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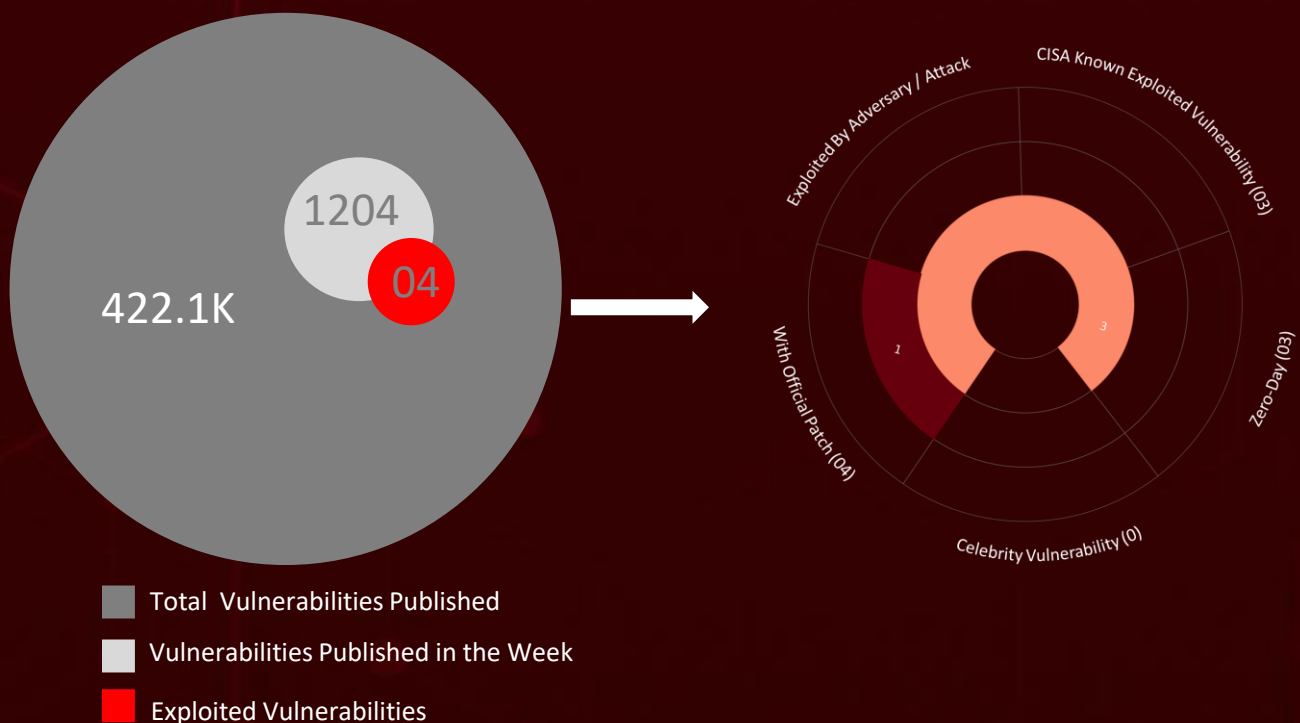
Summary

HiveForce Labs has reported a sharp rise in cybersecurity threats, highlighting the increasing complexity and frequency of global cyber incidents. Over the past week, **eleven** major attacks were detected, **four** critical vulnerabilities were publicly disclosed, and **five** active threat actor groups were monitored, signaling a concerning escalation in malicious activity.

CVE-2026-25253 is a high-risk remote code execution vulnerability in the open-source AI agent OpenClaw (Clawdbot/Moltbot). This "1-click" attack can leak authentication tokens and hijack WebSocket connections, giving attackers the ability to execute arbitrary commands on the victim's local machine.

In a separate attack, the Chinese state-sponsored APT group **Lotus Blossom** launched a sophisticated supply chain attack, compromising Notepad++ infrastructure to deploy a previously unknown backdoor, **Chrysalis**. Additionally, threat actors targeted the Open VSX Registry in a supply chain attack, hijacking a legitimate developer account (oorzc) to distribute **GlassWorm** malware via malicious updates. These updates were embedded in four trusted VS Code extensions, impacting over 22,000 users.

Finally, **APT28's Operation Neusplloit** signals a renewed wave of cyber-espionage activity across Central and Eastern Europe. These underscore the need for disciplined security updates and sustained monitoring in response to rapidly evolving attack methodologies.



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Insights

UAT-8099 Targets IIS Servers to Steal Credentials and Alter Search Rankings

Operation Neusplit: APT28's High-Tech Espionage Campaign Targets Eastern Europe's Key Sector

