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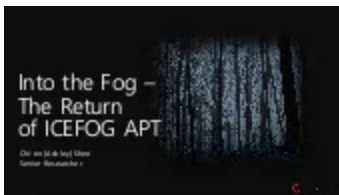
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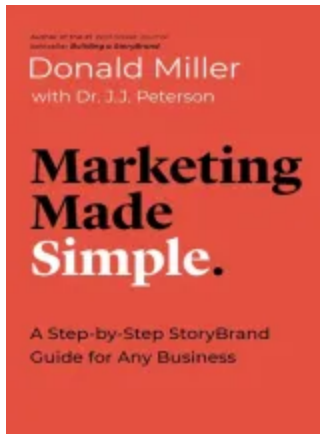
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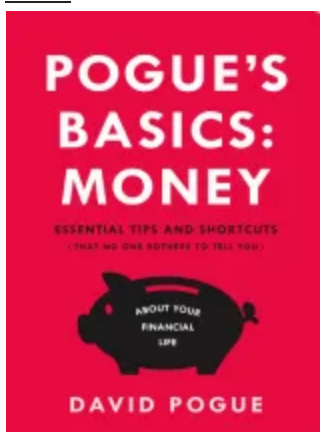
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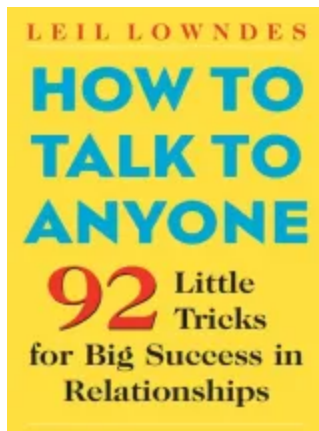
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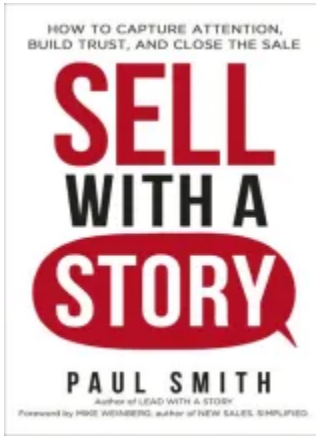
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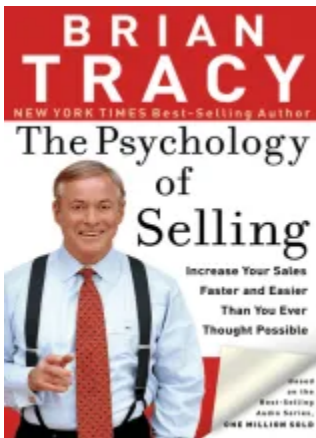
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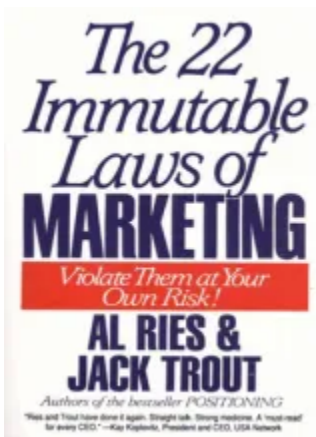
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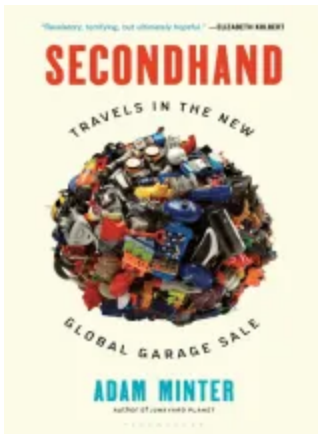
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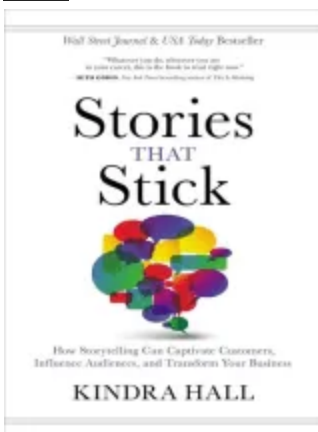
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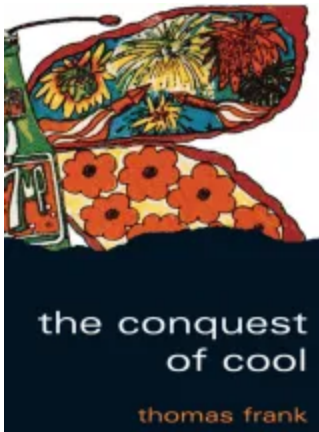
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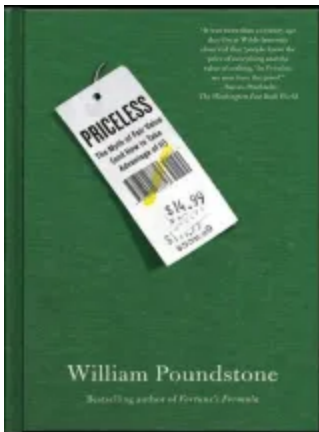
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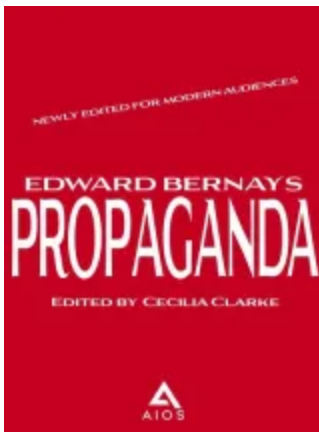
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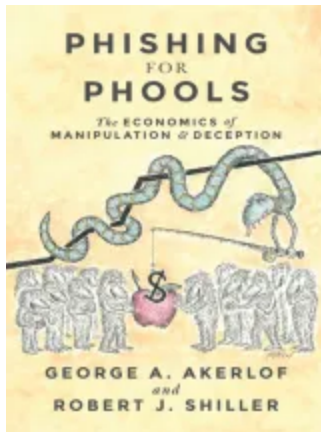
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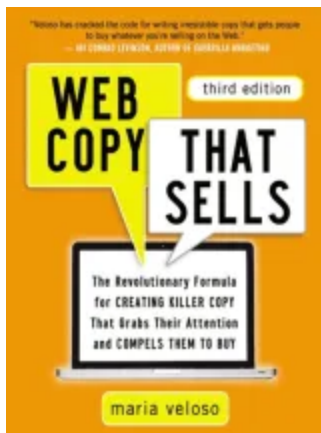
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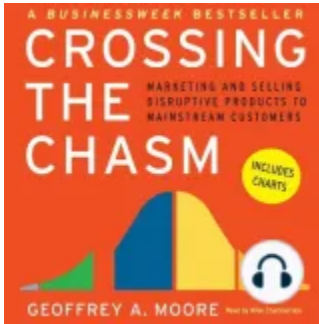
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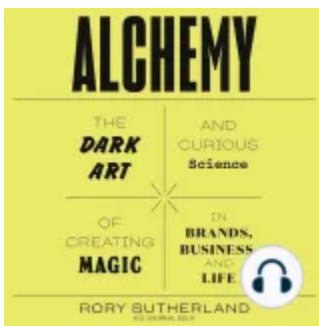
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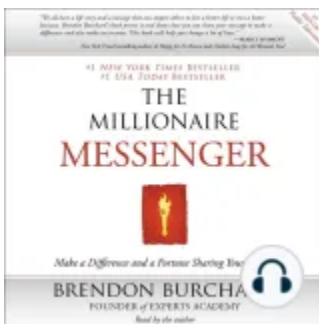
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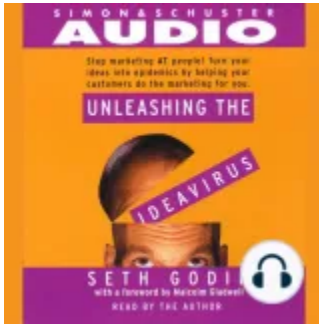
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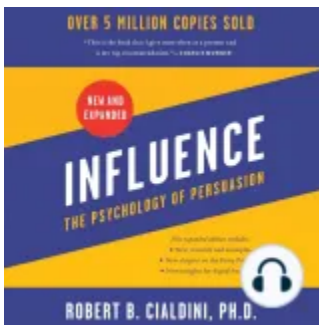
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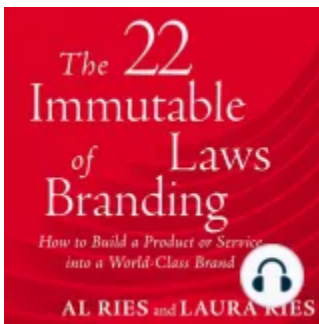
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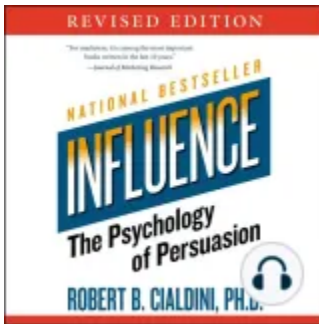
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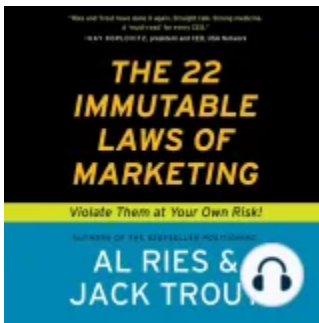
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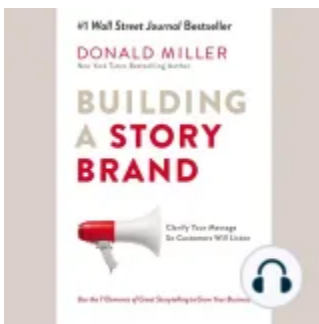
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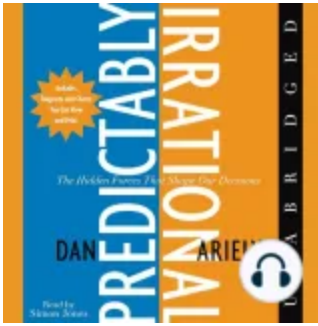
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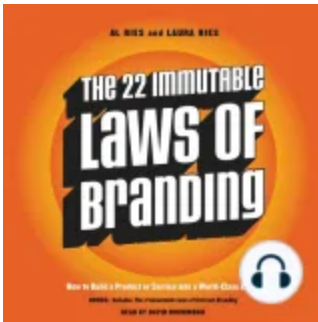
