Dark Deals: unveiling the underground market of exploits

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Dark Web monitoring

- Forums
- Messengers
- Onion resources
- Private access forums

500 000+ messages daily

RDP accesses **Exploits**

XSS

Insiders

Banking cards

Targeted attacks

Malware logs

Exploits

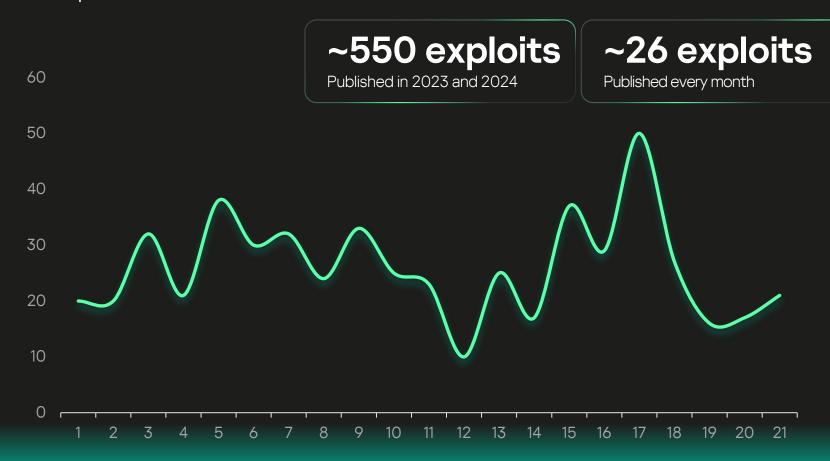
Ransomware blogs

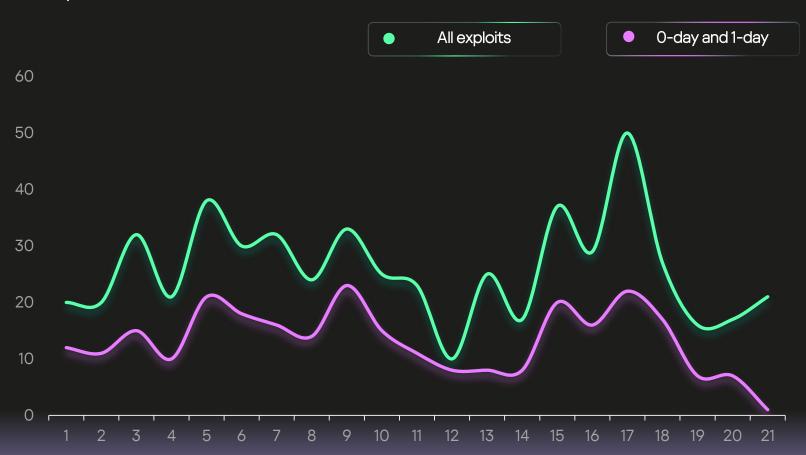
Date leakages



How many real exploits exist?

Does the exploit economy follow the same rules as other markets?





Type of exploit

Criticality and Prevalence of the system

Number of sales

Uniqueness of the offer

Reputation of the seller



Average price for LPE exploits is around \$60,000

Average price for RCE exploits is around \$100,000

LPE 0-day

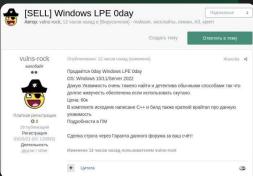
\$60,000 - \$250,000

For Sale 0-day Windows LPE

OS: Windows 10/11/Server 2022

This vulnerability is very hard to find and detect by normal means so long survivability is ensured if used shrouded.

