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TeamPCP's Automated Supply Chain: From Trivy to LiteLLM in a Multi-Ecosystem Breach

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Summary

First Seen: July 2025
Targeted Regions: Worldwide (Primary focus on Iran)
Targeted Platforms: Docker APIs, Kubernetes clusters, and CI/CD pipelines
Targeted Industries: All
Threat Actor: TeamPCP (aka PCPcat, ShellForce, DeadCatx3, CipherForce, Persy_PCP, UNC6780)
Malware: CanisterWorm, Vect ransomware

Timeline

19 March, 2026 — **TeamPCP** compromises **Aqua Security's Trivy scanner** & **GitHub Actions**

20 March, 2026 — **CanisterWorm** deployed on NPM - first blockchain-based C2 worm in supply chain attacks

21 March, 2026 — **CanisterWorm evolves:** self-propagation capability added via stolen NPM tokens

22 March, 2026 — **CanisterWorm gets destructive** - Kubernetes wiper targets **Iranian** systems

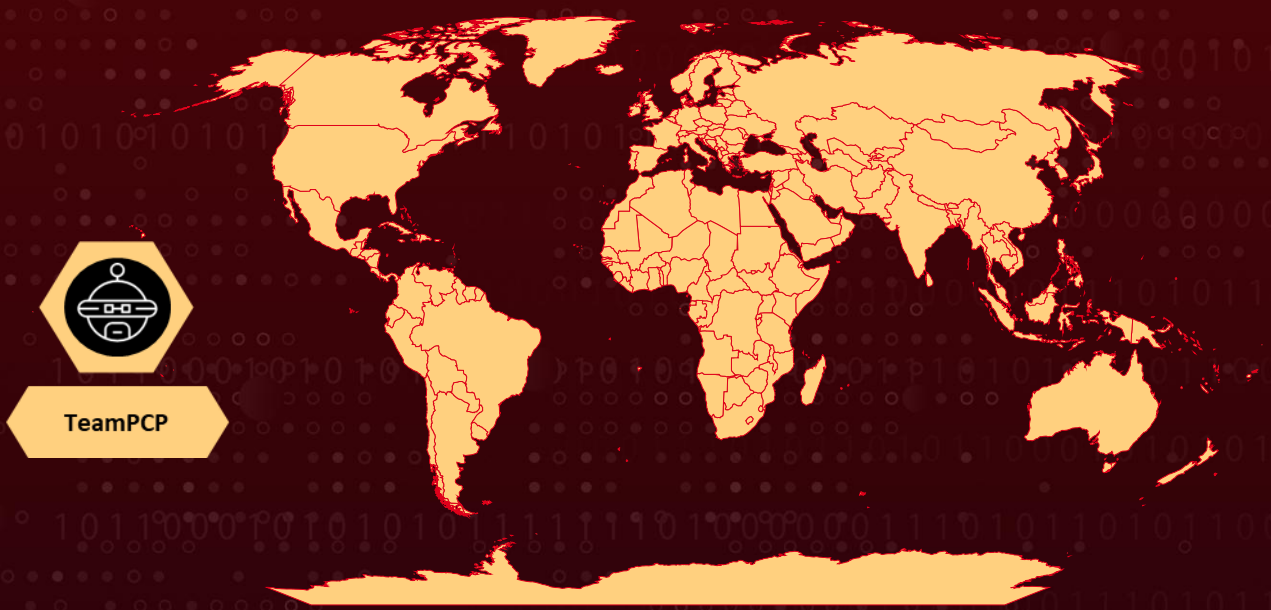
23 March, 2026 — **Checkmarx KICS GitHub Action** compromised - 35 tags hijacked in a 4-hour window

