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**ATTACK REPORT**

Black Basta Ransomware Impacts Over 500 Organizations Worldwide

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Summary

First Appearance: April 2022

Malware: Black Basta Ransomware, Qakbot

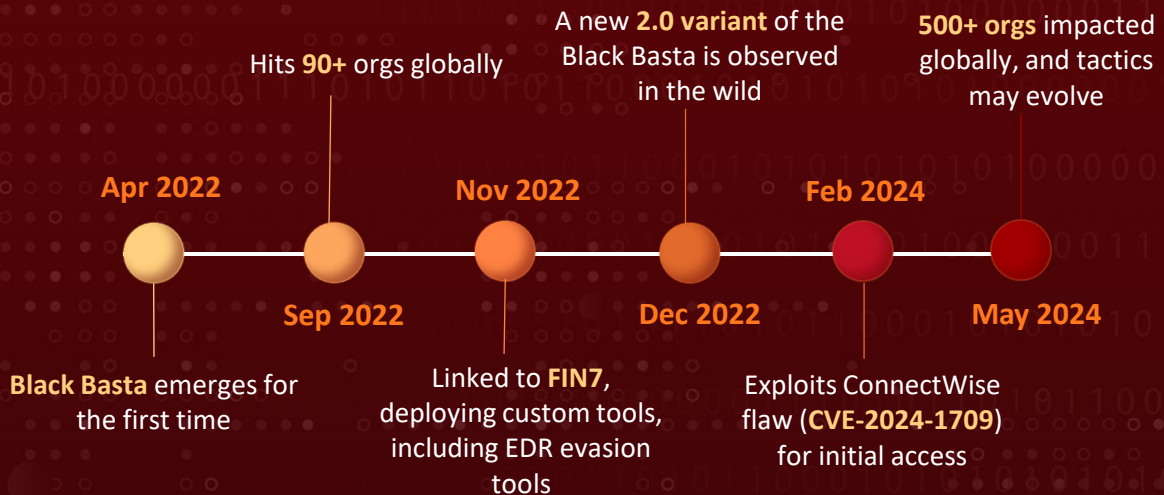
Targeted Countries: Worldwide

Targeted Industries: Critical infrastructure sectors, including Healthcare

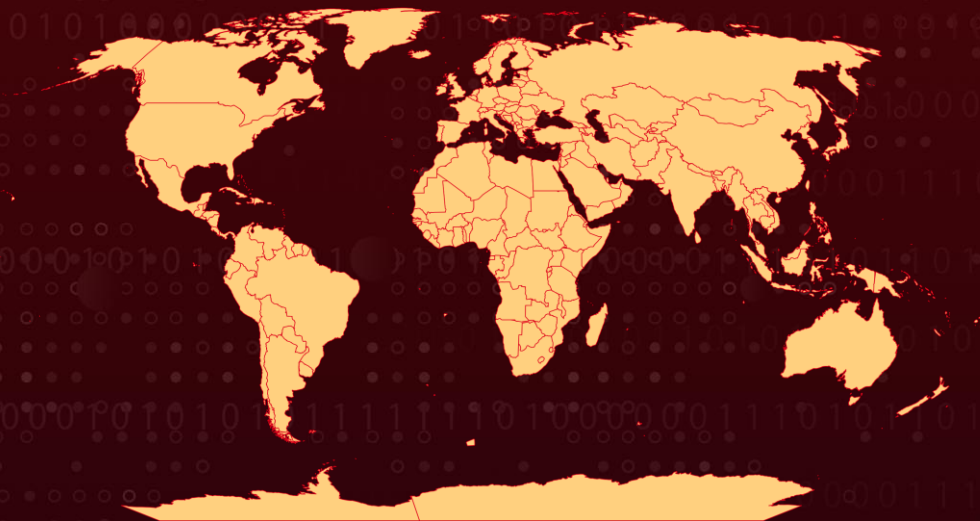
Affected Platforms: Windows, Linux, macOS, and VMware ESXi

Attack: Black Basta ransomware, a highly impactful Ransomware-as-a-Service (RaaS) variant, targets critical sectors globally, affecting over 500 organizations. They use phishing, exploits, and Qakbot to gain access, steal data, encrypt systems, and threaten public data leaks if a ransom isn't paid.

