



# Shared secret: EDR killers in the kill chain

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# The days before R-Day: ransomware toolsets

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Throwback Thursday



**First they came for the**

**~~JOURNALISTS~~**

**Your EDR**

**we don't know**

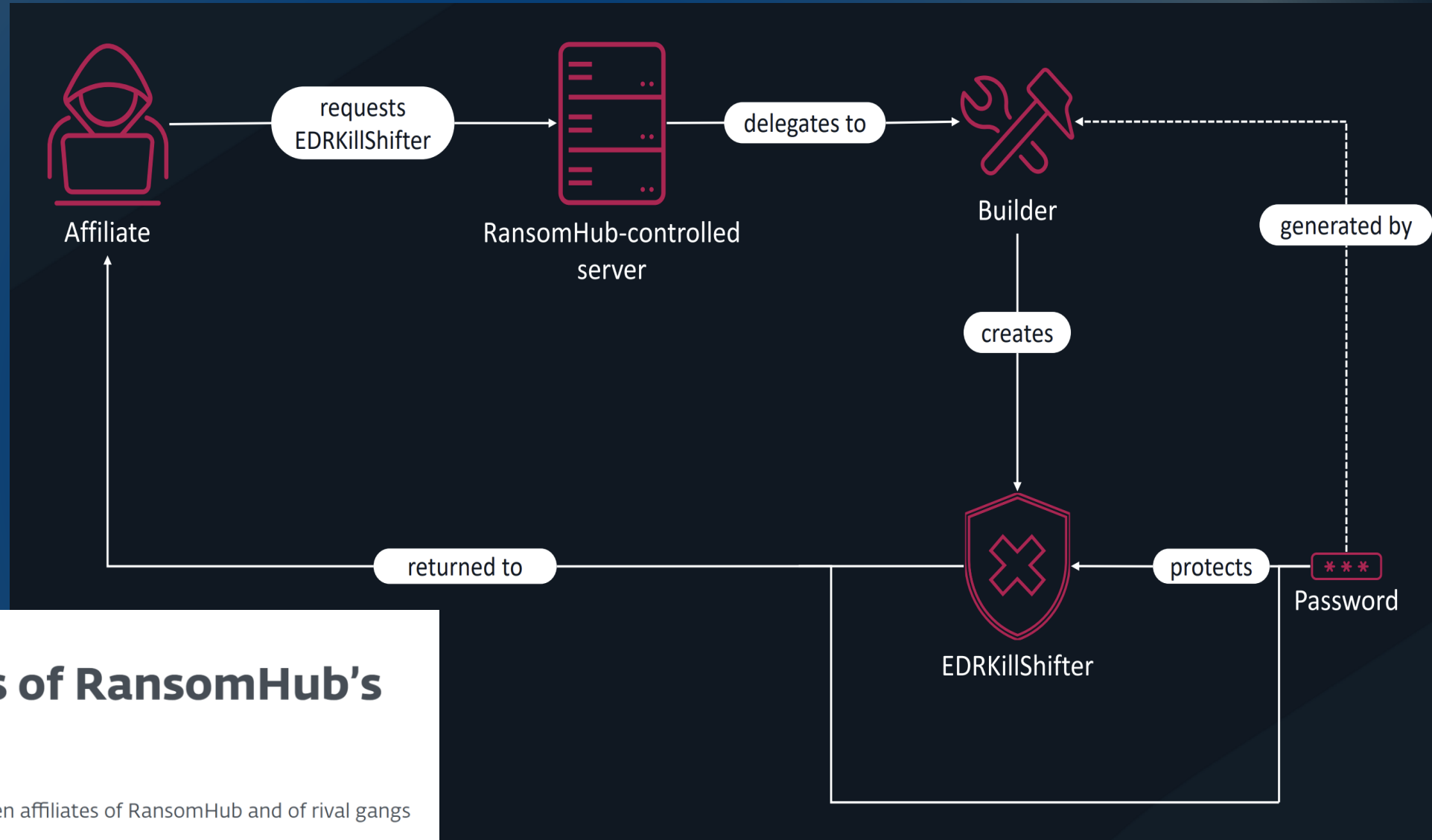
**what happened after that**

# What do we know?

COLLECTING & ORGANIZING  
KNOWLEDGE



# EDRKillShifter as a Service



ESET Research

## Shifting the sands of RansomHub's EDRKillShifter

ESET researchers discover new ties between affiliates of RansomHub and of rival gangs Medusa, BianLian, and Play

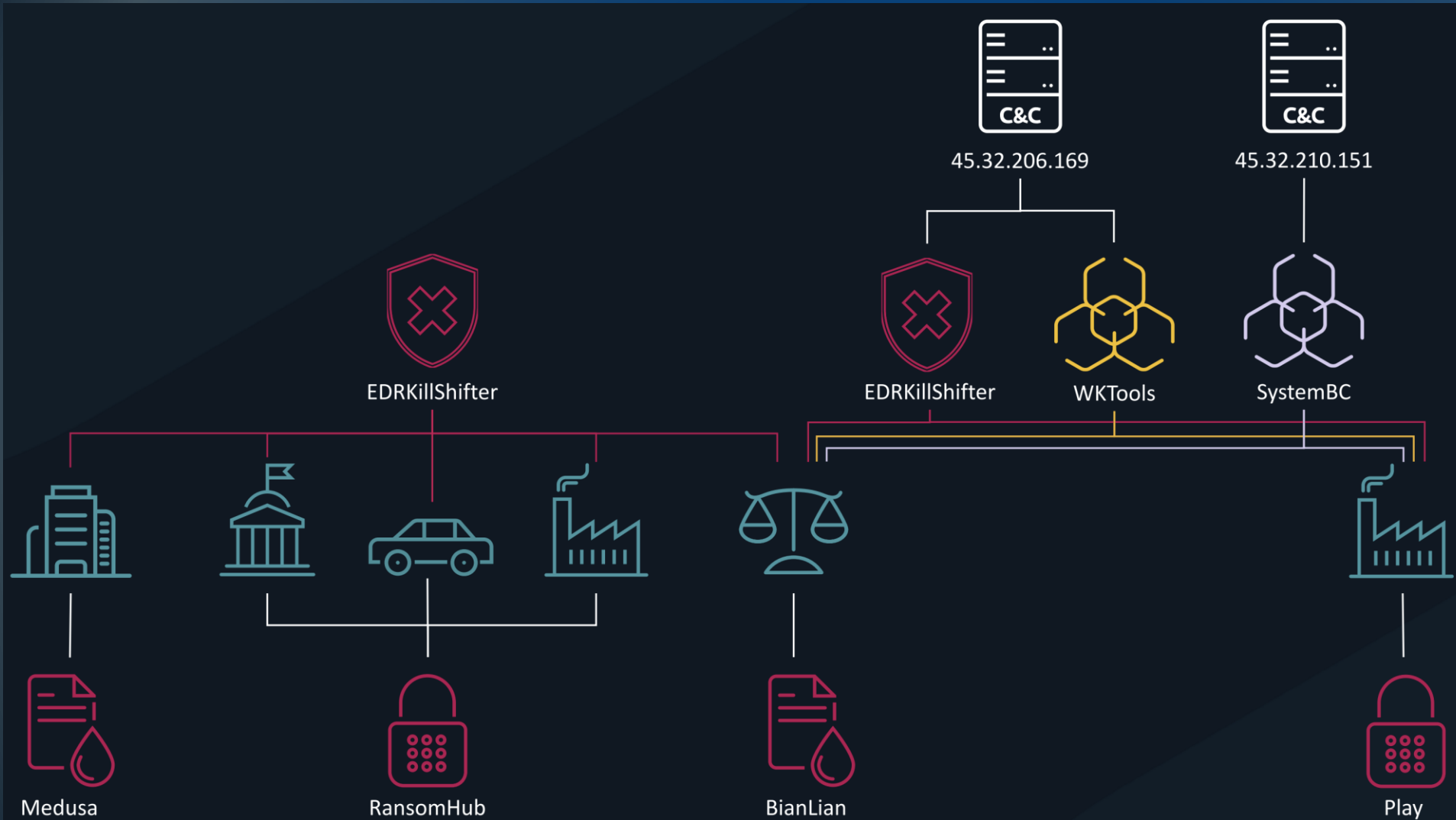


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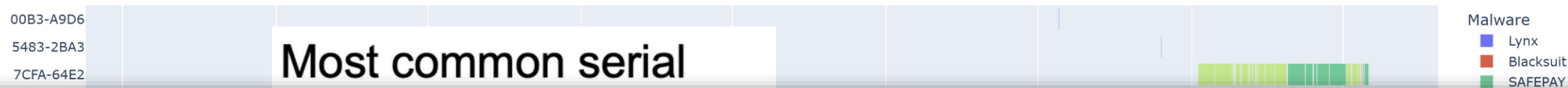
# EDRKillShifter running wild



<https://www.welivesecurity.com/en/eset-research/shifting-sands-ransomhub-edrkillshifter/>