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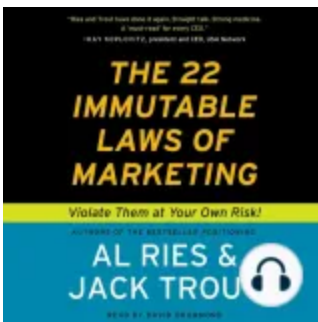
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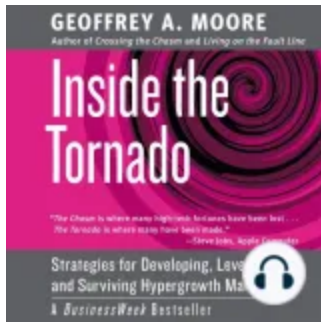
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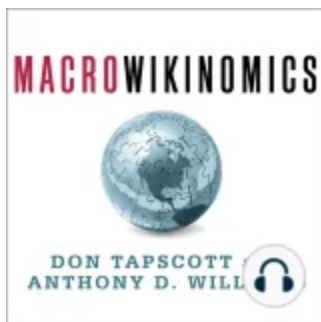
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35. 35. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential 35 PPSX 中国投資概況.ppsx CVE 2017-8759 Compromised C&C Connects Download Malicious script forged as PNG Drops IRONHALO Downloader Variant Another Sample Download a New Variant of IRONHALO Downloader Sample using same exploit, sharing same decoy File and file name with SWEETCANDLE sample 0987a57e2da9294d7bb9bd798999efd2 www.114pr.co.kr

36. 36. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential 36 IRONHALO Downloader Variant IRONHALO in 2018: a8ccb2fc5fec1b89f778d93096f8dd65 IRONHALO Variant: 0987a57e2da9294d7bb9bd798999efd2 Sample string copy routine for different EXE file name IRONHALO Variant IRONHALO 2018 IRONHALO VariantIRONHALO 2018 Sample constant value for the size to read from C&C Same decode routine, different B64 table IRONHALO Variant IRONHALO 2018 Both check MZ header before run Different User Agent IRONHALO 2018 IRONHALO Variant
37. 37. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential TTP Similar with TEMP.TICK Group 37
 ◆Use compromised server as 1st stage C&C. ◆Enlarge malware binary to bypass detection. ◆Same targeted region (Japan). ◆Similar interests in economic, banks, manufacturing, foreign affairs specially between US and China. ▶ Example lure theme: – 中国投資概況 – 2019年昇給率参考資料 ◆Embedded 2nd stage malware in image files (JPG, IMG, PNG). ◆SWEETCANDLE potentially downloaded SPACEPANTS (aka Dapter)
38. 38. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential Case 2: Spear-phishing Email Targets Japanese Conglomerate 38 ◆In February 2019, FireEye devices detected and blocked a malicious archive file sent via spear-phishing email to a Japanese conglomerate. ◆Sample leverage US-China Trade Friction-themed lure. ◆The SWEETCANDLE downloader was observed to download and execute a POISONPLUG variant SWEETCANDLE Downloader Spear-phishing email Fake document EXE Sender Email: shao.**@**-inc.co.jp POISONPLUG backdoor 114.118.21.146 Attacker's C&C Attachment Contain Drops Connects Compromised C&C Download www.86coding.com (compromised server)%TEMP%taskmor.exe %APPDATA%MicrosoftInternet ExplorerUserDatamscoree.dll
