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THREAT ADVISORY**ACTOR REPORT****TeamPCP's Automated Supply Chain: From Trivy to LiteLLM in a Multi-Ecosystem Breach**

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Summary

First Seen: December 2025

Targeted Regions: Worldwide (Primary focus on Iran)

Targeted Platforms: Docker APIs, Kubernetes clusters, and CI/CD pipelines

Targeted Industries: All

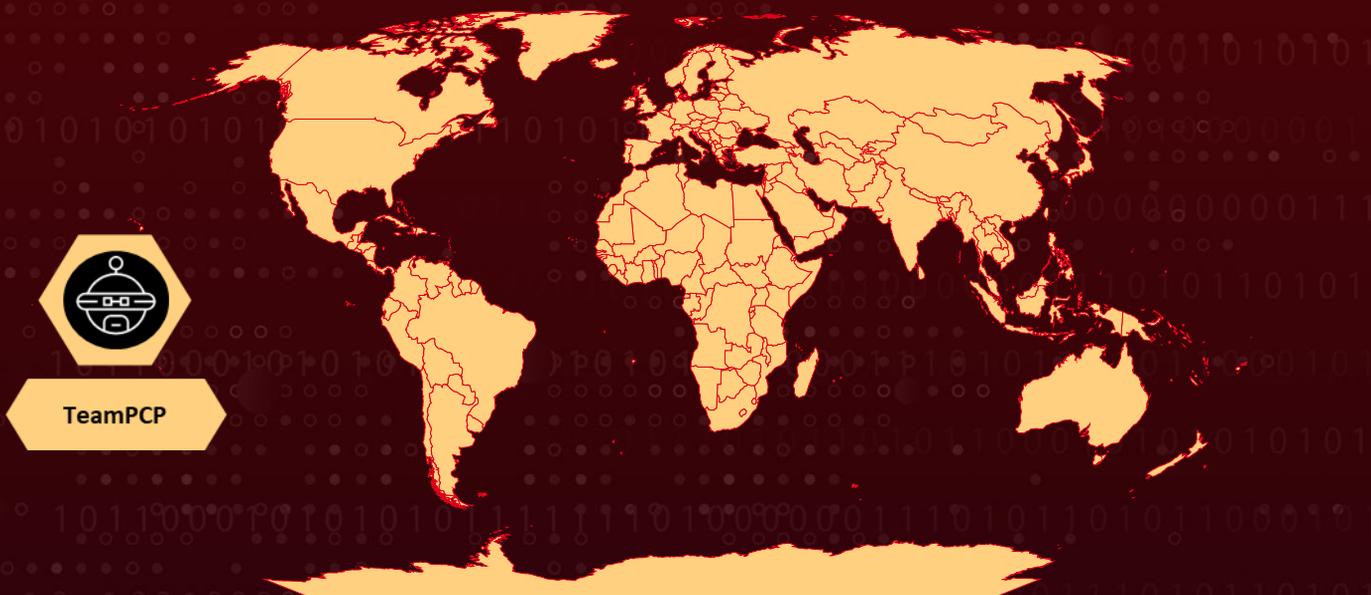
Threat Actor: TeamPCP

Malware: CanisterWorm

Timeline



Actor Map



Targeted

Non-Targeted

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Actor Details

#1

TeamPCP is a cloud-focused threat group that has been active since at least late 2025. The group focuses on software supply-chain attacks, targeting widely used open-source security tools and developer infrastructure. Their operations show strong technical knowledge of CI/CD pipelines, container platforms, and distributed cloud environments.

#2

Before shifting to supply-chain attacks, TeamPCP carried out a large worm-based campaign in December 2025. They scanned for exposed Docker APIs, Kubernetes clusters, Redis servers, and Ray dashboards, compromising more than 60,000 servers worldwide. Most of the affected systems were hosted on Microsoft Azure and Amazon Web Services. The compromised infrastructure was used for proxy networks, scanning operations, cryptomining, ransomware, and data extortion.