# Affiliates are multi-tasking

Serial reuse by malware families



```
C:\temp>dir
Volume in drive C is OS
Volume Serial Number is F6F0-1F78

Directory of C:\temp

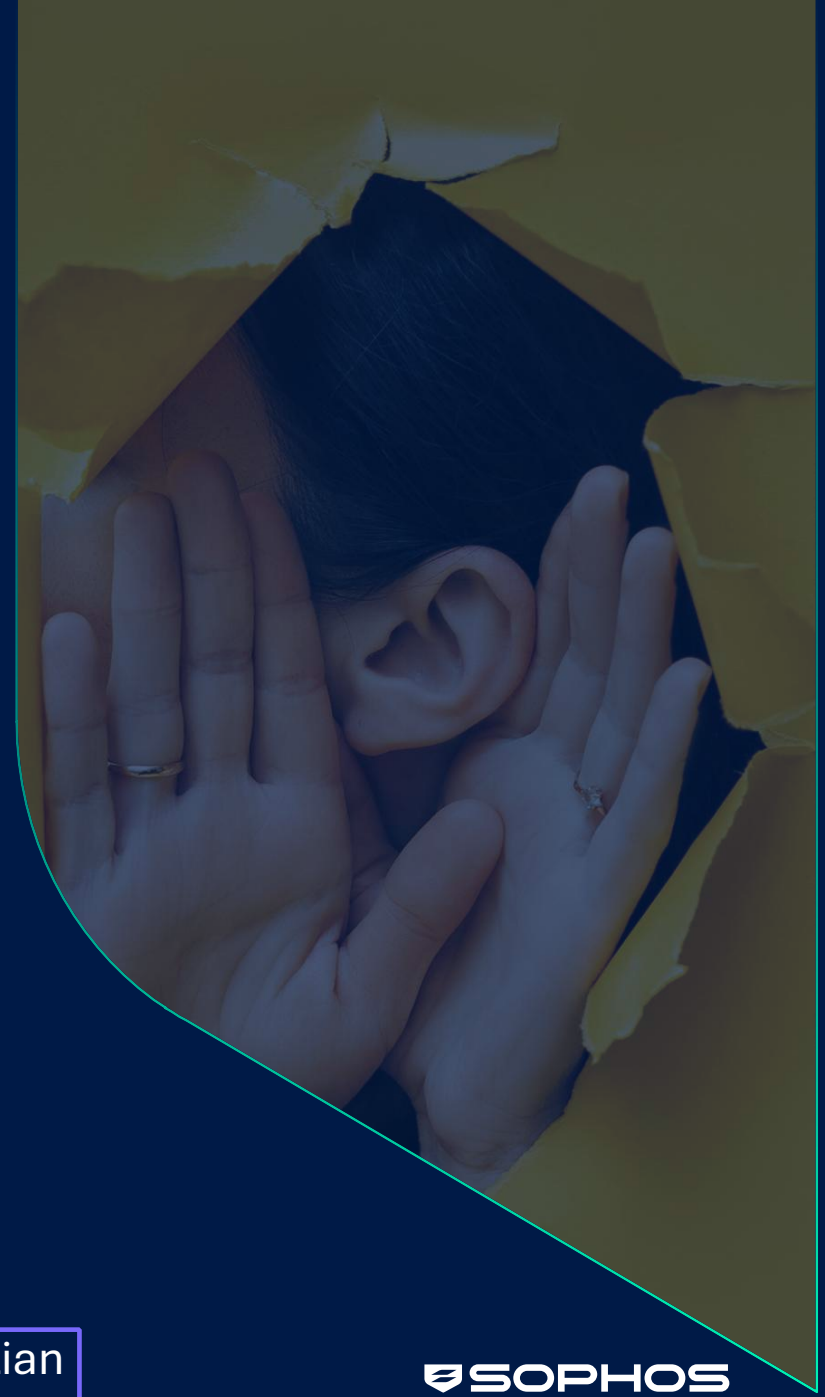
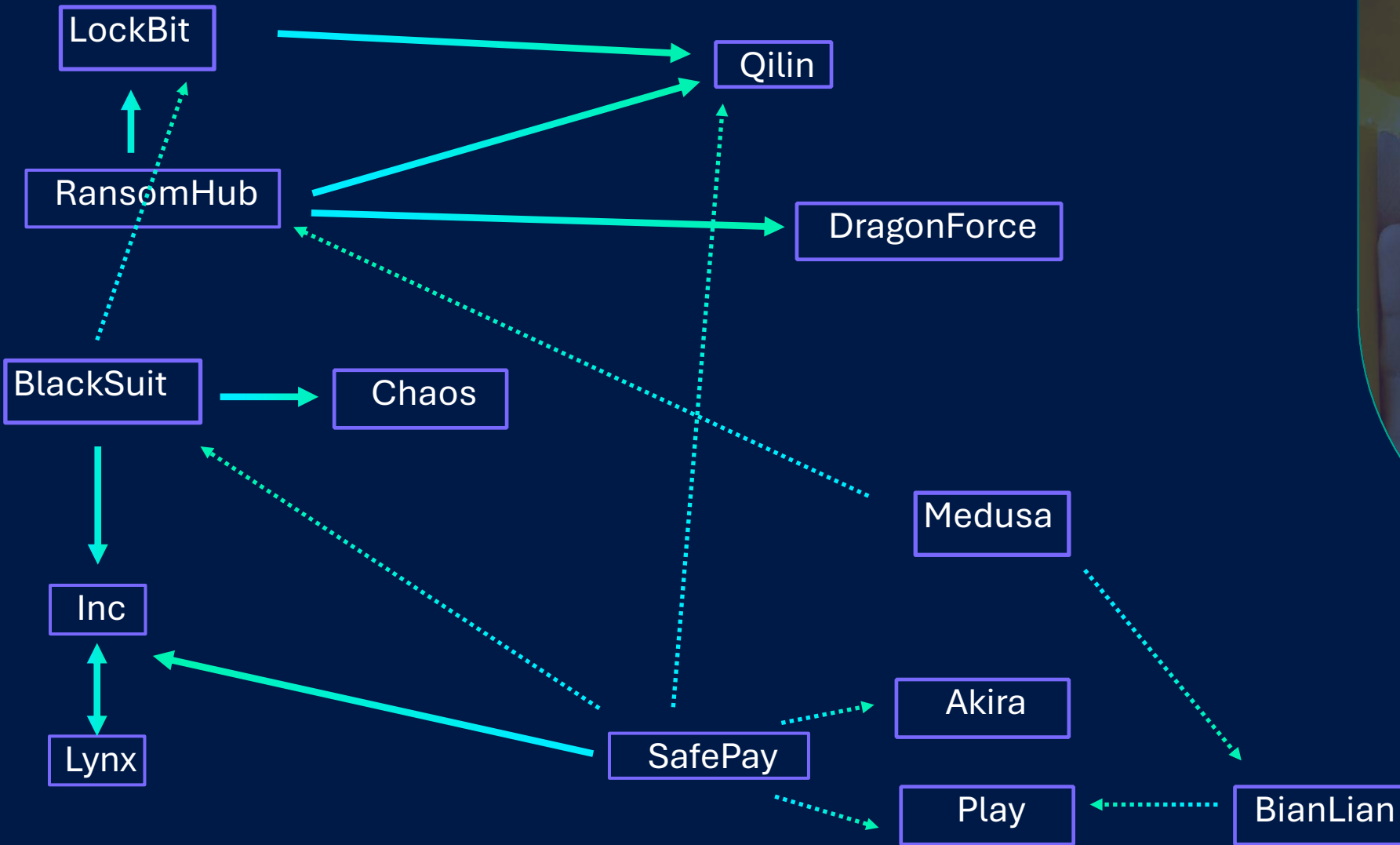
22/09/2025  11:51    <DIR>          .
22/09/2025  11:51    <DIR>          ..
               0 File(s)                0 bytes
               2 Dir(s)  15,551,078,400 bytes free
```



- 17x **00FA-6E83**
  - 9x with **SAFEPAY**
  - 8x with **Blacksuit**
- 5x **0206-654D**
  - 3x with **LockBit 3.0**
  - 2x with **Blacksuit**



# Known transitions



# The Impersonators

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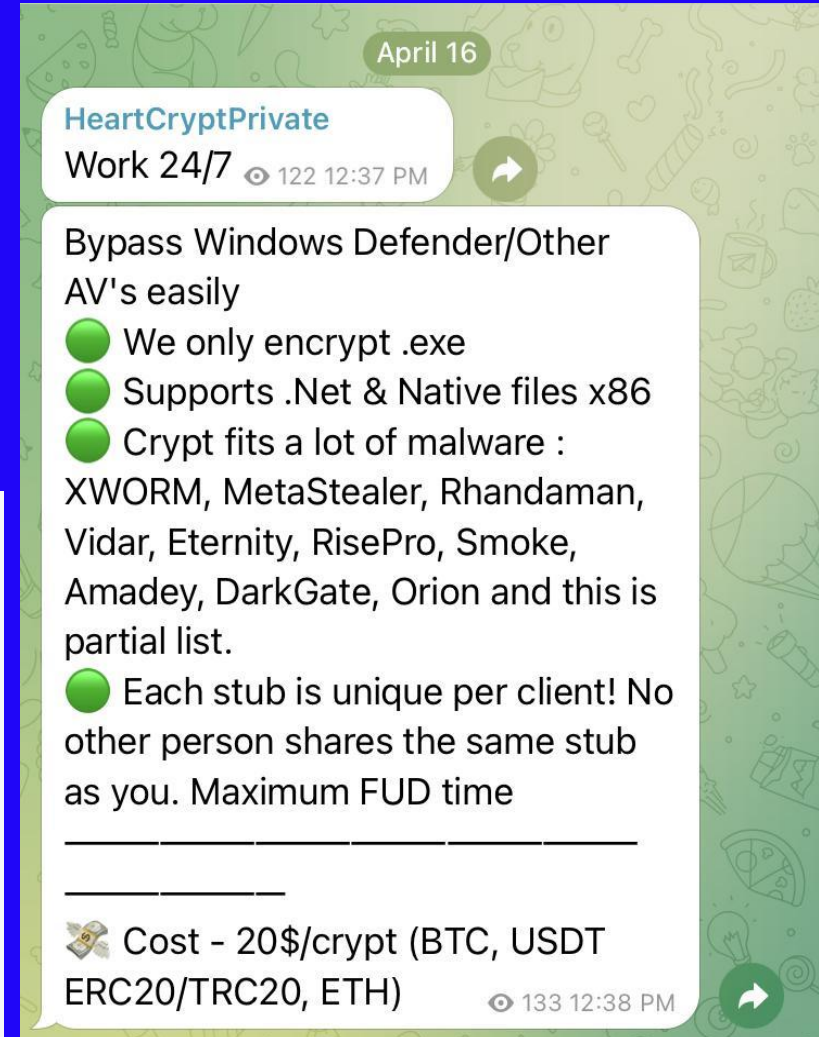
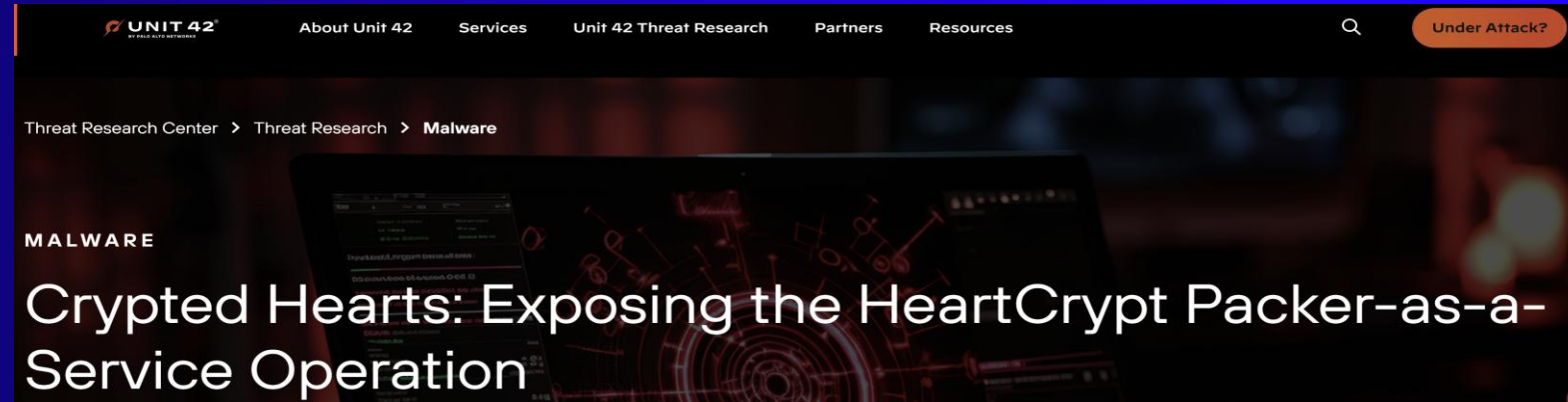