🔪 Attack Timeline



🔪 Attack Regions



CVE	NAME	AFFECTED PRODUCT	ZERO-DAY	CISA KEV	PATCH
CVE-2024-1709	ConnectWise ScreenConnect Authentication Bypass Vulnerability	ConnectWise ScreenConnect	❌	✅	✅
CVE-2020-1472	ZeroLogon (Microsoft Netlogon Privilege Escalation Vulnerability)	Microsoft Netlogon	❌	✅	✅
CVE-2021-42278	NoPac (Microsoft Active Directory Domain Services Privilege Escalation Vulnerability)	Microsoft Active Directory Domain Services	❌	✅	✅
CVE-2021-42287	NoPac (Microsoft Active Directory Domain Services Privilege Escalation Vulnerability)	Microsoft Active Directory Domain Services	❌	✅	✅
CVE-2021-34527	PrintNightmare (Windows Print Spooler Remote Code Execution Vulnerability)	Windows Print Spooler	✅	✅	✅
CVE-2022-30190	Follina (Microsoft Windows Support Diagnostic Tool (MSDT) Remote Code Execution Vulnerability)	Microsoft Windows Support Diagnostic Tool (MSDT)	✅	✅	✅

Attack Details

#1

Black Basta is a sophisticated ransomware strain that first appeared in April 2022. They target various organizations, including critical infrastructure like healthcare providers, and have impacted over 500 organizations worldwide as of May 2024. It appears to have strong affiliations with current and former members from groups such as Conti, FIN7, and/or BlackMatter. Operating as a Ransomware as a Service (RaaS), Black Basta maintains a dark website and provides affiliates with a specific control panel for configuration and generating custom binaries.

#2

Black Basta primarily impacted a wide range of businesses and critical infrastructure in North America, Europe, and Australia. It is a cross-platform ransomware that is compatible with Windows and Linux VMware ESXi systems. Written in the C++ programming language and uses common tactics to gain access to systems, such as phishing emails, exploiting software vulnerabilities like ConnectWise (CVE-2024-1709), and then spreads through the banking Trojan Qakbot.

#3

Black Basta then employs a double extortion scheme. They demand a ransom payment to decrypt the stolen data threatening to publicly leak it if the ransom is not paid. Their tactics involve privilege escalation through tools like Mimikatz and the exploitation of vulnerabilities like ZeroLogon and PrintNightmare. Data exfiltration is facilitated by RClone, with encryption using ChaCha20 and RSA-4096.

#4

The exfiltrated data is sent to a cloud service, after which the ransomware encrypts files with the “.basta” extension. The group even attempts to disable security software, complicating victims' system recovery efforts. Healthcare organizations are particularly targeted due to their size and access to sensitive information

Recommendations



Implement Robust Endpoint Protection: Deploy advanced endpoint protection solutions that include behavior-based detection, machine learning algorithms, and threat intelligence. These solutions can detect and block malicious activities associated with Black Basta ransomware, such as file encryption and unauthorized processes. Regularly update endpoint security software to ensure protection against the latest threats.



Patch and Update Software: Keep all operating systems, applications, and firmware up to date with the latest security patches and updates. Black Basta affiliates often exploit known vulnerabilities to gain initial access to systems. By promptly applying patches, organizations can mitigate the risk of these vulnerabilities being exploited and prevent unauthorized access to their networks.



Conduct Regular Data Backups and Test Restoration: Implement a robust data backup strategy that includes regular backups of critical data and systems. Ensure backups are stored offline or in a secure, isolated environment to prevent them from being compromised in the event of an attack. Regularly test the restoration process to verify the integrity and availability of backups. In the event of a Black Basta ransomware attack, having up-to-date backups will allow organizations to restore their systems and data without paying the ransom.