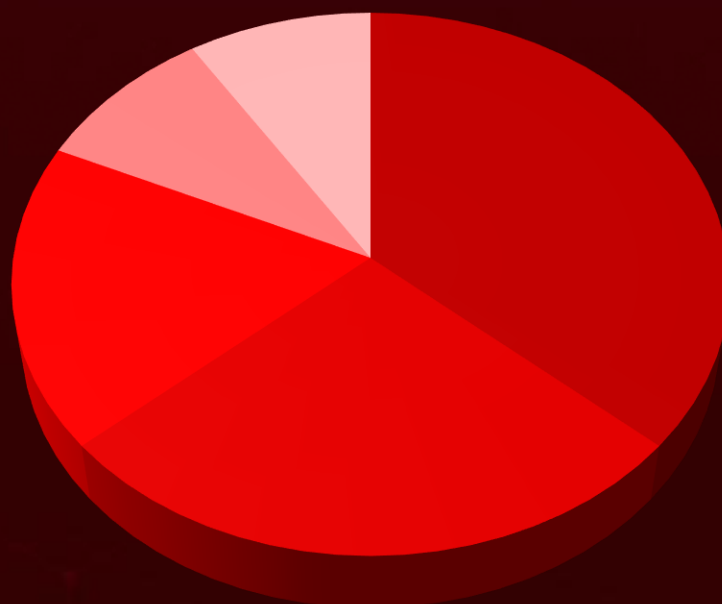
DEAD#VAX Campaign: The Invisible Threat That Takes Control Without a Trace

CVE-2025-8088: The Flaw Amaranth-Dragon Uses to Breach Southeast Asian Governments

Hackers Exploit **React2Shell** to Hijack Web Traffic, Targeting Asian Government and Educational Sites

Crimson RAT and Targeted Social Engineering: Transparent Tribe Targets India's Startup Scene