# Conclusions

- No, we still don't write viruses
- Just because it looks and smells like it, is not necessarily a legit Sophos program
- None of the affected software vendors were compromised
- Security products are reputable
- Attackers like to abuse this fact
- The threat actor is still active
- Expect similar attacks in the future
  - in fact, we already have (==> AsyncRAT, Redline, Remcos)
- Transparency and detailed disclosure helps to fight against it

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# HeartCrypt packer as a service



<https://unit42.paloaltonetworks.com/packer-as-a-service-heartcrypt-malware/>

# Overall stats

2brightsparks  
360  
3dm  
4th\_generation  
FAST  
abacom  
abelssoft  
acream  
adersoft  
adobe  
akelsoft  
amazon  
angus\_johnson  
apple  
ashampoo  
asl  
asus  
atlantis  
atto  
audacity  
autodesk  
avanset  
avery\_lee  
bahrami  
bandicam  
bistone  
bittorent  
bleeping\_computer  
blizzard  
block\_financial  
broadcom  
burnaware  
bytedance  
cableguys  
caphyon  
carebuzz  
chaos363  
checkpoint  
chengdu\_chaoyoumao  
cholaware  
chromium  
cisco  
citrix  
cmclient  
code\_jelly  
codetwo  
crashrpt

crow\_hill  
crypto\_pro  
crystal\_dew  
crystal\_rich  
crystalidea  
cubicdesign  
curl  
cyberlink  
cybertron  
deepinstinct  
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destinator  
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expresser  
falconer  
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feiq  
ffmpeg  
findit  
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game\_launcher  
gammglobe  
garena  
geomind  
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git  
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hdtunepro  
heaventools  
honeygain  
hotspot  
ibm  
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intellution  
intuit  
iobit  
iriun  
irun  
itruschina  
ivan219  
jank  
kadoawa  
kc\_softwares  
kingpin  
kingpin  
kirikiri  
klauncher  
kristians\_kuba  
kark  
ledstatus  
lespeed  
laoht  
lunec  
lognet  
lucasarts  
macromedia  
magnus  
mathias\_svensson  
matrin\_prikryl  
mazov\_gosha  
mehatronika  
merops  
microsoft  
mirage  
mister\_group  
mkvtoolnix  
monero  
mserver  
myplaycity  
nefarius

nenad\_brc  
nero  
nhc  
nitro  
novosoft  
nw.js  
ok\_soft  
onesoft  
opencv  
openssl  
opera  
oracle  
other  
pabon  
parus  
pc\_software\_accounting  
piotr\_pawlowski  
piriform  
plants\_vs\_zombies  
plus  
pmg\_pte  
popcap  
premiumsoft  
print\_checks  
printspoolerapp  
projekt\_red  
proton  
qt  
qualys  
quickheal  
razer  
roblox  
rockhip  
rovio  
ruiware  
sacred  
safer\_networking  
samsung  
sap  
scooter  
se7en  
searchinform  
seiko  
sergey\_klochkov  
simpli  
skyriver

softbrooks  
sordum  
starlight  
stegano  
stormcoast  
symantec  
syncios  
sysinternals  
teamviewer  
tefincom  
telegram  
tencent  
think\_cell  
tiger\_brokers  
toby\_fox  
tonec  
tornillo  
treesitter  
trellix  
trendmicro  
truecrypt  
tuttop  
twitch  
ubisoft  
undertale  
unifab.ai  
unity  
valve  
ventoy  
veracrypt  
videloan  
watchguard  
wide\_angle  
wisecleaner  
x2game  
yandex  
yenling  
yoyo  
zamar  
zenproductions  
zhorn  
zoom

2091 modified binaries

first sample: January 2024

last sample: yesterday

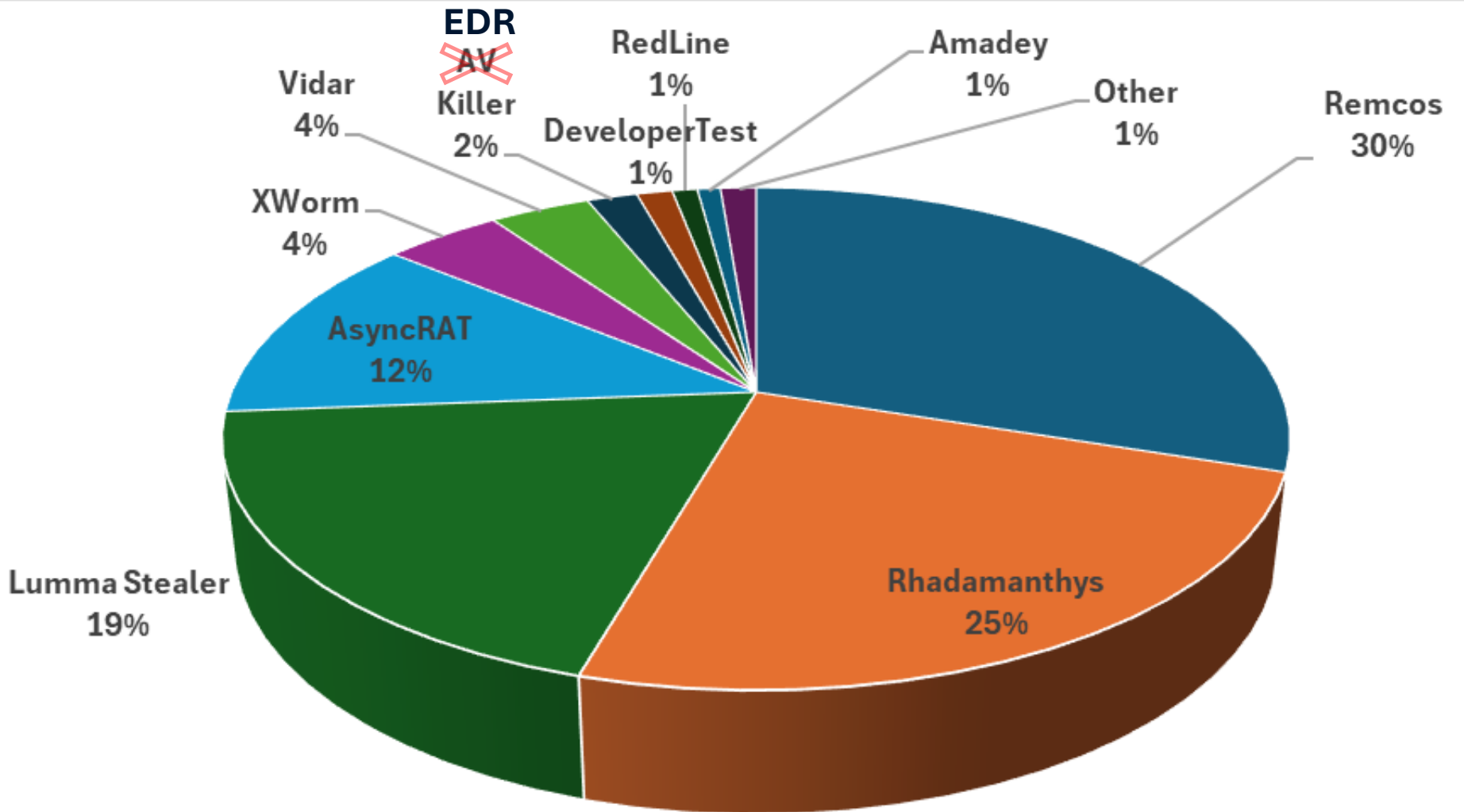
230 software vendors

66 hosting URLs

771 C2 servers

# Most common payloads

- Remcos
- Rhadamanthys
- Lumma Stealer
- AsyncRAT
- XWorm
- Vidar
- ~~AV EDR Killer~~
- DeveloperTest
- RedLine
- Amadey
- DarkGate
- Bladabindi
- Icarus Stealer
- GhostSocks
- Venom
- Lumar
- Phemedrone Stealer
- DiscoStealer
- DiabloMiner
- StormKitty
- StealC