Price: \$60,000



LPE 1-day

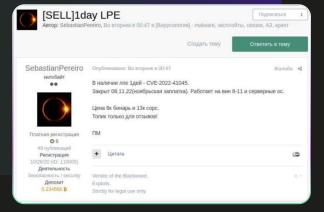
\$500 to \$10,000

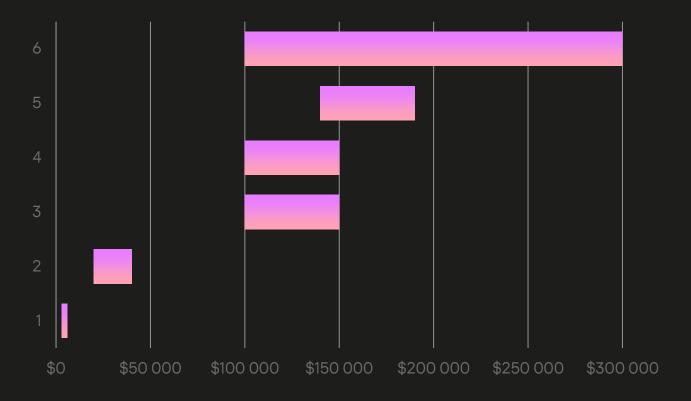
For Sale LPE 1-day – CVE-2022-41045

Price:

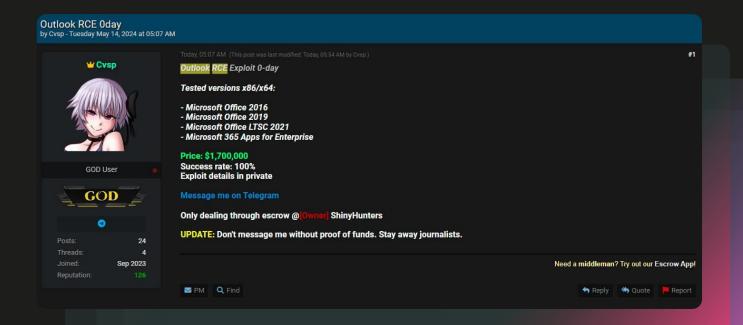
\$8,000 for the binary,

\$13,000 for the source code





Price range for RCE



MAGENTO 2.4.X REMOTE SHELL UPLOAD ODAY \\ ESCROW

TOPIC THREAD

Magento 2.4.x Remote Shell Upload Oday \\ ESCROW Покупка/Продажа - [Вирусология] - malware, эксплойты, связки,

АЗ, крипт

TOPIC URL FORUM

USER DATE

ring-0 20231113062615

ing-0 2023113062613

байт POST

Платная регистрация ONLY working with GARANT

05 публикаций 100 BTC

Регистрация11/12/23 (ID: 156080) START in PM

Деятельностьдругое / other Изменено 4 часа назад пользователем ring-0

Депозит0.000200 ООценить

TOPIC **THREAD** Windows TCP/IP RCE Oday Market - Others staff **TOPIC URL FORUM** USER DATE Most common case: 20240816151854 anongod Sell to one buyer POST 7 Апр 2023 I sell to one hand Contact:

WINDOWS TCP/IP RCE ODAY

[SELL]1DAY MAGENTO 2 RCE **THREAD** Покупка/Продажа - [Вирусология] - malware, эксплойты, связки, [SELL]1day Magento 2 RCE TOPIC URL FORUM USER DATE 20240925040156 TylerDurden POST мегабайт I am selling Magento 2 CVE-2024-34102 RCE Платная регистрация -Private implementation the process is automated you just have to input URL it auto exploits -It gets SSH shell 85 публикаций Price: 20k\$ Регистрация03/29/22 (ID: 127978) Sell several copies Only Selling 5 copies. Деятельностьхакинг / hacking Garant Welcome Contacts in PM

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Screenshot was obtained from internal Kaspersky monitoring system

Who is buying?

APTs

Ransomware groups

Experienced solo hackers

Sponsored hacktivists

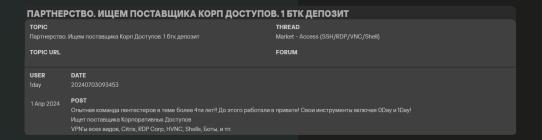
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TOPIC URL	FORUM	
USER hOstages	DATE 20201029221548	
байт Деактивирован 1 11 публикаций Регистрация30.10.2020 (ID: 110151) Деятельностьбезопасность / security	POST Hello. I'm currently looking to buy a Oday exploit for [Github, Gitlab, Twitter, Snapchat, Cisco VPN, Pulse VPN, etc] Basically any large site/software. My budget is \$100000 in BTC. Person who directs me to someone will get \$10000 BTC. Reply to thread if you know anyone or anywhere selling this stuff.	