Threat Distribution



■ RAT ■ Loader ■ Backdoor ■ Spyware ■ Framework

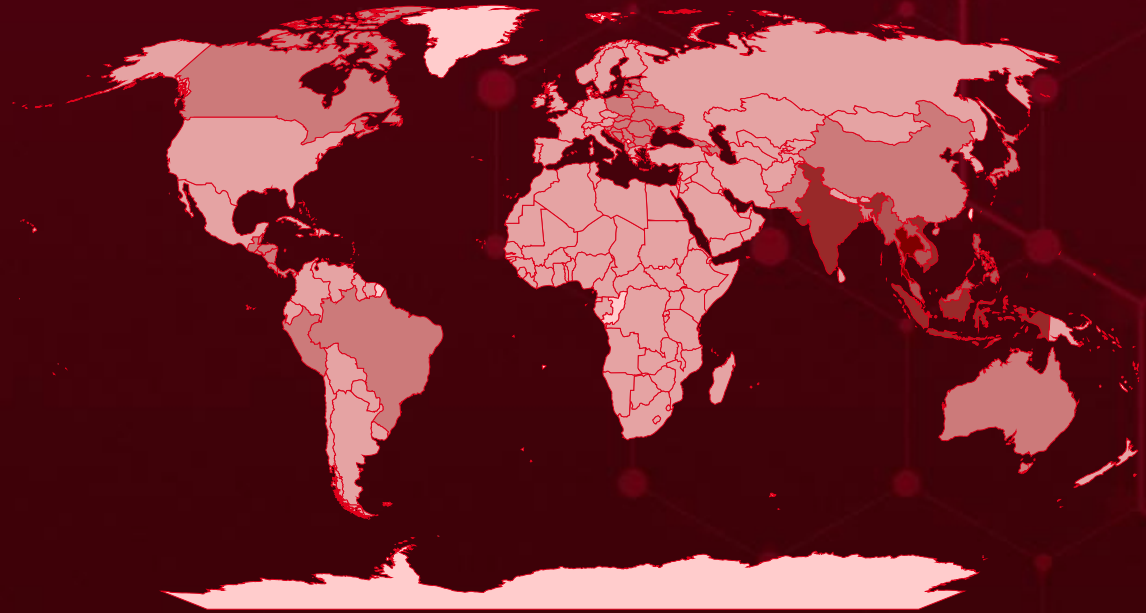


Targeted Countries

Most



Least

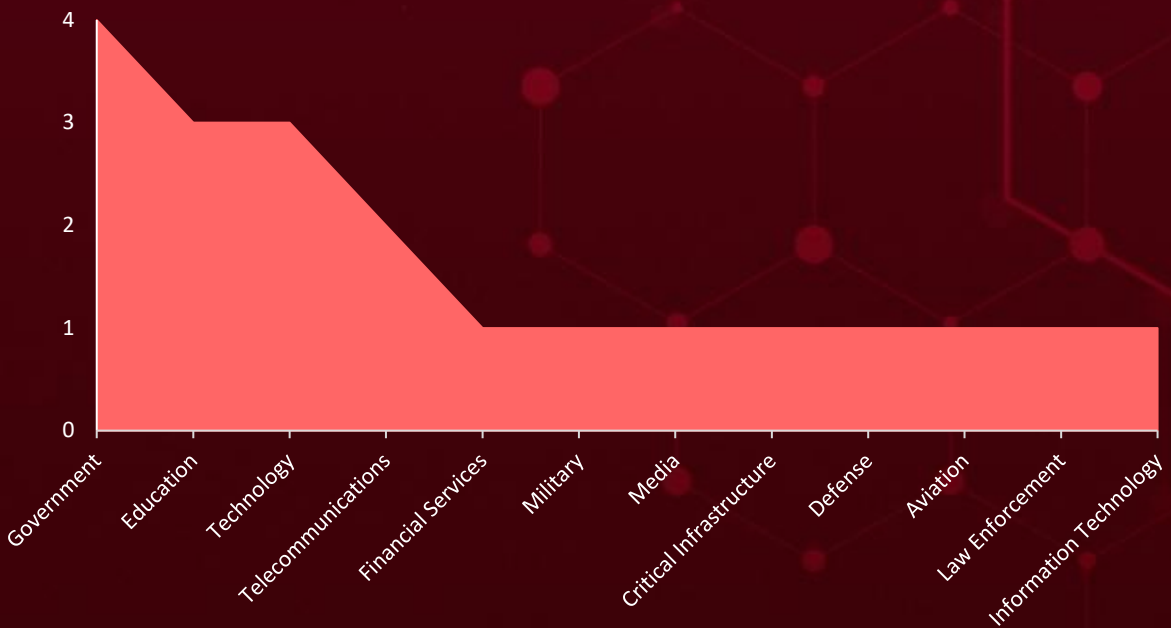


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Countries	Countries	Countries	Countries
Thailand	Moldova	Egypt	Greece
Vietnam	Guatemala	Saudi Arabia	Palestine
Indonesia	Brazil	Belgium	Grenada
India	Honduras	Suriname	Colombia
Singapore	North Macedonia	Equatorial Guinea	Bhutan
Myanmar	Hungary	Denmark	Qatar
Malaysia	Panama	Eritrea	Guinea
Brunei	Ukraine	New Zealand	Guyana
Philippines	Bangladesh	Argentina	Côte d'Ivoire
Cambodia	Australia	Chile	Haiti
Laos	Romania	Eswatini	Cuba
Timor-Leste	Azerbaijan	Congo	Holy See
Slovakia	Bulgaria	Ethiopia	South Africa
Pakistan	Belize	Fiji	Bolivia
Montenegro	Slovenia	Sierra Leone	Sri Lanka
Canada	Armenia	Finland	Afghanistan
Poland	Lithuania	South Sudan	Switzerland
China	Albania	France	Iceland
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Japan	Tajikistan	Czechia
Costa Rica	Latvia	Gabon	Botswana
Nicaragua	Togo	Turkey	Trinidad and Tobago
Croatia	Russia	Gambia	Algeria
Peru	North Korea	Uruguay	Tuvalu
El Salvador	Dominica	Benin	Iran
Serbia	Solomon Islands	Nepal	United Kingdom
Estonia	Dominican Republic	Germany	United Arab Emirates
Belarus	Namibia	Niger	United States of America
Georgia	Ecuador	Ghana	
	Papua New Guinea	Norway	

Targeted Industries



TOP MITRE ATT&CK TTPs

T1059

Command and Scripting Interpreter

T1027

Obfuscated Files or Information

T1071

Application Layer Protocol

T1071.001

Web Protocols

T1140

Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information

T1082

System Information Discovery

T1041

Exfiltration Over C2 Channel

T1566

Phishing

T1204

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T1083

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T1547

Boot or Logon Autostart Execution

T1204.002

Malicious File

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T1059.003

Windows Command Shell

T1574

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T1053

Scheduled Task/Job

T1027.002

Software Packing

T1543

Create or Modify System Process

T1574.001

DLL



Attacks Executed

NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVE
<u>BadIIS</u>	BadIIS malware is being used in the wild for SEO fraud. Through reverse engineering and infection chain analysis, two clusters were customized by UAT-8099 to target specific regions. The first cluster, BadIIS IISHijack, is named after the original malware file. The second cluster, BadIIS asdSearchEngine, is designed for similar malicious SEO manipulation.	Social Engineering	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PLATFORM
Backdoor			Microsoft Windows Server, Linux
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
UAT-8099		Traffic Hijacking, System Compromise	-
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA256	1ab98783a02ad9f127e776c435ef4e24a18ab93c4b4ee5ede722817d4b20771a, 1ece4d8603f5e28a7b0f6a8c83963a57cf23e5d2fadfc138419c3a051a75c93a, 2cc87bd2ae25a5119cb950618850eddeb578954fa780b125c1f51d234fb405e3,		

NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVE
<u>GlassWorm</u>	GlassWorm is a self-propagating malware campaign that weaponizes the VS Code extension ecosystem. It conceals malicious logic using invisible Unicode characters and distributes trojanized extensions through VSCode and OpenVSX, currently focusing on macOS developers.	Supply Chain Compromise	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PLATFORM
Loader			macOS
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
-		Steal Data	-
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA256	ad6d0679b5b9d2b2458047d4a9adc2d9920abbcf71f9b987b917f07d325ec3f3, 9707200067f6903f70c65721338dc1de18f1cab687a85c868d632cf12bb2f278		

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 CVE
<u>Chrysalis</u>	The Chrysalis backdoor was a highly capable malware that used obfuscation, custom API hashing, and RC4 encryption for its configuration data. It communicated over HTTPS for secure command-and-control traffic and maintained persistence via Windows services or registry Run keys. Chrysalis collected system information and supported remote shell access, process execution, file management, directory enumeration, and self-removal to evade detection.	Supply Chain Compromise	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PRODUCT
Backdoor			Notepad++
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
Lotus Blossom			-
IOC TYPE			VALUE
SHA256	a511be5164dc1122fb5a7daa3eef9467e43d8458425b15a640235796006590c9, 8ea8b83645fba6e23d48075a0d3fc73ad2ba515b4536710cda4f1f232718f53e		

NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVE
<u>MiniDoor</u>	MiniDoor is a lightweight DLL that drops a malicious Outlook VBA project on the system. It modifies Outlook's registry settings to weaken security, enabling macros to run automatically and ensuring the malicious project executes every time Outlook is launched.	Phishing	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PRODUCT
Spyware			-
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
APT28			-
IOC TYPE			VALUE
SHA256	bb23545380fde9f48ad070f88fe0afd695da5fcae8c5274814858c5a681d8c4e		

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<u>PixyNetLoader</u>	<p>PixyNetLoader uses multiple evasion techniques to avoid detection. The loader activates only when explorer.exe is running and performs timing checks to identify sandbox environments. If the environment seems legitimate, it extracts hidden shellcode from a PNG image using steganography, concealing data within the image pixels.</p>	Phishing	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PRODUCT
Loader		drops malicious components	-
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
APT28			-
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA256	0bb0d54033767f081cae775e3cf9ede7ae6bea75f35fbfb748ccba9325e28e5e, a876f648991711e44a8dcf888a271880c6c930e5138f284cd6ca6128eca56ba1		

NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVE
<u>AsyncRAT</u>	<p>AsyncRAT is an open-source Windows RAT, ranked 6th in global prevalence in 2024. Its capabilities include keylogging, screenshot capture, credential theft, and ransomware deployment.</p>	Social Engineering	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PRODUCT
RAT		Data Theft	-
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
-			-
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA256	601d9deea6467a57e42c355d481331cd78d6487bd160a081332420c69f214455, daac2fe0fe9a71f531d9b35c9ca269c0bdfbd1bbac5e8d73fc91afcff20ef524,		

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<u>Amaranth Loader</u>	Amaranth Loader is a custom tool designed to deliver encrypted payloads, primarily deploying the Havoc C2 Framework. It retrieves an encrypted payload, decrypts it using AES, and executes it directly in memory.	Exploiting Vulnerability	CVE-2025-8088
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PRODUCT
Loader		Loads another payload	RARLAB WinRAR
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
Amaranth-Dragon			https://www.winrar.com/download.html?&L=0
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA1	00351add8e0bca838e8dac40875b8ad5195805bd, 481d50d5ab7c0a41a7c4fabb01b5c50c8f4fabf2		

NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVE
<u>TGAmaranth RAT</u>	TGAmaranth RAT is a fully functional 64-bit DLL remote access tool (RAT) that uses a hardcoded Telegram bot as its C&C. It uses an encrypted bot token to connect to telegram, listens for incoming bot messages, and interprets them as commands.	Exploiting Vulnerability	CVE-2025-8088
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PRODUCT
RAT		System Compromise	RARLAB WinRAR
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
Amaranth-Dragon			https://www.winrar.com/download.html?&L=0
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA1	803fb65a58808fd3752f9f76b5c75ca914196305		

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NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVE
<u>Crimson RAT</u>	Crimson RAT is a remote access trojan used for intelligence gathering. It also uses a custom TCP-based command-and-control protocol rather than standard HTTP/HTTPS, complicating network-level detection. Once active, the implant enables system reconnaissance, file exfiltration, remote command execution, and long-term persistence.	Social Engineering	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PRODUCT
RAT			-
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
Transparent Tribe		Data Theft, Execute commands	-
IOC TYPE		VALUE	
SHA256	1092761df305e910f806834fb774dfb09dc64a4d399d578a0d1bf1dd5daf0f98		




NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVE
<u>GymRAT</u>	GymRAT is a malware that primarily targets Windows systems. It is often distributed via phishing and malicious attachments, enabling remote access to compromised machines. GymRAT's capabilities include keylogging, credential theft, and stealing sensitive data, allowing attackers to control and monitor infected devices.	Social Engineering	-
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PRODUCT
RAT			-
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
Transparent Tribe		Steal Data	-




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NAME	OVERVIEW	DELIVERY METHOD	TARGETED CVE
<u>Supershell</u>	Supershell is an open-source Command and Control (C2) platform designed to establish a reverse SSH shell that communicates over web services. This mechanism provides attackers with remote control and the ability to execute arbitrary code on a compromised system.	Exploiting Vulnerability	CVE-2025-8110
TYPE		IMPACT	AFFECTED PRODUCT
Framework		Execute Code	Gogs
ASSOCIATED ACTOR			PATCH LINK
-			https://github.com/gogs/gogs/releases
IOC TYPE	VALUE		
SHA1	d8fcd57a71f9f6e55b063939dc7c1523660b7383, efda81e1100ea977321d0f2eeb0dfa7a6b132abd		




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Vulnerabilities Exploited

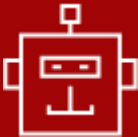
CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCT	ASSOCIATED ACTORS
<u>CVE-2026-25253</u>		OpenClaw Clawdbot/Moltbot (Before 2026.1.29)	-
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE
NAME	CISA KEV	cpe:2.3:a:openclaw:openclaw:*:*:*:*:*:*	-
OpenClaw Remote Code Execution Vulnerability			
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH LINK
	CWE-669	T1566: Phishing, T1528: Steal Application Access Token, T1059: Command and Line Interface, T1204: User Execution, T1071: Application Layer Protocol	https://github.com/openclaw/openclaw/releases

CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCT	ASSOCIATED ACTORS
<u>CVE-2026-21509</u>		Microsoft Office 2016, Microsoft Office 2019, Microsoft Office LTSC 2021, Microsoft Office LTSC 2024, Microsoft 365 Apps for Enterprise	APT28
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE
NAME	CISA KEY	cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:office:*:*:*:*:*:*:*	MiniDoor, PixyNetLoader
Microsoft Office Security Feature Bypass Vulnerability			
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH LINK
	CWE-807	T1566: Phishing, T1204: User Execution, T1559: Inter-Process Communication, T1562: Impair Defenses	https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/vulnerability/CVE-2026-21509

CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCT	ASSOCIATED ACTORS
<u>CVE-2025-8088</u>		WinRAR Versions up to and including 7.12	Amaranth-Dragon
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE
NAME	CISA KEY	cpe:2.3:a:rarlab:winrar:*:*:*:*:*:*	Amaranth Loader, TGAmaranth RAT
RARLAB WinRAR Path Traversal Vulnerability			
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH LINKS
	CWE-35	T1204: User Execution, T1204.002: Malicious File, T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter	https://www.winrar.com/download.html?&L=0

CVE ID	CELEBRITY VULNERABILITY	AFFECTED PRODUCT	ASSOCIATED ACTORS
<u>CVE-2025-8110</u>		Gogs (Prior to 0.13.4, all versions through 0.13.3)	-
	ZERO-DAY		
		AFFECTED CPE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE
NAME	CISA KEY	cpe:2.3:a:gogs:gogs:*:*:*:*:*:* *:*.*	Supershell
Gogs Path Traversal Vulnerability			
	CWE ID	ASSOCIATED TTPs	PATCH LINKS
	CWE-22	T1190: Exploit Public-Facing Application, T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter, T1059.004: Unix Shell, T1083: File and Directory Discovery	https://github.com/gogs/gogs/releases


Adversaries in Action


NAME	ORIGIN	TARGETED INDUSTRIES	TARGETED REGIONS
 UAT-8099	-	Education, Technology, Telecommunications	India, Thailand, Vietnam, Canada, Brazil, Pakistan, Japan
	MOTIVE		
	Information theft		
	TARGETED CVE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE	AFFECTED PRODUCT
	-	BadIIS	Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS)
TTPs			
TA0001: Initial Access; TA0002: Execution; TA0003: Persistence; TA0004: Privilege Escalation; TA0005: Defense Evasion; TA0006: Credential Access; TA0007: Discovery; TA0009: Collection; TA0011: Command and Control; TA0040: Impact; T1190: Exploit Public-Facing Application; T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter; T1059.001: PowerShell; T1059.005: Visual Basic; T1505: Server Software Component; T1505.003: Web Shell; T1505.004: IIS Components; T1136: Create Account; T1136.001: Local Account; T1078: Valid Accounts; T1078.003: Local Accounts; T1574: Hijack Execution Flow; T1574.002: DLL Side-Loading; T1027: Obfuscated Files or Information; T1552: Unsecured Credentials; T1552.001: Credentials In Files; T1083: File and Directory Discovery; T1560: Archive Collected Data; T1560.001: Archive via Utility; T1071: Application Layer; Protocol T1071.001: Web Protocols; T1572: Protocol Tunneling; T1491: Defacement; T1491.002: External Defacement			

NAME	ORIGIN	TARGETED INDUSTRIES	TARGETED REGIONS
 <p><u>Lotus Blossom</u> (also known as <u>LOTUS PANDA</u>, <u>Billbug</u>, <u>Bronze Elgin</u>, <u>Spring Dragon</u>, <u>Raspberry Typhoon</u>, <u>Thrip</u>)</p>	China	Government, Financial Services, Information Technology, Telecom, Aviation, Critical Infrastructure, Media	Australia, Belize, Brunei, Cambodia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Panama, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam
	MOTIVE		
	Information theft and espionage		
	TARGETED CVE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE	AFFECTED PRODUCT
-	Chrysalis Backdoor	Notepad++	

TTPs


TA0001: Initial Access; TA0002: Execution; TA0003: Persistence; TA0005: Defense Evasion; TA0007: Discovery; TA0009: Collection; TA0011: Command and Control; TA0010: Exfiltration; TA0040: Impact; T1195: Supply Chain Compromise; T1195.002: Compromise Software Supply Chain; T1204: User Execution T1204.002: Malicious File; T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter; T1059.003: Windows Command Shell; T1106: Native API; T1547: Boot or Logon Autostart Execution; T1547.001: Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder; T1543: Create or Modify System Process ; T1543.003: Windows Service; T1574: Hijack Execution Flow ; T1574.002: DLL; T1027: Obfuscated Files or Information ; T1027.007: Dynamic API Resolution; T1140: Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information; T1036: Masquerading; T1055: Process Injection; T1620: Reflective Code Loading; T1480: Execution Guardrails ; T1480.002: Mutual Exclusion; T1083: File and Directory Discovery; T1082: System Information Discovery; T1005: Data from Local System; T1071: Application Layer Protocol ; T1071.001: Web Protocols; T1573: Encrypted Channel; T1105: Ingress Tool Transfer; T1041: Exfiltration Over C2 Channel; T1070: Indicator Removal ; T1070.004: File Deletion