24 March, 2026 — **LiteLLM trojanized on PyPI** - malicious versions 1.82.7 and 1.82.8 published

27 March, 2026 — **Telnyx SDK** trojanized on PyPI via WAV steganography

30 March, 2026 — **Vect ransomware** partnership

Actor Map



CVEs

CVE	NAME	AFFECTED PRODUCT	ZERO-DAY	CISA KEV	PATCH
CVE-2026-33634	Aquasecurity Trivy Embedded Malicious Code Vulnerability	Aquasecurity Trivy	✗	✓	✓
CVE-2025-29927	Vercel Next.js Middleware Authorization Bypass Vulnerability	Vercel Next.js Middleware	✗	✗	✓
CVE-2025-55182	React2Shell (Meta React Server Components Remote Code Execution Vulnerability)	Meta React Server Components	✓	✓	✓

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

On March 27, 2026, TeamPCP extended the campaign by compromising the Telnyx Python SDK on PyPI (versions 4.87.1 and 4.87.2), likely using credentials harvested from the earlier LiteLLM breach. This attack introduced audio steganography as a new evasion technique, hiding malicious payloads inside WAV files. The Trivy compromise has since been assigned CVE-2026-33634.

#8

By late March, TeamPCP shifted from supply chain expansion to monetization, announcing partnerships with the Vect ransomware-as-a-service group and the extortion group LAPSUS$. The group is now operating dual ransomware tracks, its own CipherForce program (currently in affiliate recruitment with no confirmed deployments) and the Vect affiliate model, which announced plans to distribute affiliation keys to approximately 300,000 BreachForums members. At least one confirmed Vect ransomware deployment using TeamPCP-sourced credentials has been reported.

#9

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 **MOTIVE** Espionage, Sabotage, Disruption, Financial Gains	Worldwide (Primary focus on Iran)	All

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.

Prepare for Ransomware Deployment from Stolen Credentials: TeamPCP has shifted from supply chain expansion to monetization of existing credential harvests, with confirmed ransomware deployments already underway. Organizations that used any of the compromised tools (Trivy, KICS, LiteLLM, or Telnyx) during the impact window should assume credential exposure, immediately rotate all secrets, tokens, and cloud credentials that were accessible to CI runners, and activate ransomware response playbooks.

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	T1195: Supply Chain Compromise	T1195.002: Compromise Software Supply Chain
		T1195.001: Compromise Software Dependencies and Development Tools
Execution	T1059: Command and Scripting Interpreter	T1059.004: Unix Shell
		T1059.006: Python
	T1204: User Execution	T1204.002: Malicious File
Persistence	T1543: Create or Modify System Process	T1543.002: Systemd Service
	T1053: Scheduled Task/Job	
	T1547: Boot or Logon Autostart Execution	T1547.001: Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder
Privilege Escalation	T1611: Escape to Host	
Defence Evasion	T1027: Obfuscated Files or Information	T1027.001: Binary Padding
		T1027.003: Steganography
	T1036: Masquerading	T1036.004: Masquerade Task or Service
		T1036.005: Match Legitimate Name or Location
	T1497: Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion	T1497.003: Time Based Evasion
Credential Access	T1528: Steal Application Access Token	
	T1552: Unsecured Credentials	T1552.005: Cloud Instance Metadata API
		T1552.004: Private Keys
	T1003: OS Credential Dumping	

Tactic	Technique	Sub-technique
Discovery	T1082: System Information Discovery	
	T1083: File and Directory Discovery	
Lateral Movement	T1021: Remote Services	T1021.004: SSH
	T1610: Deploy Container	
Collection	T1560: Archive Collected Data	T1560.001: Archive via Utility
Command and Control	T1102: Web Service	T1102.001: Dead Drop Resolver
	T1572: Protocol Tunnelling	
	T1071: Application Layer Protocol	T1071.001: Web Protocols
Exfiltration	T1041: Exfiltration Over C2 Channel	
Impact	T1485: Data Destruction	
	T1496: Resource Hijacking	
	T1486: Data Encrypted for Impact	

Indicators of Compromise (IOCs)

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