espionage and Financial Loss
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA256	307a1217aac33c4b7a9cd923162439c19483e952c2ceb15aa82a98b46ff8942e		



NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVEs
<u>JSSLoader (aka Anunak)</u>	<p>JSSLoader is a remote access Trojan (RAT) with .NET and C++ variations that the threat actors have used since at least 2020. The JSSLoader malware provides access to ransomware-as-a-service (RaaS). When JavaScript is launched, a JSSLoader variation DLL is dropped.</p>	Spearphishing Link	CVE-2023-21715
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PRODUCTS
RAT			Microsoft Teams
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINKS
Storm-0324		Espionage and compromised system	https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/en-us/advisory/CVE-2023-21715
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA256	48053356188dd419c6212e8adb1d5156460339f07838f2c00357cfd1b4a05278, da480b19c68c2dee819f7b06dbfdbba0637fea2c165f3190c2a4994570c3dae2a, 910b6f3087b1d5342a2681376c367b53e30cf21dd9409fb1000ffb60893a7051, de099bf0297de8e2fad37acc55c6b0456d1fd98a6fc1fbc381759e82a4e207c3		



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Vulnerabilities Exploited




CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCTS	ASSOCIATED ACTOR
CVE-2023-20269		Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) 6.2.3 - 9.19.1.18 and Cisco Firepower Threat Defense (FTD) 6.2.3 - 9.19.1.18	-
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE
NAME	CISA KEV	cpe:2.3:h:cisco_systems:asa:6.2.3:*:*:*:*:*:*	Akira Ransomware
Cisco Brute Access Vulnerability		cpe:2.3:h:cisco_systems:firepower:6.2.3:*:*:*:*:*:*	
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	WORKAROUND
	CWE-288	T1110: Brute Force,T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter,T1059.008: Network Device CLI	https://sec.cloudapps.cisco.com/security/center/content/CiscoSecurityAdvisory/cisco-sa-asaftd-8LyfCkeC#workarounds
CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCTS	ASSOCIATED ACTOR
CVE-2023-38146	ThemeBleed	Windows 11 version 21H2, Windows 11 version 22H2	-
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE
NAME	CISA KEV	cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows_11_21h2:*:*:*:*:*:*	-
Microsoft Windows Themes Remote Code Execution Vulnerability			
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH DETAILS
	CWE-20	T1203: Exploitation for Client Execution,T1588.006: Vulnerabilities,T1027: Obfuscated Files or Information	https://msrc.microsoft.com/CVE-2023-38146




CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCTS	ASSOCIATED ACTOR
CVE-2023-4863		Google Chrome version 116.0.5845.186 and before	-
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSO MWARE
NAME	CISA KEV	cpe:2.3:a:google:chrome:*:*:*:*:*:*	-
Google Chrome Heap Buffer Overflow Vulnerability			
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH DETAILS
	CWE-122	T1588: Obtain Capabilities,T1588.005: Exploits,T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter,T1189: Drive-by Compromise	https://chromereleases.googleblog.com/2023/09/stable-channel-update-for-desktop_11.html




CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCTS	ASSOCIATED ACTOR
CVE-2021-26855	ProxyLogon	Microsoft Exchange Server	Charming Kitten
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSO MWARE
NAME	CISA KEV	cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:exchange_server:-:*:*:*:*:*	Sponsor Backdoor
Microsoft Exchange Server Remote Code Execution Vulnerability			
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH DETAILS
	CWE-918	T1090: Proxy,T1135: Network Share Discovery,T1005: Data from Local System,T1133: External Remote Service	https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/en-US/advisory/CVE-2021-26855




CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCTS	ASSOCIATED ACTOR
<u>CVE-2023-26369</u>		Acrobat DC 23.003.20284 and earlier versions, Acrobat Reader DC	-
	ZERO-DAY	23.003.20284 and earlier versions, Acrobat 2020 20.005.30516 (Mac), 20.005.30514 (Win) and earlier versions, Acrobat Reader 2020, 20.005.30516 (Mac), 20.005.30514 (Win) and earlier versions	
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE
NAME	CISA KEY	cpe:2.3:a:adobe:adobe_reader:23.003.20284:*:*:*:*:*:* cpe:2.3:a:adobe:acrobat_dc:*:*:*:*:*:*	-
Adobe Code Execution Vulnerability			
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH DETAILS
	CWE-787	T1203: Exploitation for Client Execution, T1588: Obtain Capabilities, T1588.005: Exploits, T1204: User Execution, T1204.002: Malicious File	https://www.adobe.com/devnet-docs/acrobatetk/tools/ReleaseNotesDC/index.html#continuous-track https://www.adobe.com/devnet-docs/acrobatetk/tools/ReleaseNotesDC/index.html#classic-track




CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCTS	ASSOCIATED ACTOR
CVE-2023-36761		Microsoft Office: 365 - 2019, Microsoft Word: before 16.0.5413.1000, Microsoft 365 Apps for Enterprise: before 16.0.5413.1000	-
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSO MWARE
NAME	CISA KEY		
Microsoft Word Information Disclosure Vulnerability		cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:microsoft_word:-:*:*:*:*:*	-
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH DETAILS
	CWE-200	T1588: Obtain Capabilities,T1588.005: Exploits,T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter,T1588.006: Vulnerabilities,T1068: Exploitation for Privilege Escalation,T1203: Exploitation for Client Execution, T1082: System Information Discovery	https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/en-US/advisory/CVE-2023-36761

CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCTS	ASSOCIATED ACTOR
CVE-2023-36802		Windows: 10 - 11 22H2, Windows Server: 2019 - 2022 20H2	-
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSO MWARE
NAME	CISA KEY		
Microsoft Streaming Service Proxy Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability		cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:microsoft_streaming_service:-:*:*:*:*:*	-
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH DETAILS
	CWE-119	T1588: Obtain Capabilities,T1588.005: Exploits,T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter,T1588.006: Vulnerabilities,T1068: Exploitation for Privilege Escalation,T1203: Exploitation for Client Execution, T1082: System Information Discovery	https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/en-US/advisory/CVE-2023-36802


CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCTS	ASSOCIATED ACTOR
CVE-2023-41064		Apple iOS, iPadOS, and macOS	-
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANS OMWARE
NAME	CISA KEY	cpe:2.3:o:apple:ipados:*:*:*:*:*:*:* cpe:2.3:o:apple:iphone_os:*:*:*:*:*:*:* :*:*	-
Apple iOS, iPadOS, and macOS ImageIO Buffer Overflow Vulnerability			
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH DETAILS
	CWE-120	T1204: User Execution,T1204.002: Malicious File,T1588: Obtain Capabilities,T1588.005: Exploits,T1203: Exploitation for Client Execution,T1588.006:Vulnerabilities,T1204.003: Malicious Image	https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT213905 https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT213906

CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCTS	ASSOCIATED ACTOR
CVE-2023-41061		Apple iOS, iPadOS, and watchOS	-
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANS OMWARE
NAME	CISA KEY	cpe:2.3:o:apple:ipados:*:*:*:*:*:*:* cpe:2.3:o:apple:iphone_os:*:*:*:*:*:*:* :*:*	-
Apple iOS, iPadOS, and watchOS Wallet Code Execution Vulnerability		cpe:2.3:o:apple:watchos:*:*:*:*:*:*:* *	
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH DETAILS
	CWE-20	T1204: User Execution,T1204.002: Malicious File,T1588: Obtain Capabilities,T1588.005: Exploits,T1203: Exploitation for Client Execution,T1588.006:Vulnerabilities,T1204.003: Malicious Image	https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT213907 https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT213905

CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCTS	ASSOCIATED ACTOR
<u>CVE-2023-3676</u>		kubelet earlier to v1.28.1, kubelet earlier to v1.27.5, kubelet earlier to v1.26.8, kubelet earlier to v1.25.13, kubelet earlier to v1.24.17	-
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE
NAME	CISA KEY	cpe:2.3:a:kubernetes:kubernetes:- :*:*:*:*:*:*	-
Kubernetes Privilege Escalation Vulnerability			
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH DETAILS
	CWE-20	T1609: Container Administration Command,T1610: Deploy Container,T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter,PowerShell,T1548: Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism,T1068: Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	https://kubernetes.io/releases/patch-releases/


CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCTS	ASSOCIATED ACTOR
<u>CVE-2023-21715</u>		Microsoft Teams	Storm-0324
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE
NAME	CISA KEY	cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:365_apps:- :*:*:*:enterprise:*:*:*	JSSLoader
Microsoft Office Publisher Security Feature Bypass Vulnerability			
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH DETAILS
	CWE-863	T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter,T1040: Network Sniffing,T1203:Exploitation for Client Execution	https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/vulnerability/CVE-2023-21715

Adversaries in Action

NAME	ORIGIN	TARGETED INDUSTRIES	TARGETED COUNTRIES
 <p><u>Charming Kitten (aka Ballistic Bobcat, Magic Hound, APT 35, Cobalt Illusion, Cobalt Mirage, Charming Kitten, TEMP.Beanie, Timberworm, Tarh Andishan, TA453, Phosphorus, TunnelVision, UNC788, Yellow Garuda, Educated Manticore, MintSandstorm)</u></p>	Iran	Automotive, Communications, Engineering, Financial Services, Healthcare, Insurance, Law, Manufacturing, Retail, Technology, Telecommunications, Research, Education, Government, Media, and Pharmaceuticals	Brazil, the Middle East, and the United States.
	MOTIVE		
	Information theft and espionage		
	TARGETED CVEs	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE	AFFECTED PRODUCTS
	CVE-2021-26855	Sponsor Backdoor	Microsoft Exchange Server

TTPs

T1595: Active Scanning; T1587.001: Malware; T1588.002: Tool; T1190: Exploit Public-Facing Application; T1059.003: Windows Command Shell; T1569.002: Service Execution; T1543.003: Windows Service; T1078.003: Local Accounts; T1140: Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information; T1027: Obfuscated Files or Information; T1555.003: Credentials from Web Browsers; T1018: Remote System Discovery; T1001: Data Obfuscation

NAME	ORIGIN	TARGETED INDUSTRIES	TARGETED COUNTRIES
 <p><u>Storm-0324 (aka DEV-0324)</u></p>	Unknown	IT, Technology, High-Tech	Worldwide
	MOTIVE		
	Financial Gain		
	TARGETED CVEs	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE	AFFECTED PRODUCTS
	CVE-2023-21715	JSSLoader	Microsoft Teams

TTPs

T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter; T1059.007: JavaScript; T1204: User Execution; T1204.001: Malicious Link; T1203: Exploitation for Client Execution

Recommendations

Security Teams

This digest can be utilized as a drive to force security teams to prioritize the **eleven exploited vulnerabilities** and block the indicators related to the threat actors **Charming Kitten, Storm-0324**, and malware **Akira Ransomware, HijackLoader, PhoenixMiner, lolMiner, M3_Mini_Rat, Sponsor Backdoor, 3AM Ransomware, JSSLoader**.

Uni5 Users

This is an actionable threat digest for HivePro Uni5 customers and they can get comprehensive insights into their threat exposure and can action it effortlessly over the HivePro Uni5 dashboard by

- Running a Scan to discover the assets impacted by the **eleven exploited vulnerabilities**.
- Testing the efficacy of their security controls by simulating the attacks related to the threat actor **Charming Kitten, Storm-0324**, and malware **Akira Ransomware, HijackLoader, PhoenixMiner, lolMiner, M3_Mini_Rat, Sponsor Backdoor, 3AM Ransomware, JSSLoader** in Breach and Attack Simulation(BAS).

Threat Advisories

[Akira Ransomware Exploits Cisco Zero-Day Vulnerability](#)

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[Google Addresses Fourth Zero-Day Flaw Exploited by Attackers Wildly](#)

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Appendix

Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV): Software vulnerabilities for which there are public exploits or proof-of-concept (PoC) code available, and for which there is a high risk of potential harm to an organization's systems or data if left unaddressed.