Potential MITRE ATT&CK TTPs

<u>TA0001</u> Initial Access	<u>TA0003</u> Persistence	<u>TA0004</u> Privilege Escalation	<u>TA0002</u> Execution
<u>TA0042</u> Resource Development	<u>TA0008</u> Lateral Movement	<u>TA0011</u> Command and Control	<u>TA0043</u> Reconnaissance
<u>TA0010</u> Exfiltration	<u>TA0040</u> Impact	<u>TA0007</u> Discovery	<u>T1588</u> Obtain Capabilities
<u>T1566</u> Phishing	<u>T1190</u> Exploit Public-Facing Application	<u>T1078</u> Valid Accounts	<u>T1036</u> Masquerading
<u>T1562.001</u> Disable or Modify Tools	<u>T1562</u> Impair Defenses	<u>T1490</u> Inhibit System Recovery	<u>T1486</u> Data Encrypted for Impact
<u>T1573.002</u> Asymmetric Cryptography	<u>T1573</u> Encrypted Channel	<u>T1059</u> Command and Scripting Interpreter	<u>T1588.005</u> Exploits
<u>T1588.006</u> Vulnerabilities	<u>T1068</u> Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	<u>T1567.002</u> Exfiltration to Cloud Storage	<u>T1567</u> Exfiltration Over Web Service
<u>T1021.001</u> Remote Desktop Protocol	<u>T1021</u> Remote Services	<u>T1059.003</u> Windows Command Shell	<u>T1027</u> Obfuscated Files or Information

Indicators of Compromise (IOCs)

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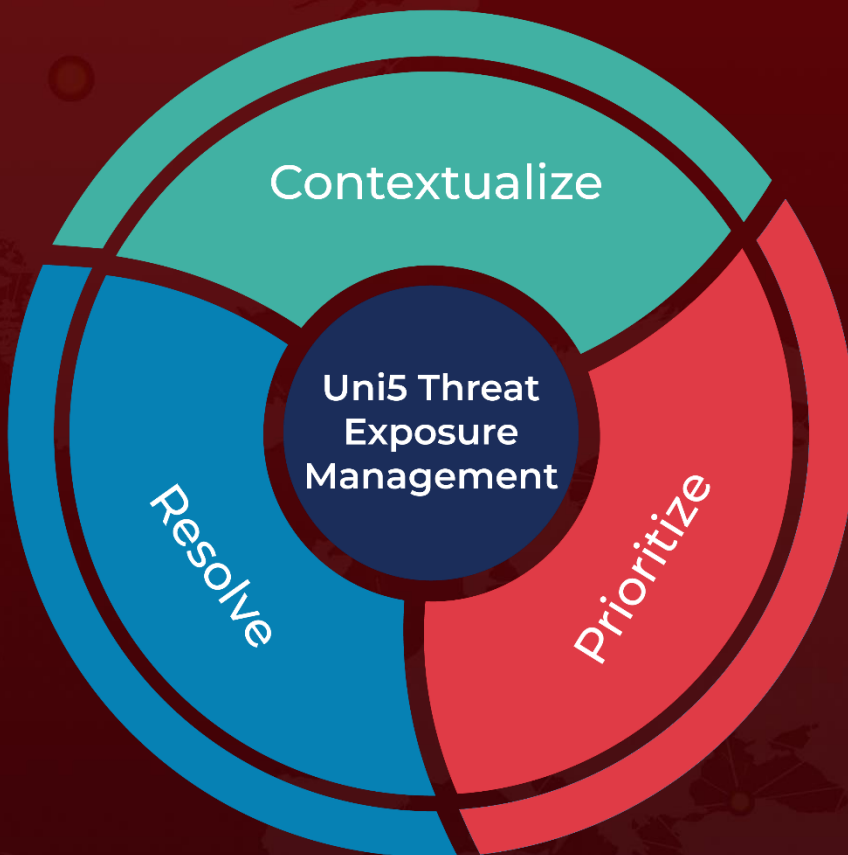
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