Payload families

# Payload: ~~AV~~ EDR killer

Host	Defense Evasion	Look for unusual service installations, especially of kernel drivers, in windows logs. In this particular case, Cylerian identified a service name containing 5 random characters and the driver signed by "Changsha Hengxiang Information Technology Co., Ltd.".
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**Threat Intelligence** @threatintel · Jan 16, 2025 · 2,169 Views

Multiple new variants of a malicious driver that first surfaced in 2022 are circulating in the wild. The driver is used by attackers to attempt to disable security solutions. #ransomware #threatintelligence (1 of 3)

2 replies · 5 retweets · 9 likes · 2 bookmarks

**Threat Intelligence** @threatintel · Jan 16

File hashes

- 6d8209114aa52d28c18d5789efbb873fc131d56b538c5747d713a2d7a5447e22
- 77360c4a82229349cb1b9e105b7f5618a10848a8ef9beb5d6d0bd21e86f3527b
- 20f5e210d87c10eb9deb7b93c29da3bbae8b3c4bbe5bfefd3d2e16e94df0bf20 (2 of 3)

1 reply · 2 retweets · 2 likes · 889 views

**Threat Intelligence** @threatintel · Jan 16

- 99a2c5b7224d537c768035ffdf6066330509b6541f750ec3ad0ffd92bfe3199e
- 3fbe5a1ed857a6736e061a6850706f9e8a7e881f024bff044df1c34795b89bf4 (3 of 3)

<https://x.com/threatintel/status/1879909266250932226>

[https://www.cylerian.com/blog/t\\_2024\\_10\\_24\\_inside\\_the\\_attack/](https://www.cylerian.com/blog/t_2024_10_24_inside_the_attack/)

# ScorchedHeart overview

- Heavily protected code
- Looks for a driver with 5-letter random name
- Driver is signed with compromised certificate
- Multiple security vendors targeted by:
  - Deleting \*.EXE files in AV install directory
  - Killing running processes and services
- The list varies with samples

```
aDestroyDriverA:
    text "UTF-16LE", '[*] Destroy driver ability [%ws]:',0Ah,0
    align 4
aDestroyDriverD:
    text "UTF-16LE", '[*] Destroy driver dispatch func [%ws]:',0Ah,0
    align 4
aDestroyDriverA_0:
    text "UTF-16LE", '[*] Destroy driver all system thread [%ws]:',0Ah,0
    db 0
aMramlSys      db 'mraml.sys',0
```

# ScorchedHeart targets

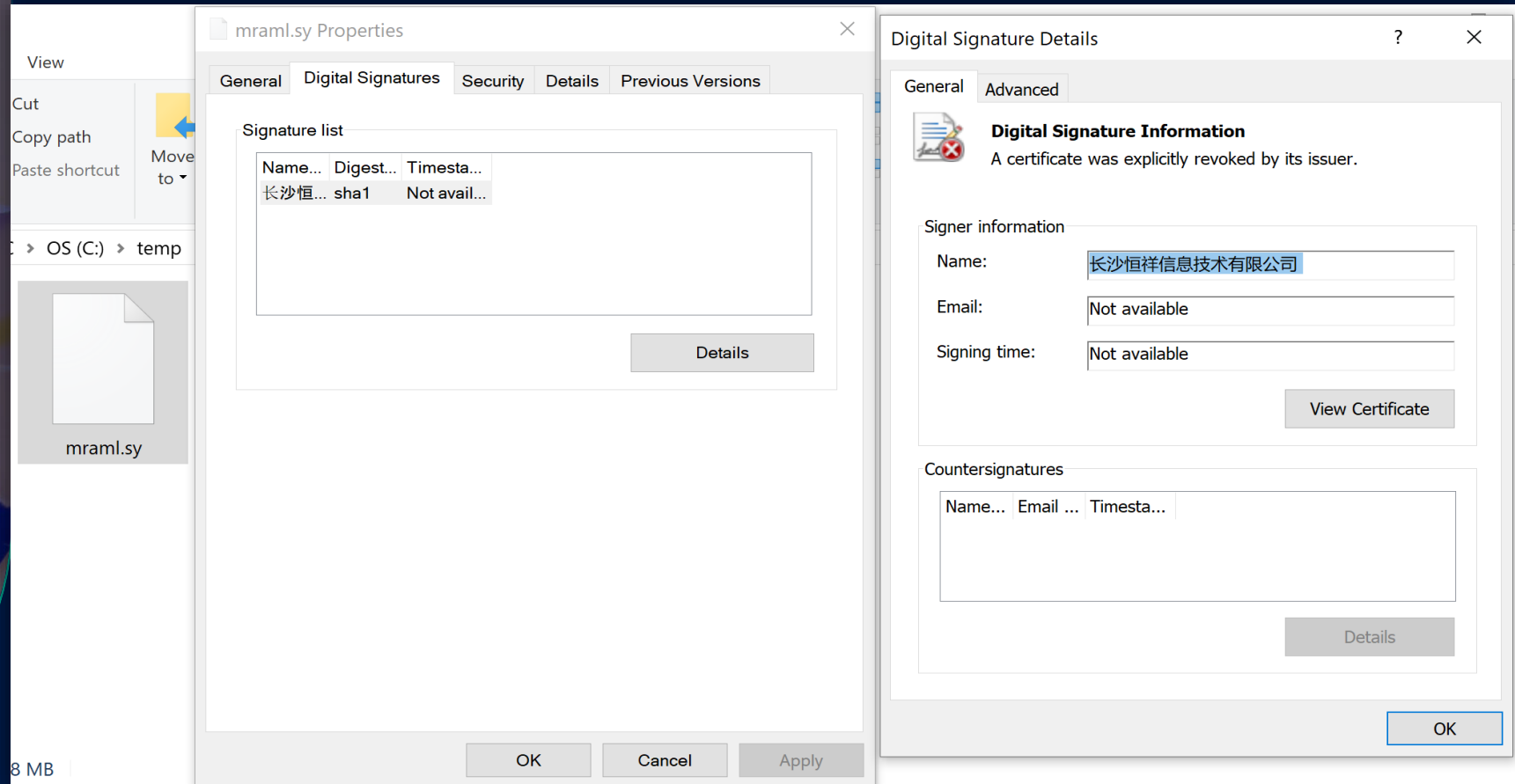
```
aCProgramFilesS:  
    text "UTF-16LE",  
aCProgramFilesX:  
    text "UTF-16LE",  
aCProgramFilesX_0:  
    text "UTF-16LE",  
    align 10h  
aCProgramFilesH:  
    text "UTF-16LE",
```

```
aCProgramFilesE:  
    text "UTF-16LE", 'C:\Program Files\ESET',0  
aDll:  
    text "UTF-16LE", '.dll',0  
    dw 0  
aCProgramFilesX:  
    text "UTF-16LE", 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Symantec',0  
aCProgramFilesS:  
    text "UTF-16LE", 'C:\Program Files\Symantec',0  
aCProgramFilesS_0:  
    text "UTF-16LE", 'C:\Program Files\Sophos',0  
aCProgramFilesX_0:  
    text "UTF-16LE", 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Sophos',0  
aCProgramFilesX_1:  
    text "UTF-16LE", 'C:\Program Files (x86)\HitmanPro.alert',0  
    dw 0  
aCProgramFilesH:  
    text "UTF-16LE", 'C:\Program Files\HitmanPro',0  
    dw 0  
aCProgramFilesW:  
    text "UTF-16LE", 'C:\program files\Webroot',0  
    dw 0  
aCProgramFilesX_2:  
    text "UTF-16LE", 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Webroot',0  
    dw 0  
aCProgramFilesX_3:  
    text "UTF-16LE", 'C:\Program Files (x86)\Kaspersky Lab',0
```

# ScorchedHeart targets

- Bitdefender
- Cylance
- Eset
- F-Secure
- Fortinet
- HitManPro
- Kaspersky
- McAfee
- Microsoft
- SentinelOne
- Sophos
- Symantec
- Trend Micro
- Webroot

# ScorchedHeart driver signature



Name: *Changsha Hengxiang Information Technology Co., Ltd.*  
Valid From: *12:00 AM 03/20/2015*  
Valid To: *11:59 PM 03/19/2016*  
Thumbprint: *7749BE16F266669D505684E9F002C689706C4295*  
Serial Number: *75 E8 E7 B9 04 3B 13 DF 60 E7 64 99 66 30 21 C1*