Who is buying?

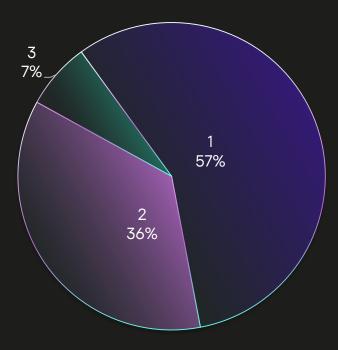
Any private or 1day/0day exploits for Fortinet, Cisco. Buy with escrow and have good budget



Experienced team is looking for access broker.
VPNs of all types, Citrix, RDP, etc



Statistics on sellers by numbers of offers



User with 5+ offers in 2024:

- \$200,000
- \$30,000
- \$150,000
- \$60,000
- \$100,000

The potential revenue

\$540,000

Mallox ransomware

> 1000 victims*
Ransom from \$ 1,000 to \$60,000
10% from affiliate program

Initial access

Internet-facing MS SQL or PostgreSQL servers RCE vulnerabilities, such as <u>CVE-2019-1068</u> or <u>CVE-2020-0618</u>



*According to the interview Suspectfile.com

https://securelist.com/mallox-ransomware/113529/

Sell RCE MS Office 0-day. Only with escrow service!

The price is \$100,000
Possibly to sell only in one buyer depending on the price.
Possibly partial payment + % from the exploitation
Only in private messages

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TOPIC [Продажа/Sell] RCE MS office zero day		THREAD Market - Malware		
TOPIC URL		FORUM		
USER Mallx	DATE 20240704154918			
12 Ноя 2022	РОST [Продам] RCE MS office 0 дей - Выполняется команда cmd/powershell - Выполнение файлов exe, java, ps1, dll, другое [ваши файлы должны быть чистыми, их можно и подписывать сертификатами в зависимости от файла, среднее выполнение пайлоада от 15 секунд до 1 минуты, все будет зависить от файла и его размера] - Генератор уникальных хешей в документе [обеспечит долгую жизнь эксплоиту] - Комплект: исходники, сборщик, описание уязвимости, мануал по установке и настройке этого "добра" - Протестировано и работает на windows 7, 8, 10, 11 Уязвимые версии office: -> 2010 -> 2013 -> 2016 -> 2019 -> Office 365 - Скан АВ: 0/26			

Is for sale! The last price in \$75,000. Only escrow services.

Have been waiting for the buyer for one month and no result

[ПРОДАЖА/SELL] RCE MS OFFICE ZERO DAY

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USER

Mallx

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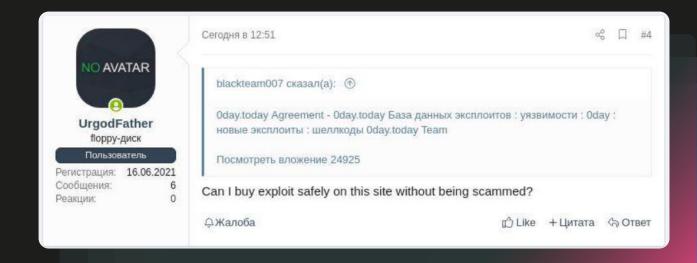
12 Ноя 2022

РОSТ
Актуально, ждал покупателя 1 месяц, но в итоге человек на связь не вышел.
Продам! последняя цена 75.000 \$ только гарант!

Exploit is not mine, it is found by my partner I am just the face on the forum

PL+DE+USA SHOPS PACK TOPIC **THREAD** PL+DE+USA Shops Pack **TOPIC URL FORUM** USER DATE ring-0 POST 1 minute ago. God4father said: Платная регистрация You bid for shops, and you own Oday magento, and also you don't have money! 13 публикаций Exploit is not mine, it is found by my partner i am just the face on the forum looking for people who have Регистрация11/12/23 (ID: 156080) the sniffer to work with. Also, is it possible that not everyone is born with money in their pocket? I am <u>Деятел</u>ьностьдругое / other trying to sell CC's 4000 on the forum if i sold there would be, but like this i need to transfer money from Депозит0.000200 exchange

How to avoid scam?