NAME	ORIGIN	TARGETED INDUSTRIES	TARGETED REGIONS
 <p><u>APT28 (aka Sofacy, Fancy Bear, Sednit, Group 74, TG-4127, Pawn Storm, Tsar Team, Strontium, Swallowtail, SIG40, Snakemackerel, Iron Twilight, ATK 5, T-APT-12, ITG05, TAG-0700, UAC-0028, FROZENLAKE, Grey-Cloud, Forest Blizzard, GruesomeLarch, BlueDelta, TA422, Fighting Ursa, Blue Athena, UAC-0063, TAG-110)</u></p>	Russia	All	Central and Eastern Europe
	MOTIVE		
	Information theft and espionage		
	TARGETED CVE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOM WARE	AFFECTED PRODUCT
CVE-2026-21509	MiniDoor, PixyNetLoader	Microsoft Office	
TTPs			
<p>TA0001: Initial Access; TA0002: Execution; TA0003: Persistence; TA0005: Defense Evasion; TA0009: Collection; TA0011: Command and Control; TA0042: Resource Development; T1566: Phishing T1566.001: Spearphishing Attachment; T1203: Exploitation for Client Execution; T1106: Native API; T1053: Scheduled Task/Job; T1053.005: Scheduled Task; T1204: User Execution; T1204.002: Malicious File; T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter; T1546: Event Triggered Execution; T1546.015: Component Object Model Hijacking; T1137: Office Application Startup ; T1137.006: Add-ins; T1574: Hijack Execution Flow; T1574.001: DLL; T1547: Boot or Logon Autostart Execution; T1547.001: Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder; T1543: Create or Modify System Process; T1140: Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information; T1480: Execution Guardrails; T1480.002: Mutual Exclusion; T1027: Obfuscated Files or Information; T1027.007: Dynamic API Resolution; T1027.003: Steganography; T1497: Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion; T1497.003: Time Based Evasion; T1114: Email Collection; T1071: Application Layer Protocol; T1071.001: Web Protocols; T1102: Web Service; T1102.002: Bidirectional Communication; T1588: Obtain Capabilities; T1588.006: Vulnerabilities</p>			

NAME	ORIGIN	TARGETED INDUSTRIES	TARGETED REGIONS
 <u>Amaranth- Dragon</u>	China	Government, Law Enforcement	Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Indonesia, Singapore, Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, Myanmar, Timor-Leste, Vietnam
	MOTIVE		
	Information theft and espionage		
	TARGETED CVE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE	AFFECTED PRODUCT
	CVE-2025-8088	Amaranth Loader, TGamaranth RAT	RARLAB WinRAR

TTPs

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NAME	ORIGIN	TARGETED INDUSTRIES	TARGETED REGIONS
 <p><u>Transparent Tribe</u> (also known as <u>APT36</u>, <u>ProjectM</u>, <u>Mythic Leopard</u>, <u>TEMP.Lapis</u>, <u>Copper Fieldstone</u>, <u>Earth Karkaddan</u>, <u>STEPPY-KAVACH</u>, <u>Green Havildar</u>, <u>APT-C-56</u>, <u>Storm-0156</u>, <u>Opaque Draco</u>, <u>G0134</u>)</p>	Pakistan	Startups, Technology, Government, Defense, Military, Education	India
	MOTIVE		
	Information theft and espionage		
	TARGETED CVE	ASSOCIATED ATTACKS/RANSOMWARE	AFFECTED PRODUCT
-	Crimson RAT, GymRAT	-	

TTPs

TA0001: Initial Access; TA0002: Execution; TA0005: Defense Evasion; TA0003: Persistence; TA0007: Discovery; TA0009: Collection; TA0011: Command and Control; Exfiltration; T1566: Phishing; T1566.001: Spearphishing Attachment; T1204: User Execution; T1204.002: Malicious File; T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter; T1059.003: Windows Command Shell; T1059.001: PowerShell; T1553: Subvert Trust Controls; T1553.005: Mark-of-the-Web Bypass; T1027: Obfuscated Files or Information; T1027.001: Binary Padding; T1027.002: Software Packing; T1036: Masquerading; T1036.005: Match Legitimate Name or Location; T1547: Boot or Logon Autostart Execution; T1082: System Information Discovery; T1083: File and Directory Discovery; T1057: Process Discovery; T1016: System Network Configuration Discovery; T1518: Software Discovery; T1518.001: Security Software Discovery; T1113: Screen Capture; T1125: Video Capture; T1123: Audio Capture; T1095: Non-Application Layer Protocol; T1041: Exfiltration Over C2 Channel

Recommendations

Security Teams

This digest can be utilized as a drive to force security teams to prioritize the **four exploited vulnerabilities** and block the indicators related to the threat actors **UAT-8099, Lotus Blossom, APT28, Amaranth-Dragon, Transparent Tribe**, and malware **BadIIS, GlassWorm, Chrysalis, MiniDoor, PixyNetLoader, AsyncRAT, Amaranth Loader, TGAmaranth RAT, Crimson RAT, GymRAT, and Supershell**.