#3

In March 2026, the group launched a new campaign that began with a single improperly rotated credential. This initial access quickly spread across multiple developer platforms, including GitHub Actions, Docker Hub, npm, OpenVSX, and PyPI. The attackers exploited trust relationships between these ecosystems to move laterally and expand their reach.

#4

One of the most significant incidents involved the compromise of the widely used LiteLLM Python package. Malicious versions of the package were uploaded to PyPI and included an information-stealing component designed to collect sensitive data from infected systems. The group also targeted other developer tools, including security scanners, by inserting credential-harvesting code into automated workflows.

#5

The malware used in these attacks focused on extracting secrets directly from CI runner memory. When a compromised workflow ran, it captured GitHub personal access tokens and other credentials from active processes. If those credentials had write access to additional repositories, the attackers used them to inject malicious code into other projects. This created a chain reaction in which one compromised component enabled the compromise of several more.

#6

In parallel, TeamPCP deployed malicious scripts against Kubernetes environments. Systems located in certain regions were wiped, while others were infected with a backdoor that allowed long-term remote control. This selective behavior showed that the group was capable of tailoring attacks based on geographic or operational targets.

#7

TeamPCP's main strength is not the discovery of new vulnerabilities but the speed and automation with which they exploit existing ones. By chaining together trusted developer services across multiple ecosystems, they were able to move from one compromised credential to widespread supply-chain damage in less than a week. Their use of decentralized infrastructure for command-and-control further complicates detection and takedown efforts, making this campaign both technically advanced and difficult to contain.

Actor Group

NAME	ORIGIN	TARGET REGIONS	TARGET INDUSTRIES
TeamPCP	Unknown	Worldwide (Primary focus on Iran)	All
	MOTIVE		
	Espionage, Sabotage, Disruption, Financial Gains		

Recommendations



Enforce Immutable and Verified Dependencies: A core weakness exploited in the attacks was reliance on mutable version tags and unverified third-party actions. Attackers replaced legitimate tags with malicious code, which was automatically executed by downstream pipelines. All external dependencies, GitHub Actions, packages, and container images must be pinned to immutable commit hashes or digests rather than version tags. Verification of publisher identity and code provenance should be treated as a baseline requirement rather than an optional hardening step.



Reduce Trust in Third-Party CI Components: TeamPCP leveraged trusted automation tools, such as Trivy and KICS, to deliver malware. This reflects a broader pattern in modern supply-chain attacks where security tools themselves become attack vectors. Organizations should minimize reliance on external actions where equivalent functionality can be implemented internally and maintain an allow-list of approved CI components. Every new dependency introduced into a pipeline should undergo code review and risk assessment before adoption.



Isolate and Harden Build Environments: CI runners often operate with broad permissions and access to sensitive credentials. TeamPCP exploited this by extracting secrets directly from the runner memory. Build environments should be treated as high-risk execution zones and isolated accordingly. Ephemeral runners, network egress restrictions, and least-privilege permission models reduce the blast radius if a pipeline is compromised. Access to cloud resources from build systems should be limited to scoped, temporary identities rather than permanent credentials.



Audit Software Supply Chains End-to-End: The campaign spread across multiple ecosystems, GitHub, npm, PyPI, and container registries within days, demonstrating how modern software supply chains are deeply interconnected. Security reviews must extend beyond source code to include package registries, build pipelines, artifact repositories, and deployment environments. Maintaining a complete inventory of dependencies and generating a software bill of materials (SBOM) enables faster identification of affected systems when upstream compromises occur.