Celebrity Vulnerabilities: Software vulnerabilities that have gained significant attention and been branded with catchy names and logos due to their impact on high-profile individuals and celebrities are also referred to as Celebrity Publicized Software Flaws.

✂ Indicators of Compromise (IOCs)

Attack Name	TYPE	VALUE
<u>Akira Ransomware</u>	IPv4	161.35.92[.]242, 173.208.205[.]10, 185.157.162[.]21, 185.193.64[.]226, 149.93.239[.]176, 158.255.215[.]236, 95.181.150[.]173, 94.232.44[.]118, 194.28.112[.]157, 5.61.43[.]231, 5.183.253[.]129 45.80.107[.]220, 193.233.230[.]161, 149.57.12[.]131, 149.57.15[.]181, 193.233.228[.]183, 45.66.209[.]122, 95.181.148[.]101, 193.233.228[.]86, 176.124.201[.]200, 162.35.92[.]242, 144.217.86[.]109, 31.184.236[.]63, 31.184.236[.]71
	SHA256	1d3b5c650533d13c81e325972a912e3ff8776e36e18bca966d ae50735f8ab296,

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<u>Akira Ransomware</u>	SHA256	3c92bfc71004340ebc00146ced294bc94f49f6a5e212016ac05e7d10fcb3312c, 5c62626731856fb5e669473b39ac3deb0052b32981863f8cf697ae01c80512e5, 678ec8734367c7547794a604cc65e74a0f42320d85a6dce20c214e3b4536bb33, 7b295a10d54c870d59fab3a83a8b983282f6250a0be9df581334eb93d53f3488, 8631ac37f605daacf47095955837ec5abbd5e98c540ffd58bb9bf873b1685a50, 1b6af2fbbc636180dd7bae825486ccc45e42aefbb304d5f83fafca4d637c13cc, 9ca333b2e88ab35f608e447b0e3b821a6e04c4b0c76545177890fb16adcab163, d0510e1d89640c9650782e882fe3b9afba00303b126ec38fdc5f1c1484341959, 6cadab96185dbe6f3a7b95cf2f97d6ac395785607baa6ed7bf363deb59cc360
<u>HijackLoader</u>	SHA256	7bd39678ac3452bf55359b44c5192b79412ce61a82cd72eef88f91aba5792ee6, 6b1621bded06b082f83c731319c9deb2fdf751a4cec1d1b2b00ab9e75f4c29ca, e67790b394f5238908fcc326a9db940b200d9b50cbb45f0bfa94038db50beae, 693cace37b4b6fed2ca67906c7a4b1c11273110561a207a222aa4e62fb4a184a, 04c0a4f3b5f787a0c9fa8f6d8ef19e01097185dd1f2ba40ae4bbbca9c3a1c72
	URLs	hxxps://www.4sync[.]com/web/directDownload/KFtZysVO/4jBKM7R0. baa89a7b43a7b73227f22ae561718f7f, hxxps://geupdate-service[.]bond/img/3344379399.png
<u>PhoenixMiner</u>	SHA256	3a1fa39b47697402df3eaa56b0e765addeb83f244aeb80ee0bcd434ae98ba5c3, c7e1aa53dc667581f37bcbd0793c2ef909e8a4461c59641cb2c672ebe192609c, 201a1979e02bcaa2808e31613a0bef99ad55d514fcaed973840a1bf1efdb4cbe, f4b1dc6456aed765e11878c6a5b9555ee2aec1737219137d187e480599e254c9, d241ef2a157f44dcc323279bd89168c0f6b142de964815ceb0429181eae9a789
<u>lolMiner</u>	SHA256	2d4adb8e894b22d6c60c3877995ba5e9845ec6005fc95382c395396eb84b1e73, aafe94fe2ca6210fde8f5691c066dc128090b097a7d45a69d7ccc977891e08b4, 8ebe85fd149f9b1e93668a733182ad6e0cafd1a0b285800e4e6b226b8673cbaa,