39. 39. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential Decoy dropped by fake PDF 39
40. 40. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential POISONPLUG Backdoor Variant 40
 ◆POISONPLUG is a highly obfuscated modular backdoor with plug- in capabilities. The backdoor has been observed leveraged in APT41's campaign. ◆This variant of POISONPLUG has been recharacterized and many of the internal details have changed, likely rendering existing signatures ineffective. Suspected attribution: China Overview: APT41 is a prolific cyber threat group that carries out Chinese state-sponsored espionage activity in addition to financially motivated activity potentially outside of state control. ID Name Role 100 Root Loads / initializes plugins, executes Install plugin 101 Plugins Handles creation, removal, updating, and removal of plugins 102 Config Capable of reading, updating, and deleting config 103 Install Handles installation and removal of malware 104 Online Creates a C&C thread capable of sending a host survey and random number between 0 and 31 201 HTTP Performs C&C communication

41. 41. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential C&C Server Certificate Linked to Potentially APT41 41 ◆114.118.21.146 used two self-signed SSL certificates serials. ◆The two SSL certificates combined were associated to 4 servers attributed to APT41, connected by malware POISONPLUG. ◆1 was reported by Avast as being related to SHADOWPAD. 146.118.21.146 MyServer MyCA 117.16.142.35 POISONPLUG Backdoor attributed to APT41 85.204.74.94 85.204.74.108 89.32.40.199
42. 42. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential PDB Found in This Case 42 Fake PDF Dropper C:\Users\Frank\Desktop\ABKReleasePretender.pdb SWEETCANDLE Downloader C:\Users\Frank\Desktop\ABK-oldReleaseABK.pdb POISONPLUG Dropper C:\Users\Frank\Documents\Visual Studio 2010\Projects\RunCasperReleaseRunCasper.pdb PDB Found in Other SWEETCANDLE Samples Dropper C:\Users\Frank\Desktop\doc_dllReleaseDocDll.pdb C:\Users\Frank\Desktop\ABKReleaseHidder.pdb SWEETCANDLE Downloader C:\Users\XF\Documents\Visual Studio 2010\Projects\ABKDLLReleaseABKDLL.pdb C:\Users\XF\Documents\Visual Studio 2010\Projects\ABKReleaseABK.pdb C:\Users\Frank\Desktop\ABK-oldReleaseABK.pdb C:\Users\Frank\Desktop\ABKReleaseABK.pdb C:\Users\Frank\Documents\Visual Studio 2010\Projects\avengerReleaseavenger.pdb Reconnaissance tool download by SWEETCANDLE c:\users\xf\documents\visual studio 2010\Projects\123Release123.pdb