🌐 Potential MITRE ATT&CK TTPs

Tactic	Technique	Sub-technique
Initial Access	<u>T1195</u> : Supply Chain Compromise	<u>T1195.002</u> : Compromise Software Supply Chain
		<u>T1195.001</u> : Compromise Software Dependencies and Development Tools
Execution	<u>T1059</u> : Command and Scripting Interpreter	<u>T1059.004</u> : Unix Shell
		<u>T1059.006</u> : Python
Persistence	<u>T1204</u> : User Execution	<u>T1204.002</u> : Malicious File
	<u>T1543</u> : Create or Modify System Process	<u>T1543.002</u> : Systemd Service
Privilege Escalation	<u>T1053</u> : Scheduled Task/Job	
	<u>T1611</u> : Escape to Host	
Defence Evasion	<u>T1027</u> : Obfuscated Files or Information	<u>T1027.001</u> : Binary Padding
	<u>T1036</u> : Masquerading	<u>T1036.004</u> : Masquerade Task or Service
		<u>T1036.005</u> : Match Legitimate Name or Location
<u>T1497</u> : Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion	<u>T1497.003</u> : Time Based Evasion	
Credential Access	<u>T1528</u> : Steal Application Access Token	
	<u>T1552</u> : Unsecured Credentials	<u>T1552.005</u> : Cloud Instance Metadata API
		<u>T1552.004</u> : Private Keys
<u>T1003</u> : OS Credential Dumping		

Tactic	Technique	Sub-technique
Discovery	<u>T1082</u> : System Information Discovery	
	<u>T1083</u> : File and Directory Discovery	
Lateral Movement	<u>T1021</u> : Remote Services	<u>T1021.004</u> : SSH
	<u>T1610</u> : Deploy Container	
Collection	<u>T1560</u> : Archive Collected Data	<u>T1560.001</u> : Archive via Utility
Command and Control	<u>T1102</u> : Web Service	<u>T1102.001</u> : Dead Drop Resolver
	<u>T1572</u> : Protocol Tunnelling	
	<u>T1071</u> : Application Layer Protocol	<u>T1071.001</u> : Web Protocols
Exfiltration	<u>T1041</u> : Exfiltration Over C2 Channel	
Impact	<u>T1485</u> : Data Destruction	
	<u>T1496</u> : Resource Hijacking	

✂ Indicators of Compromise (IOCs)

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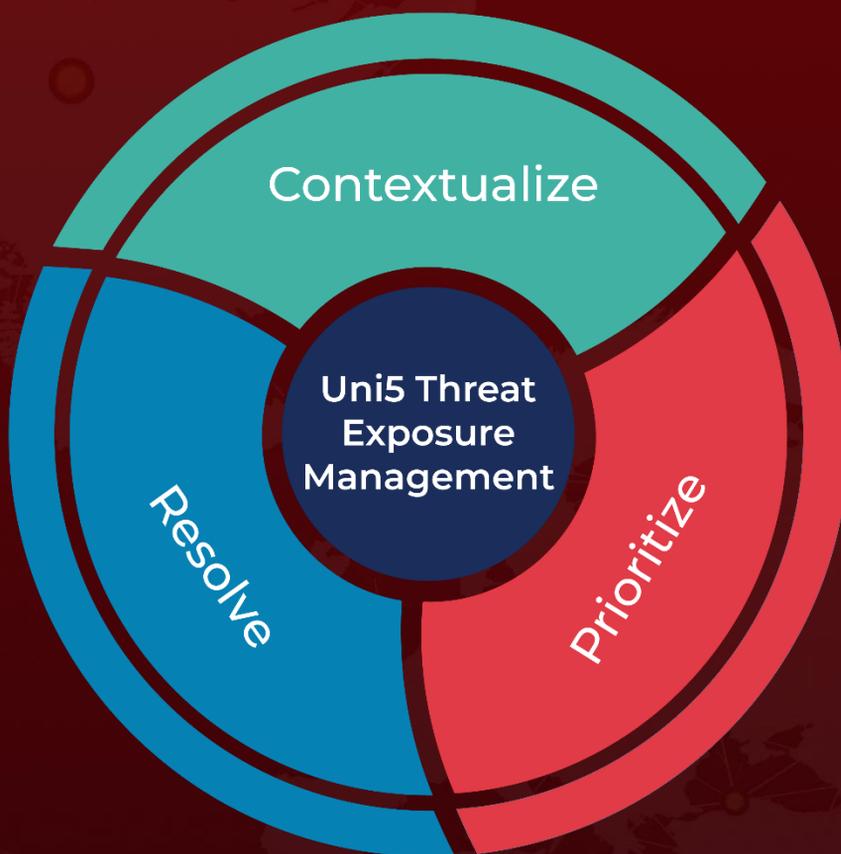
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