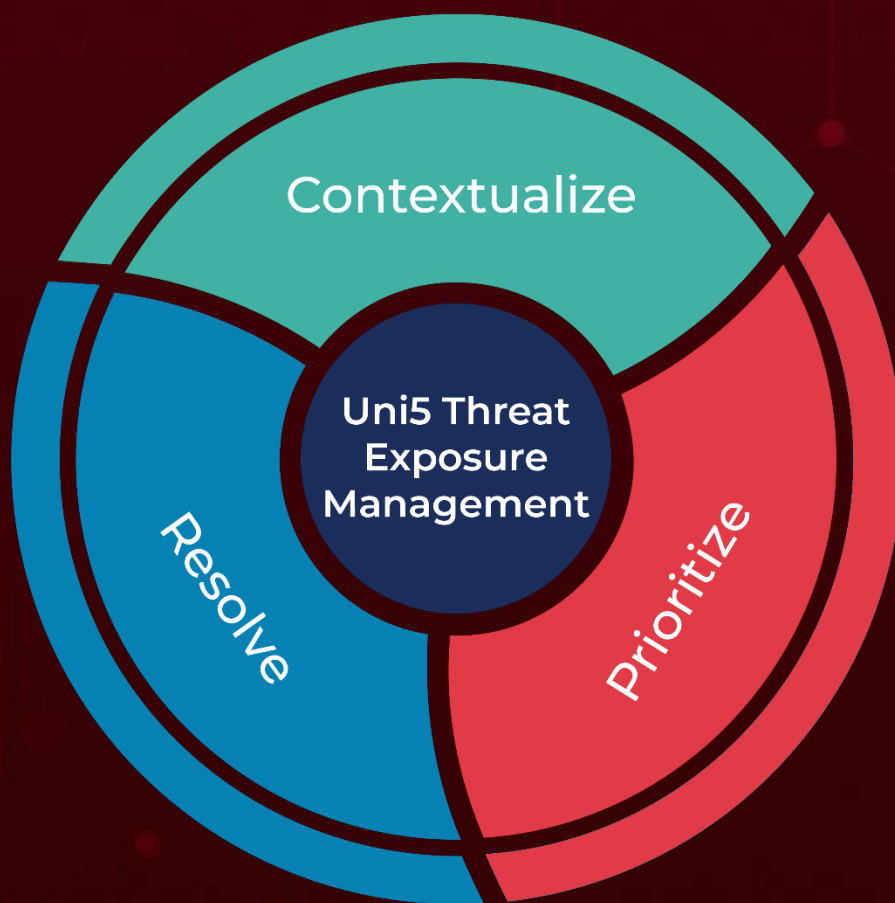
Attack Name	TYPE	VALUE
<u>lolMiner</u>	SHA256	ac1af3a386b2dcf0e2a2955101dc91de7f5e62c900ba4476b0b842d1aa951bbe, 2c049deedbc83923abdd41580faa07c98037f09b5fabe98f97a9239a0b6e3542
<u>M3 Mini Rat</u>	SHA256	7a826c7755c173d041f48a08deecc5966082ff274f854174c96cee8c4b7d9d08
<u>Sponsor Backdoor</u>	SHA1	098b9a6ce722311553e1d8ac5849ba1dc5834c52, 5aee3c957056a8640041abc108d0b8a3d7a02ebd, 764eb6ca3752576c182fc19cff3e86c38dd51475, 2f3eda9d788a35f4c467b63860e73c3b010529cc, e443dc53284537513c00818392e569c79328f56f, c4bc1a5a02f8ac3cf642880dc1fc3b1e46e4da61, 39ae8ba8c5280a09ba638df4c9d64ac0f3f706b6, a200be662cdc0ece2a2c8fc4dbbc8c574d31848a, 5d60c8507ac9b840a13ffdf19e3315a3e14de66a, 50cfb3cf1a0fe5ec2264ace53f96fadfe99cc617, 1aae62acee3c04a6728f9edc3756fabd6e342252, 519ca93366f1b1d71052c6ce140f5c80ce885181, 4709827c7a95012ab970bf651ed5183083366c79, 99c7b5827df89b4fafc2b565abed97c58a3c65b8, e52aa118a59502790a4dd6625854bd93c0deaf27
	File Path	%SYSTEMDRIVE%\inetpub\wwwroot\aspnet_client\ %USERPROFILE%\AppData\Local\Temp\file\ %USERPROFILE%\AppData\Local\Temp\2\low\ %USERPROFILE%\Desktop\ %USERPROFILE%\Downloads\a\ %WINDIR%\ %WINDIR%\INF\MSEExchange Delivery DSN\ %WINDIR%\Tasks\ %WINDIR%\Temp%\WINDIR%\Temp\crashpad\1\Files
	IPv4	162.55.137[.]20, 37.120.222[.]168, 198.144.189[.]74, 5.255.97[.]172
<u>3AM Ransomware</u>	IPv4	185.202.0[.]111, 212.18.104[.]6, 85.159.229[.]62
	SHA256	079b99f6601f0f6258f4220438de4e175eb4853649c2d34ada72cce6b1702e22, 307a1217aac33c4b7a9cd923162439c19483e952c2ceb15aa82a98b46ff8942e, 680677e14e50f526cccd739890ed02fc01da275f9db59482d96b96fbc092d2f4, 991ee9548b55e5c815cc877af970542312cff79b3ba01a04a469b645c5d880af, ecbdb9cb442a2c712c6fb8aee0ae68758bc79fa064251bab53b62f9e7156febc