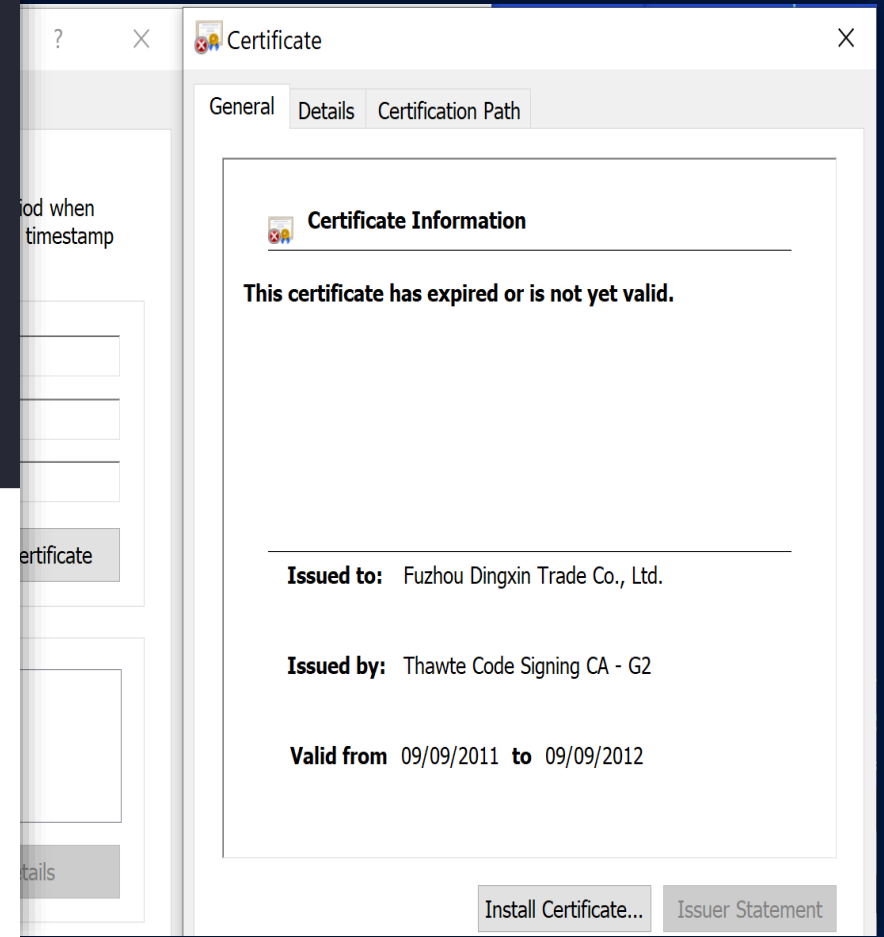
September 13, 2024 / 9 mins

# Bypassing EDR through Retrosigned Drivers and System Time Manipulation



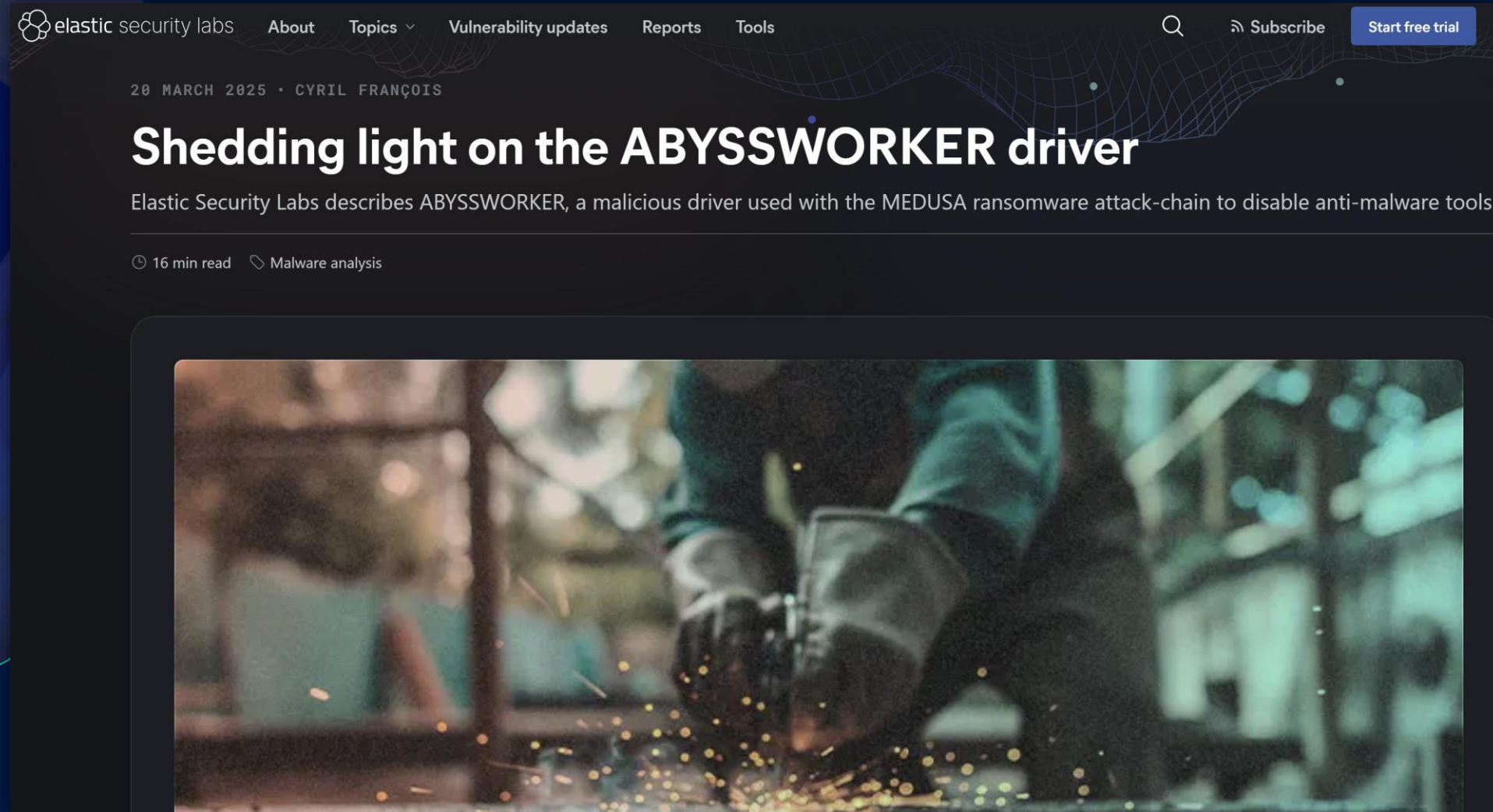
The Retrosigned Driver EDR Bypass is a novel modification of a technique employed by multiple ransomware groups to bypass EDR and limit visibility into malicious actions by abusing expired code signing certificates to load malicious kernel drivers.

# When a new signature



Name: *Fuzhou Dingxin Trade Co., Ltd.*  
 Valid From: *01:00 09/09/2011*  
 Valid To: *00:59 09/09/2012*  
 Thumbprint: *D01B544CF4A4F901FA496BEA2B3A8F66F9583CB2*  
 Serial Number: *72 88 1F 10 CD 24 8A 33 E6 12 43 A9 E1 50 EC 1D*

# ABYSSWORKER/POORTRY/BURNTCIGAR

The image shows the top portion of a web article from Elastic Security Labs. The header includes the company logo and navigation links for 'About', 'Topics', 'Vulnerability updates', 'Reports', and 'Tools'. On the right, there are search, 'Subscribe', and 'Start free trial' buttons. The article is dated '20 MARCH 2025' by 'CYRIL FRANÇOIS'. The main title is 'Shedding light on the ABYSSWORKER driver', followed by a sub-headline: 'Elastic Security Labs describes ABYSSWORKER, a malicious driver used with the MEDUSA ransomware attack-chain to disable anti-malware tools.' Below the text, it indicates a '16 min read' and 'Malware analysis' category. A large image of a welder's hands is partially visible on the left side of the page.


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## Shedding light on the ABYSSWORKER driver

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🕒 16 min read 🔍 Malware analysis

A close-up photograph of a welder's hands in protective gear, working with a welding torch. Bright sparks are flying from the point of contact, creating a dramatic, industrial scene.

<https://www.elastic.co/security-labs/abyssworker>

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/attackers-leveraging-microsoft-teams-defaults-quick-assist-p1u5c/>

# Ransomware connection

ScorchedHeart deployed

## Mitigation DynamicShellcode

Timestamp 2025-01-22T09:53:42

Path: c:\temp\6Vwq.exe

SHA-256: 43cd3f8675e25816619f77

## Process Trace

- 1 C:\temp\6Vwq.exe
- 2 2 cmd.exe /c start c:\temp\6Vwq.e
- 3 C:\ProgramData\JWrapper-Remot  
complete\bin\Remote Access.exe