Oday.today 24

Scam project earned more than \$6,000,000

ODAY.TODAY

TOPIC THREAD

Oday.today Offtopic. Случаи из жизни. Трёп

TOPIC URL FORUM

USER DATE

Shtang 20231016183500

Member POST

Join Date: Sep 2023 Originally Posted by mak

Posts: 56 Давно известно же - Oday.today RIPPER

Balance: 0.00\$ Я видел и на сайте не кидальном exploit-db что они рекламируются там через сплойты, прям в сплойтах написн

09.11.2018 16.2.2023

84,87967109 биткоинов равно \$5772590,04 заработано за всё время, правда не забываем что раньше биток стоил меньше да и курс бакса тоже иной был

Regulation of deals

Deposit system

Escrow services

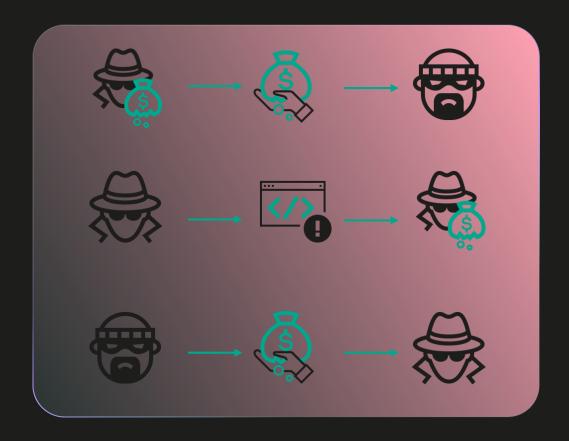
Arbitration

Deposit system – used to secure deals and provide proof of solvency

You will not find a real seller until you add at least 5 btc

BUYING ODAY. 100000\$		
TOPIC Buying Oday. 100000\$ TOPIC URL		THREAD Покупка/Продажа - [Вирусология] - malware, эксплойты, связки, АЗ, крипт FORUM
USER ULT байт Платная регистрация 2 22 публикации Регистрация19.05.2020 (ID: 104341) Деятельностьдругое / other	DATE 20201031232649 POST Livrata Incase I don't find seller It works the other way around here, you will not find real seller until you add at least 5btc, a real seller Oday does not see you as a serious buyer and he is not interested in you, you can even offer 2 million and it won't change anything, btw deposit can be withdrawn at any minute. OULEHINTS	

Escrow service



Arbitration

I am exploit seller, not a hacker. I do not penetrate networks and will not help to hack someone if buyer is not qualified enough

oxygen _{Арбитр}

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Комментарий от модератора:

Вопрос по данному разбирательству решен. Тема закрыта.

Conclusion 29

Every deal is a big risk for the both sides

KRENDEL - SCAM ON FORTINET RCE - RIPPER 750\$

TOPIC THREAD

Krendel - Scam on Fortinet RCE - Ripper 750\$ Arbitrage - Abuse \ Rippers

TOPIC URL FORUM

USER DATE

Banderas 20231122140915

Banderas Pwnstar

POST

Krendel Hola damas y caballero

Nowheretogo

Deal with caution with Krende!!!!!!! He did not deliver RCE & have multiple selling posts. We don't need this in Ramp. See chat screenshots below.

No test-drive – you buy "a pig in a poke"

The high possibility of scam hinders deals

Every 0-day published for sale on Darkweb resources publicly is LOUD

Such attention is undesirable for both the seller and the buyer

Conclusion 32

Exploit market is drastically smaller compared to eager buyers

O-day is like "strategic raw material"

БРОКЕРЫ :	эксплойтов	
TOPIC		THREAD
Брокеры эксплоі	ИТОВ	Underground - Уязвимости в ПО / Эксплойтинг
TOPIC URL		FORUM
USER	DATE	
ShadowMan	20240819122641	
Регистрация	POST	
30.09.2020 Нереально, если ты не арабский шейх, да и то		
Сообщения	0-дэй это как стратегическое сырье, абы кому не пр	оодают

Thank you!