43. 43. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential Attribution? 43 ◆Connection to APT41: ► Same malware family ► Similar delivery method ► Overlapping infrastructure ◆Connection to Temp.TICK: ► Similar TTP ► Similar code ► Potential connection with SPACEPANTS (aka Dapter) ◆Theories: A. TEMP.TICK also applied POISONPLUG in their attack B. APT41 conducted all the SWEETCANDLE campaigns with similar TTP with Temp.TICK. C. SWEETCANDLE is a shared tool among Chinese APT group
44. 44. SOURCANDLE Campaign Target Japanese Chemical Industry and Conglomerate
45. 45. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential SOURCANDLE Downloader 45 ◆This sample is is a downloader that executes the decoded payload via a call to CreateProcess(). Also try to terminate Trend Micro Office Scan Client http://<server>/phpcms/modules/block/block_modules.php?UID=<encoded value>&ws=<Base64 value> Hostname + MAC address XOR 0x01, 0x02, 0x03, 0x04, 0x05 Base64 encode Get system OS version Base64 encoded
46. 46. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential SOURCANDLE Campaign Attack Vector 46 SOURCANDLE Downloader Spear-phishing email Attachment Connects Actor's C&C Exploit CVE 2017-11882 Document Dropper SOURCANDLE Downloader Compromised C&C Connects DropDrop RTLO TRICK Binary SOURCANDLE Downloader <File name><202E>xcod.scr Delivery Exploitation Social Engineering
47. 47. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential Leverage Chemical, 5G and Electronic as Lure 47 ◆Lure: ► カード管理体制TCL様.doc ► 亚洲化学工业现状研究.scr ► 各国の化学大手の5G材料分野における構築 ◆Target: ► Japanese Chemical company ► Japanese Conglomerate

48. 48. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential SOURCANDLE Downloader 48 Block.css %TEMP%/Temp1.dat decode XOR 0x A9 decode %TEMP%/Temp2.dat offset Date type Data 0x00 int name_flag 0x04 int filesize 0x08 wchar[0x8 0] filename 0x88 var len data, PE file expected Temp2.dat data structure The dropped files Value Operation 0x00 Write PE to %TEMP%temp3.dat, and then copied to %TEMP%<attacker filename>. Other Write PE to %TEMP%<attacker filename> • All Dat deleted after file write to the final destination. • File run with CreateProcess()