Followed by Medusa

Detection: Mal/Medusa-C

Path: <d>/Windows/Temp/MilanoSoftv

SHA-256: 3a6d5694eec724726efa332

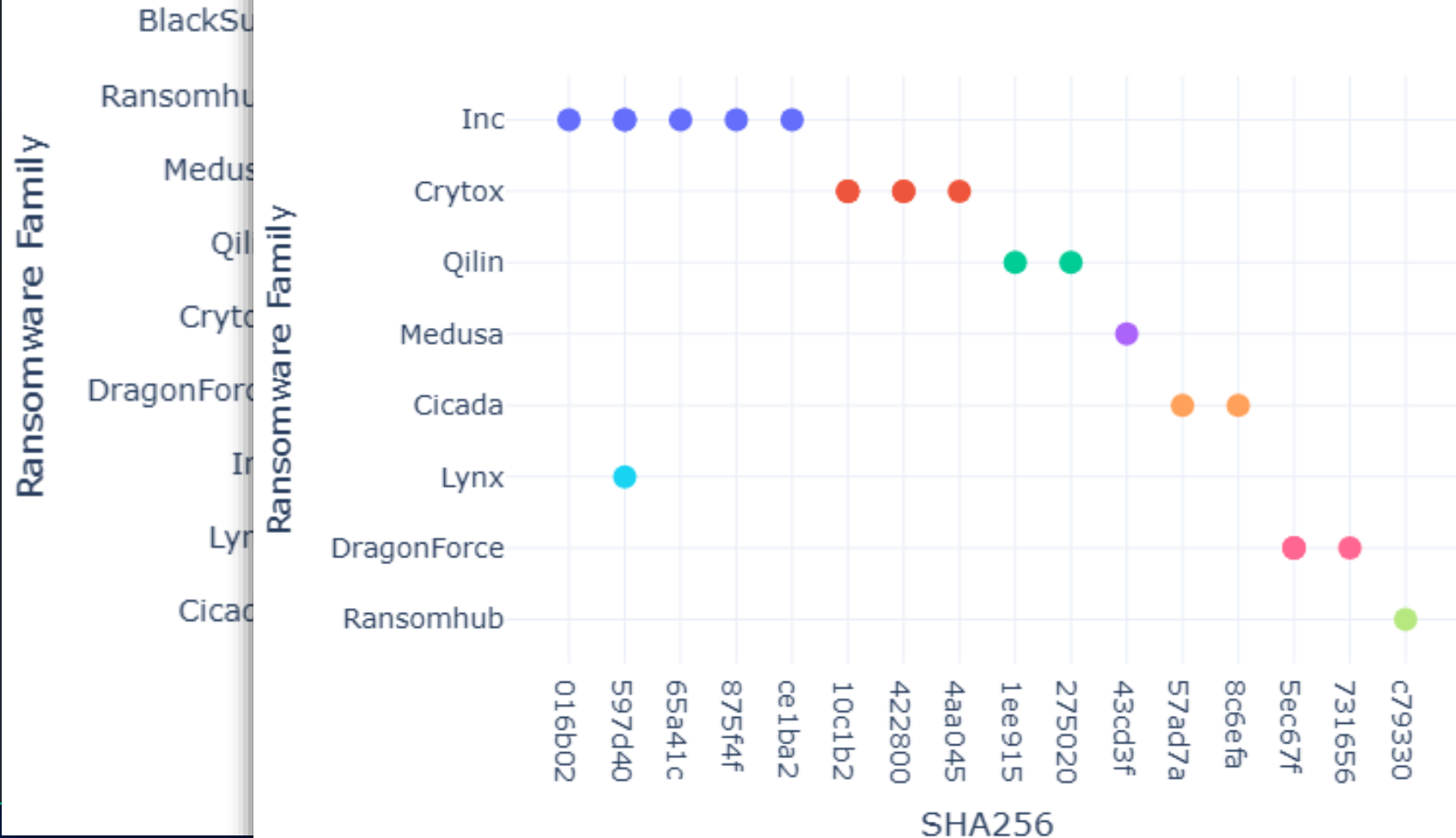


The screenshot shows the SimpleHelp website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo 'HORIZON3.ai' and links for 'Solutions', 'Partners', 'Resources', and 'Company'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features a 'Welcome to SimpleHelp' message with a sub-header 'SimpleHelp Support Server'. Underneath, there are four cards representing different features: 'On Demand Sessions', 'Technician Console', 'Unattended Remote Access', and 'Remote Work'. Each card has a brief description and an 'Install' button. To the right of the cards, there is a large section titled 'Critical Vulnerabilities in SimpleHelp Remote Support Software' by Naveen Sunkavally, dated January 13, 2025, with links to 'Attack Blogs' and 'Disclosures'. Below this, a 'Summary' section discusses zero-day vulnerabilities affecting remote support software in 2024, specifically mentioning CVE-2024-1708, CVE-2024-1709, CVE-2024-12356, and CVE-2024-12686. The text concludes by mentioning the discovery of SimpleHelp and its presence on the Internet.

# ScorchedHeart and ransomware

## Ransomware Family Timeline

## EDR killer Family Timeline



- BlackSuit
- RansomHub
- Medusa
- Qilin
- Dragonforce
- Crytox
- Lynx
- INC
- Cicada

First seen:  
2024-12-18

Last seen:  
2025-08-18

What  
comes  
next?



# Why Shanya?

PE64 Sections  ANSI  Unicode  Null-terminated  Links 10  RegExp Save Search

Number	Offset	Address	Size	Type	String
0	00001016	0000000140...	21	U	-1001_Classes\Applications\%1.exe
1	00001ac4	0000000140...	44	U	C:\Users\crash0ut\Desktop\cryptor_src\x64\Release\shanya_crypter.exe
2	001c68f0	0000000140...	0d	U	XmB3g6XQlgfel
3	001c6910	0000000140...	1c	U	j36FkY4c bnFOi Vulcanologist
4	001c6950	0000000140...	0c	U	vulnose Lass

```
;
; Export Address Table for 5h4ny4_fuck4v_0x000735A5BFC229C.dll
;
off_1015D118 dd rva RtwqAddPeriodicCallback, rva RtwqAllocateSerialWorkQueue
; DATA XREF: .rdata:1015D10C↑
dd rva RtwqAllocateWorkQueue, rva RtwqBeginRegisterWorkQueueWithMMCSS ; "\\\\.\\GLOBALROOT\\SystemRoot\\SysWOW64"
dd rva RtwqBeginUnregisterWorkQueueWithMMCSS, rva RtwqCancelDeadline
dd rva RtwqCancelMultipleWaitingWorkItem, rva RtwqCancelWorkItem
dd rva RtwqCreateAsyncResult, rva RtwqEndRegisterWorkQueueWithMMCSS
dd rva RtwqEndUnregisterWorkQueueWithMMCSS, rva RtwqGetPlatform
dd rva RtwqGetWorkQueueMMCSSClass, rva RtwqGetWorkQueueMMCSSPriority
dd rva RtwqGetWorkQueueMMCSSTaskId, rva RtwqInvokeCallback
dd rva RtwqJoinWorkQueue, rva RtwqLockPlatform, rva RtwqLockSharedWorkQueue
```

DLL names in early samples:

5h4ny4\_fuck4v\_0x000735A5BFC229C.dll

sh4nya\_fuck4v\_0x000CFA853F46C84.dll

shanya\_fuckav\_0x0001DC90D59DCDBE.dll

# What is Shanya? – AKA Armillaria Loader

## Armillaria Loader

In early May a sample was [uploaded to VirusTotal](#) which was detected as [BumbleBee](#) malware. Analysis of the sample indicates it is a new loader, which we are calling Armillaria, that was observed loading BumbleBee, ChuChuka Implant, Lumma Stealer, Stealc Stealer, WHT Downloader, and some of threat researcher Hasherezade's open-source tools.

Armillaria employs anti-analysis techniques including the use of junk code to inflate the size of the entry function, which was observed to prevent a decompiler from analyzing the function.

The loader also dynamically resolves APIs using a custom add-polynomial hashing algorithm, where:

- the polynomial varies per sample
- the string is converted to lower-case
- the first character is ignored
- the null-terminator is included

As part of the loading sequence:

- Structures are created which contain information about two (2) buffers, the first including a decryption function and the first portion of the encrypted payload, and the second containing the second portion of the payload.
- Size and take-skip encoding parameters are masked in the structure, and the mask is different per buffer. This information is unmasked during runtime.
- If the flag for take-skip on a buffer is set, the buffer is first take-skip decoded before being combined with the other segment.
  - The take-skip is updated each round using a set of arithmetic operations that vary per sample.
- After being combined, the data is decoded using a series of seeded arithmetic operations that vary per sample, where the seed is updated each round.

The initial payload is a [Donut shellcode](#) variant which uses [Halo's Gate](#) to check if Windows API's are hooked and has differences in the configuration structure when compared to the base repository and it's various versions.

## Payloads:

*BumbleBee*

*ChuChuka*

*Lumma*

*WHT downloader*

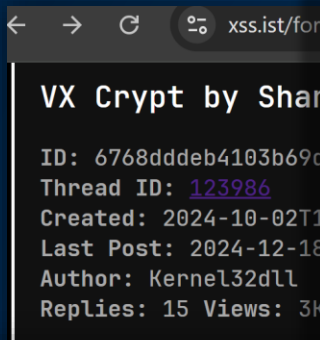
*StealC*

*AV-EDR Killer*

*CastleRAT*

<https://www.ciphertechsolutions.com/acce-release-notes-v2-9-20250602/>

# Who is Shanya?



Some of the features:

- *Non-standard module loading into memory, wrapper over the system loaderStub uniqueization.*
- *Each customer receives their own (relatively) unique stub with a unique encryption algorithm upon purchase.*
- *AMSI bypass for your .NET assemblies; the payload is not detected in memory.*

Контакты:

PM

![t.me](/proxy.php?image=https%3A%2F%2Fcdn4.cdn-telegram.org%2Ffile%2FH\_WsdJvbDXTbX038LNVxtroaoNG3Hk-\_Lkmb8bjinQ263hEJa7vG\_JEJDuKwbFHCO\_DNppq5co7B\_9XRQGVnpwMpCjhocAxmsyg7G0YKKtI70KKGn3vHwq0Ly2IAq\_wZR-71fDen6hBpi0AK2kpw3Rdvu6I8Burvc8FuWcJC7AEfy0xkg4ziQSpUyV\_1U1tyuZCP2p6AjXMUtoPkS2QTzTHT6JdtZ8V\_bVoMMXnlnF-Ta2IdjjJSEUKzSymNUTizyfygyaDyfYYDgYTELhGa1vD-icKfAv8N8rZUwDSv-ircBByRK0Dbb3C57DpzWxoiU6fBTjLic7w2LaY7uhtmz3w.jpg&hash=67f0effccad9ba0c3bce1b3ac23c009a&return\_error=1)

[Shanya](#)

You can contact @shanya0xff right away.

1. Обход Эпик/Стореев не гарантирован. используйте csk/psa/другие скрипты для обхода, ставьте сертификаты, прогревайте файл, но смартскрип я не смогу обойти, можем попробовать Sideloadimg
2. Рантайм. В большинстве случаев, если ваш софт обновляется, с рантаймом не должно возникнуть проблем. Можем попробовать решить проблему мем-детектов если ваш файл x32 и нативный, но Mimikatz я вам без детектов в рантайме не запущу :P
3. Обход Chrome. Не надейтесь на то, что с обычным криптом вы сможете грузить файл по Direct-ссылке. Используйте архивацию, доверенные домены, другие методы доставки. Как правило, если файлообменник доверенный и вы не заливаете файл без архива, Chrome пропускает файл
4. Стабы не стучат по СНГ, ex-СНГ (по CIS)

# EDR Killer AKA Shanyageddon

Used in DLL side loading:

- consent.exe (clean Microsoft program)
- msimg32.dll (Shanya packed malicious DLL)

Drops kernel drivers:

- ThrottleStop.sys/rwdrv.sys (vulnerable driver by TechPowerUp)
- hlpdrv.sys (malicious kernel driver)

```
if ( (int)sub_140006490(*(_QWORD *)(v23 + 4088), v24, v25, 10) < 0
    || !(unsigned __int8)write_to_file(
        (__int64)&throttlestop_embedded,
```

```
{
    return 0i64;
}
```

```
if ( (unsigned __int8)write_to_file((__int64)&hlpdrv_embedded, 0x2400u, (__int64)L"KMHLPSVC", (__int64)L"hlpdrv.sys") )
{
    hDevice = CreateFileW(L"\\\\.\\KMHLPDRV", 0x40000000u, 2u, 0i64, 3u, 0x80u, 0i64);
    if ( hDevice )
    {
        v87 = 0i64;
        *(_OWORD *)lpMem = 0i64;
        sub_140003830(lpMem);
        v77 = (__int64 *)lpMem[1];
        v78 = (__int64 *)lpMem[0];
        if ( lpMem[0] != lpMem[1] )
        {
            do
            {
                InBuffer = *v78;
                if ( !DeviceIoControl(hDevice, 0x222008u, &InBuffer, 8u, 0i64, 0, BytesReturned, 0i64) )
```