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

- Run a Scan to discover the assets impacted by the **four exploited vulnerabilities**.
- Testing the efficacy of their security controls by simulating the attacks related to the threat actors **UAT-8099, Lotus Blossom, APT28, Amaranth-Dragon, Transparent Tribe**, and malware **BadIIS, Chrysalis, PixyNetLoader, Amaranth Loader, and TGAmaranth RAT** in Breach and Attack Simulation(BAS).

Threat Advisories

[UAT-8099 Cybercrime Group Leverages BadIIS](#)

[Attackers Hijack Open VSX Extensions to Spread GlassWorm Malware](#)

[One Click to Compromise: Inside OpenClaw's Critical RCE Flaw](#)

[Chrysalis Backdoor: A Quiet Passenger in Notepad++ Updates](#)

[Operation Neusplloit: APT28 Weaponizes CVE-2026-21509](#)

[DEAD#VAX: AsyncRAT Deployment via IPFS-Hosted VHD Phishing](#)

[Web Traffic Hijacking via Malicious NGINX Configuration Injection](#)

[Amaranth-Dragon: Low Noise, High Impact Espionage in Southeast Asia](#)

[Transparent Tribe Targets India's Startup Ecosystem with Crimson RAT](#)

[The Gogs Blind Spot: A Zero-Day Fueled Mass Compromise](#)

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 have been branded with catchy names and logos due to their profound and multifaceted impact. These vulnerabilities provide threat actors with opportunities to breach sensitive systems, potentially resulting in unauthorized access and the compromise of critical information.

✂ Indicators of Compromise (IOCs)

Attack Name	TYPE	VALUE
<u>BadIIS</u>	SHA256	1ab98783a02ad9f127e776c435ef4e24a18ab93c4b4ee5ede722817d4b20771a, 1ece4d8603f5e28a7b0f6a8c83963a57cf23e5d2fadfc138419c3a051a75c93a, 2cc87bd2ae25a5119cb950618850eddeb578954fa780b125c1f51d234fb405e3, 4bc189af91779582a1d29cfe187aa233e7ba50d223261fb9fbe31df5b06dff96, 6be5c8882bc02cf4e86d2ab9d20aa3446b71dd12c73f9c6bf0faf9412d7d23ba, 9a2fd34e22c5f3d3d5fb96e3cd514dad7b03ed7bf53a87e7d8d9b73987d02ece, 11ea6aa2b31677f8a36627d4af709e70cff4a033b0975f63c19b28945e6226b7, 29ffb1d28f98582e81e78e6b2d5502da50c8ebdee0d40005a86b0dadece2923b, 56be91643dd8b86f347cc8d743c568f2d0169781ba999a2f708e503b59ecff76, 70d6bc89451e36889c045f30de22bc02e032788c8938baa0d5802e8f747c3e79, 91e1f4fc92f104ec8b29bb56df87f8e7d8b518c63997e2ea162d3f1cac3fcac1, 416ef6da8a27a99cbce6517d31857c8b8b55f02e9c8118510dc33814fb6f57be,

Attack Name	TYPE	VALUE
<u>BadIIS</u>	SHA256	660ccb6dcfad97bfaddc667c61b1904e99a06eab981d44119092 624d42912d68, 9458a75c1e24add9a48e0425e514a5f0cb46a826bff30ea7ea34 e69099345f29, 265336511db98a4c40476455e2ae93aaf926abecd8f9b9d741f8 d253abb80357, a781581baf6e1e335f22c9ffbb2656a2d9c8e51f463e3a4806821 0425df1c205, ab03a7caed279fc6411ec19386faff3b65be34c91c3f0550eaef84 a663720d0d, bcc393c1686a0f5d493041e98dcafe0098d952d5e93eb4d2ebd b63c0efd2de33, c7a22f5c55ac1373a5964a6598da2a9afd8a61b9d729b9bf52a9 3c967a7f0eda, cdf454173bac13266e0f7db5de386439f197e2c480e1cc303dd7 e806484645da, e84a16c8e25a4e40926cbb4cc210a09830298b6f99d532035f51 36d05ffc008c, e448557d26cf2917efded8e30c67db8094ce1f6db78801742988 ea21f3429d7c, 5d320b60d2f40c200e81eaeb67a86a04782bff84582c73e72625 5dba2dcb821e, 99f2c4773560eb515cfc0ad45cf8e47c46580ab19494463160f 885e048ce830, 565502d2454e4b65d3bd810fccf4b429264562fefa5cfff24c905b 76b3b860a6, a34ea8fb565ac6f57eefc987c61159c1e6f1af6a8717ffb42f4b74 5db3bf9e31, 187e1417fd9d4f4a44e4f7b7172aef056e9d0ab5d7a7addf61c2c fa893f74fd1, 6b60b6df8a1a95f51ffe57255c05d26eb9e113857efac3b29d6ef 080b8d414f3, 672ffdf1e9d4848015d29a68111266ef55fc6702dfe7b2053ce67 7882648dd5d, ebeef831c52b7e930a6456caedf7849814b8d4def2bc0e70a0e7 a357621ef6bc, 230b84398e873938bcc7e4a1a358bde4345385d58eb45c172 6cee22028026e9, 48ec6530470b295db455bf2c72dc4fbd18672725f45821304f96 6d436b428865, 33d3ccf82279d94a8e8e772a0c4963d65a1f3576dbd6ed7b4ab 8a0ee4869f97f, d8c0ef6dbf7d4572f92d3a492f32061ab8f3dd46beb9ff5a0bf9bf 550935458c