49. 49. Leverage the Exploit CVE-2017-11882 Document Template Shared among Other Groups Shellcode decode routine Open Document Encoded (0xFC) Dropper (8.t) Drops into %temp% Shellcode decode & execute Malware Can be hunted by the RTF Object Dropper MD5: ac845ad6a5ac75842ead069f5daf29a1 MD5: ed6c250309b7d60d03023ecce69f546a (8.t) C:\Users\abc\Documents\Visual Studio 2010\Projects\0103\Release\0103.pdb SOURCANDLE MD5: 5d105cd33be63400c9e36a9d74d1c564 Compromised C&C
50. 50. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential The Shared Exploit Builder • Actually, shared among at least 3 different groups. (APT40, Conimes team aka Goblin Panda, ICEFOG Operators) Threat Group Hash Malware Create Date Author Targeted Region APT40 d5a7dd7441dc2b05464a 21dd0c0871ff BEACON 2017-12-07 08:17:00 Windows User USA Temp.CONIMES f223e4175649fa2e34271d b8c968db12 TEMPFUN 2018-01-15 14:47:00 Windows User LAO Temp.CONIMES 07544892999b91ae2c928 0d8ee3c663a TEMPFUN 2018-01-17 09:04:00 Windows User VNM Temp.CONIMES 45a94b3b13101c932a72d 89ff5eb715a TEMPFUN 2018-01-31 11:24:00 Windows User VNM ICEFOG Operator 46d91a91ecdf9c0abc7355 c4e7cf08fc ICEFOG 2018-02-22 20:07:00 T TUR ICEFOG Operator 80883df4e89d5632fa72a 85057773538 ICEFOG 2018-02-22 20:07:00 T KZ, RU SOURCANDLE Operator ac845ad6a5ac75842ead0 69f5daf29a1 SOURCANDLE 2019-01-24 13:24:00 Windows [U [JP
51. 51. APT33's Phishing Target Conglomerate
52. 52. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential Case: Spear-phishing Campaign Targeted Japanese Conglomerate Involved Energy Sector 52 Data Type Information Campaign timeframe June 2018 - November 2018 Associated Actor APT33 Targeted Sectors Energy Utilities Insurance Manufacturing Higher education Chemical Telecommunication Targeted Country/Region Middle East US Japan South Korea. Delivery Method Spear-phishing + malicious link Malware Discovered METERPRETER, POSHC2, PUPYRAT, PowerShell Empire Suspected attribution: Iran Overview: APT33 has targeted organizations, spanning multiple industries, headquartered in the U.S., Saudi Arabia and South Korea. APT33 has shown particular interest in organizations in the aviation sector involved in both military and commercial capacities, as well as organizations in the energy sector with ties to petrochemical production.