Attack Name	TYPE	VALUE
<p>JSSLoader</p>	<p>SHA256</p>	<p>67a1328242c89b2f54018d31eca071ab7edef6df30fea2633ad1a013aa5feb8a, 2373a6a7223154a2e4e3e84e4bdda0d5a9bc22580caf4f418dae5637efec65e5, 1f2ab2226f13be64feece1884eaa46e46c097bb79b703f7d622d8ff1a91b938, 33b3a1da684efc2891668eecf883ba7b9768a117956786e4356a27d1dffe0560, c1e7d6ec47169ffb1118c4be5ecb492cd1ea34f3f3dd124500d337af3e980436, 15f15b643eafcc50777bed33eda25158c7f58f4dbaaaa511072ef913a302a8da, daba93cf353585a67ed893625755077a2d351ba46ec5ea86b5bd0b45b84bc7c5, 967882624ba26c4fcd6806791aa4994b5bf64ca4b1e66dd8d24f1fa54b3a43f0, 16f9674ea7c40a0e474966f59c413518509e295608c7ecc37c6096b034b88918, 2e3bc3b059733b4db846d3227abbfa6a7914b551f0175d6f77e22d08b57d49e3, a0c5b1fdbcb95037e57dd502d848aa3137882d7af6fbf301262e8cd35db7f58b7, 2df508247a4e739b086c9de47d91a26ea7aee4d5cf9bc5cc70b5ad2dc7f102c6, d2b080b9af5d39d72af149afb065e769b1da8005edfe84237942a1b99f4fa36c, 793aa21ed7432ef2b0eda8d80036361878f728dbc4081d72f80fa3694702a4d8, 35f5c781d61d398ce47a8881228346a81afb4915bf083518bf2b4cc8d6a2685b, db1d98e9cca11beea4cfd1bfbe097dff9fc4cc8b1b02e781863658d8c6f16c7, 410cd107dfd37752936bd20d022ea614cd373aa9d37db255f65dc434e653236a, 3b6d61add64402dc74d237e69d701ad2b0bea9a525798a376cd13f2090bb39ee, 969cfeddc1c90d36478f636ee31326e8f381518e725f88662cc28da439038001, ee8f394d9e192c453d47a0c57261a03921dcb97248a67427cb6fc6d8833c8a0, 5450eca67cb31e326801df019d9a030d3bef8b04af6c91dadf760d62e2ca3ab1, a062a71a6268af048e474c80133f84494d06a34573c491725599fe62b25be044, c328f48c5f4a2c2441bcd0b0c0551547ca254f7ebbb46d30d357e962d8330063, 8279ce0eb52a9f5b5ab02322d1bb7cc9cb5b242b7359c3d4d754687069fcb7b8, 967882624ba26c4fcd6806791aa4994b5bf64ca4b1e66dd8d24f1fa54b3a43f0</p>

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