Attack Name	TYPE	VALUE
<u>GlassWorm</u>	SHA256	ad6d0679b5b9d2b2458047d4a9adc2d9920abbcf71f9b987b917f07d325ec3f3, 9707200067f6903f70c65721338dc1de18f1cab687a85c868d632cf12bb2f278, b62acc93eb77a4ffb88cf49a8bcef574e6216e10714433a9cb1230bdb2c90546, 6beaf047e948c366cb21d16818e1d0bb0ebbd928f40fe22c521344ad9c38f32e, e46ab145387e8ae996a202520f73088ae735f88f18fab1ed60469334d58d727d, 4210121526cb985d0026469de0dc5f3767ce792149164df8fd0b43b4d6f30959, c8c523ff27a7fc4bef39dce97261c97bf724556cf32d0030090c168f82b20c7a, da4aefbcda028808dc892ad5a10bb528f129883ab9c29bb6800d298d3c26f848, d84cbd286724fe8c38f4e389ce9f582df93cac37172823f4eecacdcef0a5975d, 6f698f6983fc7ece0cade5f0c1bc7a66f7400229e0e99271ea9df6bece9473cf, ca2a7d82456036d905b5ea0e25678d8e6af165dc5d2a850450f22e2e63cb2767, 130d1f487072e512611489c4cd725bdfb59c31327d056bdbd22bea4f8fab576b, a3e5d8643dff775a32fe73b08319dd6b201ec0f0215a048a22f0c47b9a08066
<u>Chrysalis</u>	SHA256	a511be5164dc1122fb5a7daa3eef9467e43d8458425b15a640235796006590c9, 8ea8b83645fba6e23d48075a0d3fc73ad2ba515b4536710cda4f1f232718f53e, 77bfea78def679aa1117f569a35e8fd1542df21f7e00e27f192c907e61d63a2e, 3bdc4c0637591533f1d4198a72a33426c01f69bd2e15ceee547866f65e26b7ad, 0a9b8df968df41920b6ff07785cbfebe8bda29e6b512c94a3b2a83d10014d2fd
<u>MiniDoor</u>	MD5	f05d0b13c633ad889334781cf4091d3e
	SHA1	7bbb530eb77c6416f02813cd2764e49bd084465c
	SHA256	bb23545380fde9f48ad070f88fe0afd695da5fcae8c5274814858c5a681d8c4e
<u>PixyNetLoader</u>	MD5	859c4b85ed85e6cc4eadb1a037a61e16
	SHA1	da1c3e92f69e6ca0e4f4823525905cb6969a44ad
	SHA256	0bb0d54033767f081cae775e3cf9ede7ae6bea75f35fbfb748ccb a9325e28e5e, a876f648991711e44a8dcf888a271880c6c930e5138f284cd6ca6128eca56ba1

Attack Name	TYPE	VALUE
<u>AsyncRAT</u>	SHA256	601d9deea6467a57e42c355d481331cd78d6487bd160a081332420c69f214455, daac2fe0fe9a71f531d9b35c9ca269c0bdfbd1bbac5e8d73fc91afcff20ef524, 7bb7c893fdf7f7ccd998610969d23993c50fc0b693e67930b6f98d8dbd003ee3, ececfc197bee885791a9b13cd48c131eec76d8431f1907f9d55b6c9330b57a85e, 346e8e54578f206200f7815d0e315e6bfb58198b5ff96d8bcecc02863e5b42cc7, 0c0b5dfb2e01c5ddd043ac32e2f7176b4ba439d4e3ea37ca04e4b17aa283d4e7, 4c6c9ec88d00a3b77e6288afc4ee9974ac07a2c73012c3e1a017c457dcf22d87
<u>Supershell</u>	IPv4	119[.]45[.]176[.]196
	SHA1	d8fcd57a71f9f6e55b063939dc7c1523660b7383, efda81e1100ea977321d0f2eeb0dfa7a6b132abd
<u>Amaranth Loader</u>	SHA1	00351add8e0bca838e8dac40875b8ad5195805bd, 481d50d5ab7c0a41a7c4fabb01b5c50c8f4fabf2, 718c5846d3b903e3e9e2df9281f5e25b371465f2, 9afadca9b2dad54004bd376dbee7e98c38dbdf50, b4dc300031edf5dd4968028146b0d608bdd975c5, c54a68d6bcc6d04ff08ad9619706e54923a20248, cd949663598c49141a98b438cf408113602e5c19, ddea99cb2db5e95552dccc8804125f19b30af536
	SHA256	d7711333c34a27aed5d38755f30d14591c147680e2b05eaa0484c958ddaee3b6
<u>TGAmaranth RAT</u>	SHA1	803fb65a58808fd3752f9f76b5c75ca914196305
	SHA256	a3805b24b66646c0cf7ca9abad502fe15b33b53e56a04489cfb64a238616a7bf
<u>Crimson RAT</u>	MD5	5b4a48815446cd40d8e141cbf8582296
	SHA256	1092761df305e910f806834fb774dfb09dc64a4d399d578a0d1bf1dd5daf0f98
	IPv4	93[.]127[.]133[.]9
	Domain	Sharmaxme11[.]org

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