53. 53. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential Case: Spear-phishing Campaign Targeted Japanese Conglomerate Involved Energy Sector 53 Spear-phishing email Subject: Job Opening Sender Email: careers@[REDACTED].ga jobs@[REDACTED].ga Malicious link HTA HTA Script http://[REDACTED].ddns.net:880/SIPCHEMJobOpening.hta Decoded PowerShell Download POSHC2 PUPYRAT PowerShell Empire Create task to download payloads at different time
54. 54. Other APT Groups
55. 55. ©2019 FireEye | Private & Confidential Other APT Activities 55 Group Recent Activity Timeframe Recent Activity APT28 Nov 2018 – Jan 2019 Leverage TRICKSHOW samples to target suspected Japan Military. FALLOUT (aka Darkhotel) Feb, 2018 Targeted Japanese media industry with SANNY sample APT32 April, 2019 Leverage METALJACK and ASEAN related decoy to target suspected Japan. APT10 N/A Since the indictment, monitoring of numerous attack surfaces, sensitive-source feeds, public repositories, and open-source reporting has not resulted in the detection of new APT10 activity. North Korea nexus July, 2019 Actor leveraged LEADLIFT (aka Dtrack) backdoor targeted Japanese manufacturing company. Unknown July, 2019 Leveraged “北朝鮮非核化の行方と制裁の課題” as lure with ZEROCHECKER downloader to target Japanese research institute.
56. 56. ©2019 FireEye ©2019 FireEye § Recent Cyber Threat Trends § The Advance Persistent Threats § Underground Threats § Conclusion Agenda 56
57. 57. Access to Infrastructure/DB for sale
58. 58. ©2019 FireEye ©2019 FireEye Threat tracking. Compromised databases. October 2018-March 2019 58 Advertised databases by country Advertised databases by industry
59. 59. ©2019 FireEye ©2019 FireEye Threat tracking. Compromised databases. October 2018-March 2019 59 Price and size of databases by industry
60. 60. ©2019 FireEye ©2019 FireEye 60 Access to your infrastructure. ► Fxmsp ► BigPetya ► Antony Moricone ► ETC.
61. 61. ©2019 FireEye ©2019 FireEye 61 Access to your infrastructure. Fxmsp – POS Terminals in Europe, MENA, and South Asia; – Government Establishment in UAE; – UAE-based lighting company; – Access to 3 AV companies; Antony Moricone/BigPetya: – Back after some time; – Access to UAE-based mining company; – Hotel in Philippines; – Aircraft manufacturer;
62. 62. ©2019 FireEye ©2019 FireEye Actor Number of Databases Advertised Between Oct. 2018 and March 2019 Forum/Language Reputation Gnosticplayers 37 Dream Market/English New Downloading 18 RAID/English New Lenfoire 14 Dream Market/English Established the.joker 10 Jabber/English "Trusted Seller" NetFlow 6 Exploit.in/Russian Established KelvinSecurity 6 RAID and Facebook/Spanish and English Established DB ads posted by the most prolific actors 62
63. 63. ©2019 FireEye ©2019 FireEye 63 Recent addition to “Access for sale” Crew ► bc.monster, ► B.Wanted, ► Aaaakkkka, ► SHERIFF

64. 64. ©2019 FireEye©2019 FireEye 64 Access to your infrastructure. PII leak ▶ Japanese PII on Chinese Underground back in 2017-2018; ▶ Extremely low price point - ¥1,000 CNY;
65. 65. Mobile Malware
66. 66. ©2019 FireEye©2019 FireEye 66 Mobile Malware. Cerberus ▶ RAT, Android bot rental service that includes banking Trojan capabilities. ▶ Available for a larger audience since June 2019; ▶ Price: \$2000-\$12000; ▶ Targets: – jp.coxxxxxk.android.html jp.co.rxxxxx_bank.rxxxxxxbank.html
67. 67. ATM Jackpotting Operations
68. 68. ©2019 FireEye©2019 FireEye 68 ATM Jackpotting Operations ▶ ATM jackpotting kit in August 2019: – Based on Raspberry Pi; – RCE in Diebold Nixdorf ATMs; ▶ Actors are seeking for partnerships; ▶ Original software ATM NCR and Wincor with a wired lifetime key; ▶ Known targeting across India, Taiwan and Japan;
69. 69. ©2019 FireEye©2019 FireEye § Recent Cyber Threat Trends § The Advance Persistent Threats § Cyber Crime and Underground Threats § Conclusion Agenda 69
70. 70. ©2019 FireEye Conclusion 70 § Espionage actors from various countries still having a lot interests in targeting Japan. § With the improving dwell time, actor are devoting extra effort on bypassing detection products. § Organizations should consider thread hijacking as a possible attack vector in their red/blue/purple team scenarios. § We see actor shows increasing interests in chemical, 5G technology, manufacturing and energy sectors. § International events such as the 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics / Paralympics will continue to attract attack groups to Japan. § The threat hunting and monitoring should not overlook the underground forums aspect.
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