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The killer loads the drives and passes the service and process names

```
v6 = driver_list;
v7 = 0i64;
if ( driver_list )
{
    while ( !StrStrIA(v5, v6) )
    {
        v6 = (&driver_list)[++v7];
        if ( !v6 )
            goto LABEL_14;
    }
    LODWORD(v18) = 0;
    memset(v17, 0, 0x10ui64);
    v8 = sub_140005750(a1);
    if ( !v8 )
    {
        MessageBox(
            0i64,
            "CRITICAL ERROR!!! TELL CODER IF IT'S APPEARED!",
            "CRITICAL ERROR!!! TELL CODER IF IT'S APPEARED!",
            0);
    }
    LABEL_13:
    ((void (__fastcall __noreturn *)(__int64))sub_140009
}
v9 = qword_140051008;
v17[0] = v8;
v17[1] = qword_140051000;
v10 = get_PEB();
if ( !(unsigned int)sub_140001480(
    (unsigned int)*(_QWORD *)&v10[4],
    v11,
    v12,
    v9,
    v14,
    (__int64)v17,
    16i64,
    v15,
    v16,
    (__int64)&v18) )
```

```
driver_list    dq offset aKlflt    ; DATA XREF: sub_140002310+18↑o
                ; sub_140002310+91↑r ...
                ; "klflt"
                dq offset aKlhk    ; "klhk"
                dq offset aKlif    ; "klif"
```

```
process_list  dq offset aMpCmdRunExe ; DATA XREF: sub_140003830+24E↑r
                ; sub_140003830+255↑o ...
                ; "MpCmdRun.exe"
                dq offset aMsmpengExe ; "MsMpEng.exe"
                dq offset aMsmpengcpExe ; "MsMpEngCP.exe"
                dq offset aMssenseExe ; "MsSense.exe"
                dq offset aSecurityhealth ; "SecurityHealthService.exe"
                dq offset aUhssvcExe ; "uhssvc.exe"
                dq offset aAvpExe ; "avp.exe"
                dq offset aKlnagentExe ; "klnagent.exe"
                dq offset aAvpsusExe ; "avpsus.exe"
                dq offset aAvpuiExe ; "avpui.exe"
                dq offset aKavfsExe ; "kavfs.exe"
                dq offset aKavfsgtExe ; "kavfsgt.exe"
                dq offset aKavfswExe ; "kavfsw.exe"
                dq offset aKavfswpExe ; "kavfswp.exe"
                dq offset aKavtrayExe ; "kavtray.exe"
                dq offset aEbloaderExe ; "ebloader.exe"
                dq offset aKlcsldclExe ; "klcsldcl.exe"
                dq offset aSoyuzExe ; "soyuz.exe"
                dq offset aProtonExe ; "proton.exe"
                dq offset aVapmExe ; "vapm.exe"
                dq offset aSedserviceExe ; "SEDSERVICE.exe"
                dq offset aHmpalertExe ; "hmpalert.exe"
                dq offset aSspserviceExe ; "SSPSERVICE.exe"
                dq offset aSophosntpservi ; "SophosNtpService.exe"
                dq offset aSophosnetfilte ; "SophosNetFilter.exe"
                dq offset aMcsagentExe ; "McsAgent.exe"
                dq offset aMcsclientExe ; "McsClient.exe"
                dq offset aSophosfsExe ; "SophosFS.exe"
                dq offset aSophosfilesca ; "SophosFileScanner.exe"
                dq offset aSophoshealthEx ; "SophosHealth.exe"
                dq offset aSophosEncrypti ; "Sophos.Encryption.BitLockerService.exe"
```

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\_arkmon"

\_swmon"

sdk\_arkmon"

64"

EV"

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## Malicious driver kills services and processes

```
DbgPrint("HandleIoctl: PsLookupProcessByProcessId pid:0x%x\n", *(_QWORD *)&MasterIrp->Type);
v8 = PsLookupProcessByProcessId(v7, &Process);
v6 = v8;
if ( v8 )
{
LABEL_20:
    DbgPrint("HandleIoctl: PsLookupProcessByProcessId failed with status 0x%x\n", v8);
    goto LABEL_16;
}
v9 = CopyProcessImagePath(Process, SourceString, 2048i64);
v6 = v9;
if ( v9 )
{
    DbgPrint("HandleIoctl: GetProcessImagePathByPEProcess failed with status 0x%x\n", v9);
}
else
{
    RtlInitUnicodeString(&DestinationString, SourceString);
    v10 = set_file_DACL(&DestinationString);
    v6 = v10;
    if ( v10 )
    {
        DbgPrint("HandleIoctl: UntrustFile failed with status 0x%x\n", v10);
    }
    else
    {
        v11 = zwterminateprocess(Process);
        v6 = v11;
        if ( v11 )
            DbgPrint("HandleIoctl: TerminateProcessByPID failed with status 0x%x\n", v11);
    }
}
```

# EDR Killer AKA Shanyageddon

Seen with ransomware families:

- Medusa
- Akira
- Qilin
- Crytox

First seen:

2025-04-29

Last seen:

2025-09-09



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Guidepoint Security website with links for Services, Technologies, Government Solutions, Company, and Resources. Below the navigation is a decorative header with binary code. The main content area features a red banner with a speech bubble icon and the text "GRIT® BLOG". The article title is "GRITREP: Observed Malicious Driver Use Associated with Akira SonicWall Campaign". The author is Jason Baker, and the article is 3 minutes long. The date is August 5, 2025.

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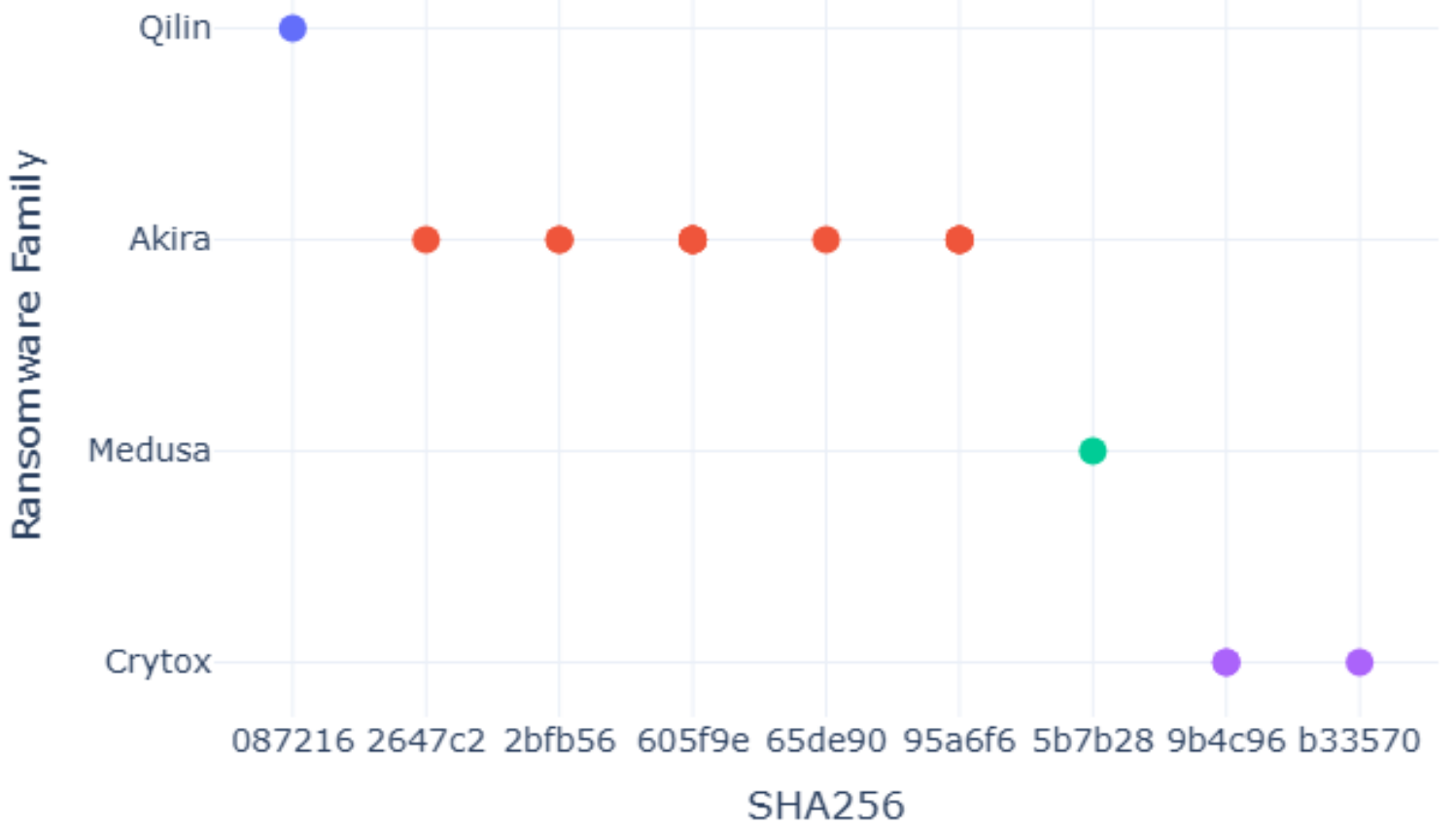
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Posted by: [Jason Baker](#) ⌚ 3 min read

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# EDR Killer AKA Shanyageddon

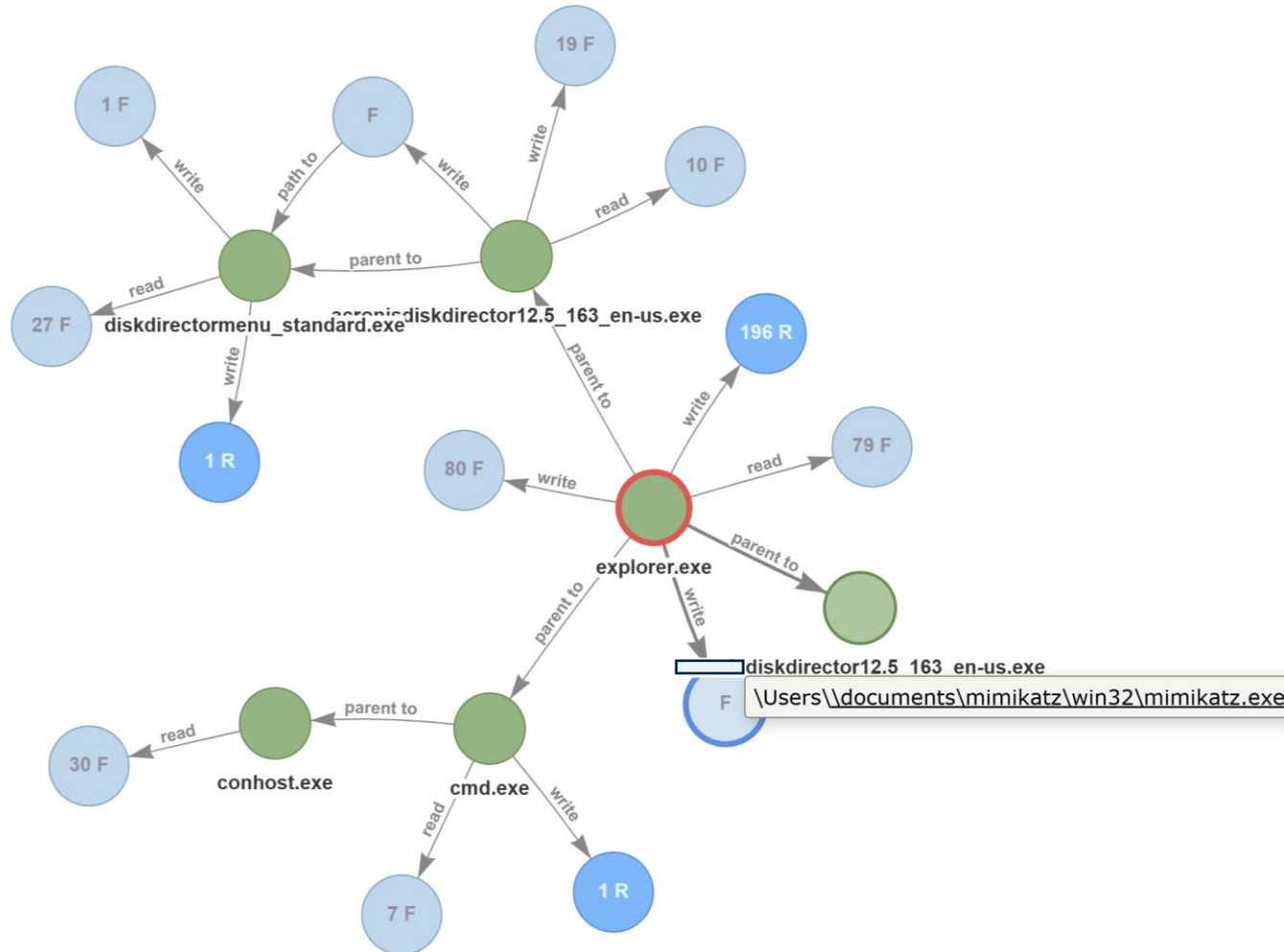
## EDR killer Family Timeline



And now for something completely different...



# Who needs and EDR killer?



Followed by RansomHub:

`C:\vBjgRB.exe -only-local -pass cdd7703d4a4819664e677fdc3378f4418b974165ac849b84a79dd59d5b159516`

# How does it work?



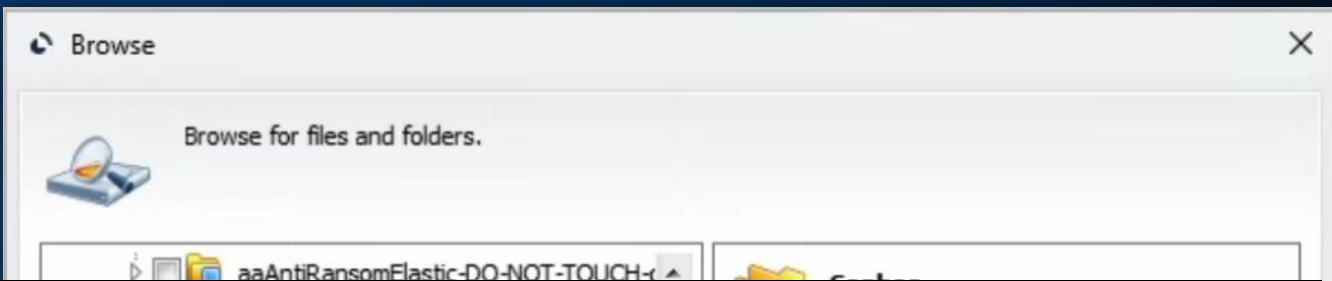
Split volume 'OS' (C:) and move specified files to the newly created volume.

OS (C:)

248.2 GB NTFS

Maximum: 249.5 GB

Operation 2 of 2  
Split volume  
Hard disk: 1  
Drive letter: C



## Problem with Shortcut



The item 'Sophos UI.exe' that this shortcut refers to has been changed or moved, so this shortcut will no longer work properly.

Do you want to delete this shortcut?

Yes

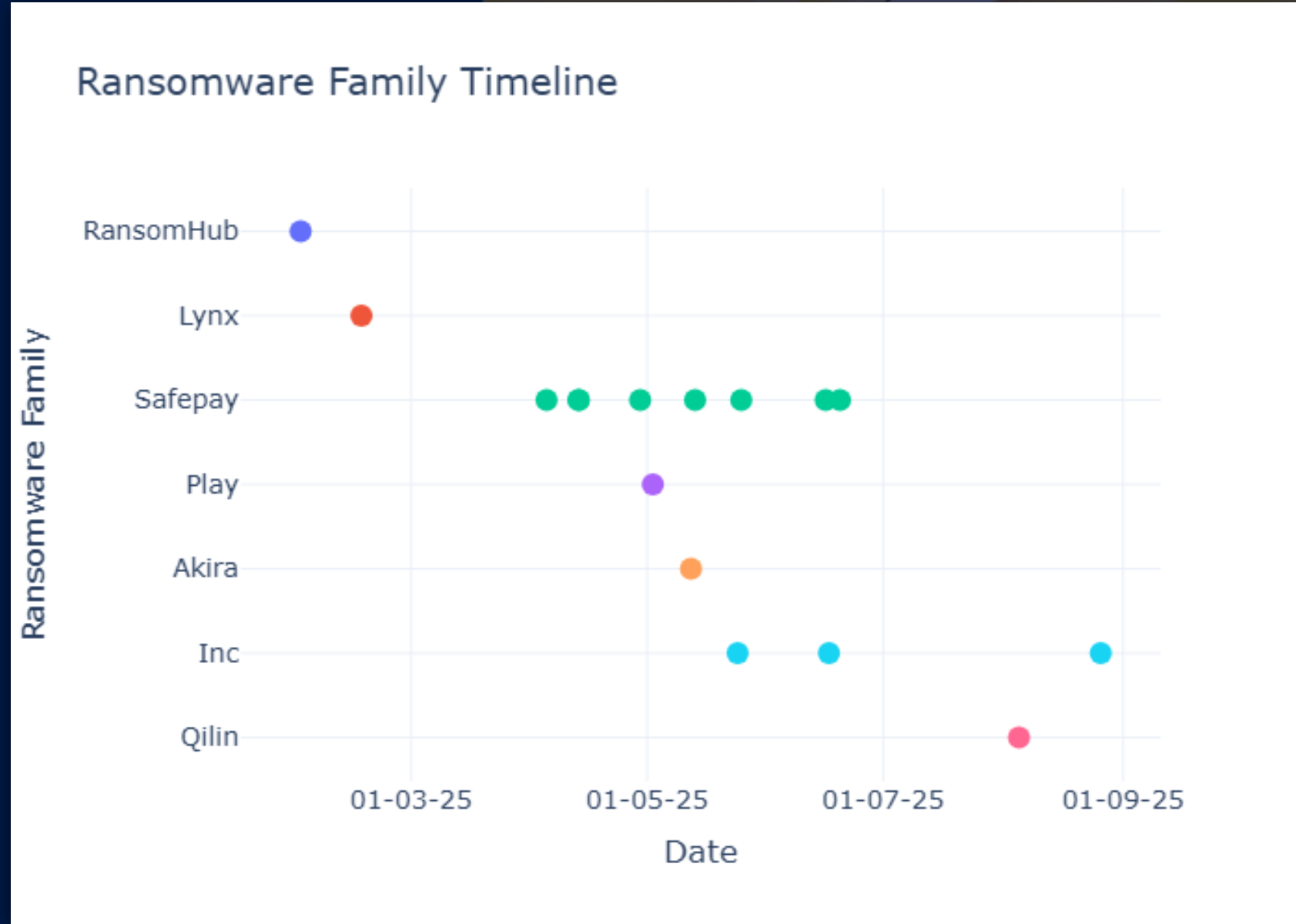
No

FS  
8.18 GB  
30 GB

Total progress:  
0% [#####.....] 50%

# Observed ransomware families

- Ransomhub
- Safepay
- Lynx
- Inc
- Akira
- Play
- Qilin



# So, what is happening?

- It could be affiliates are multitasking
- ... or migrating to new group
- Or operators doing the same
- But Play, SafePay and BianLian use closed affiliate model
- And what about Qilin?

In other words:

We don't understand it yet



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