

## Cybercrime Tactics & Techniques: Q2 2019 Ransomware Retrospective

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### Who Am I?



#### Jarryd Boyd, Senior Sales Engineer

Years of experience fighting cyber threats, from the networks to the endpoint.

Deep seeded belief in multi layered security approaches

Has worked with fortune 500 companies and small businesses

### Key Takeaways

#### » Ransomware shifts to business targets

- » Consumer ransomware drops -12% YoY & -25% QoQ
- » Business focused ransomware increase by 365% YoY
- » Ryuk ransomware increase 88% QoQ
- » GandCrab ransomware decreased 33% QoQ
- Ransomware against businesses is a better return on investment (ROI)
- » Ransomware evolution will continue, making it more difficult to defend against



# RANSOMWARE AIMS HIGHER

## Why the shift?

#### Business attacks have surged in 2019

- » At least double the amount of public attacks in 2018
- » Municipal networks have been identified as easy and valuable targets
- » Schools, healthcare facilities and manufacturing firms also big targets for these threats



## Why the shift?

#### **Return on Investment**

- » More Valuable Targets
- » Greater Ransom
- » Easier to spread
- » Payment is more likely



## Why the shift?

#### New Technologies

- » EternalBlue
- » WannaCry & NotPetya
- » Trickbot & Emotet



# DETECTIONS



### Consumer Product Ransomware Detections 2018 – 2019

	Consumer Products	
Ransomware Family	YoY % Change 2018-2019	QoQ % Change Q1 - Q2
All Ransomware	-12%	-25%
GandCrab	-54%	-40%
Ryuk	NEW	-55%
Troldesh	162%	-45%
Rapid	-30%	-57%
Locky	-54%	-24%

### Business Product Ransomware Detections 2018 – 2019

<b>Business Products</b>	
YoY % Change 2018-2019	QoQ % Change Q1 - Q2
363%	14%
NEW	88%
24%	-5%
NEW	-47%
NEW	940%
319%	19%
	YoY % Change 2018-2019 <b>363%</b> NEW 24% NEW NEW

	2017 Q4	2018 Q1	2018 Q2	2018 Q3	2018 Q4	2019 Q1	2019 Q2
Consumer	55%	-13%	-1%	22%	-16%	-34%	-16%
Business	2%	22%	-66%	23%	393%	152%	263%

#### Ransomware Detections Percentage Comparison by Quarter Q4 2017 - Q2 2019



### Ransomware shifts from consumer to business

#### Ransomware Target Focus 12 Month View | Jun. 18 - June 19



# REGIONAL BREAKDOWN



#### Region Breakdown by Ransomware Detection Jun 2018 - Jun 2019 Business + Consumer Products



#### Top 5 Ransomware Family by Region Jun 2018 - Jun 2019

**Business + Consumer Products** 





United States Ransomware Detection Jun 2018 - Jun 2019 Business & Consumer Products

## United States

**States Most Effected:** 

- » Texas
- » California
- » New York
- » Georgia
- » North Carolina

#### Top 5 Ransomware Family Detections by Top 5 U.S. States



# RANSOMWARE FAMILIES

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## GandCrab Ransomware

#### » GandCrab Facts

- » Ransomware as a Service
- » Multiple Evolutions
- » Authors claim to have retired
- » Methods of infection
  - » Exploits
  - » Emails

#### We are sorry, but your files have been encrypted!

Don't worry, you can return all your files! We can help you!

#### Files decryptor price is 400 USD

If payment is not made before 2018-03-17 06:04:51 UTC the cost of decrypting files will be doubled

#### Time left to double price:

#### 01 days 23h:59m:06s

# What happened? Buy GandCrab Decryptor Support 24/7 Test Decrypt Your computer have been infected with GandCrab Ransomware. Your files have been encrypted and you can't decrypt it yourself. DASH 1 DSH = \$392.10 In the network, you can find decryptors and third-party software, but it will not help you and can make your files undecryptable. Payment amount 1.02014792 DSH What can I do to get back my files? What can I do to get back my files? Image: Comparison of the comparison of t

You should buy GandCrab Decryptor. This software will decrypt all your

encrypted files and remove GandCrab Ransomware from your PC. Current price: \$400.00. For payment you need cryptocurrency DASH

What guarantees can you give me? You can use test decryption and decrypt 1 file for free.

What is DASH and how can I purchase GandCrab Decryptor?

You have a few ways to buy DASH. Abbreviation - DSH.

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CEX.IO	Credit/Debit card		
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	<ul> <li>CryptoCapital</li> </ul>		
alfacashier.com	Perfect Money		
	<ul> <li>Money Polo</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>ChinaUnionPay CNY</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Thailand Banks THB</li> </ul>		
24xbtc.com	Western Union		





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None.		



GandCrab Detections by Percentage Changes Jun 18 - Jun 19

## Ryuk Ransomware

#### » Ryuk Facts

- » First observed in mid 2018
- » Most commonly seen business ransomware in 2019
- » Part of the "Triple Threat"
- » Derived from the "Hermes" ransomware
- » Utilizes RSA 2048 & AES 256 encryption

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Jan-19

#### Feb-19

Mar-19

#### Apr-19

#### May-19

#### Jun-19

Months

## Rapid Ransomware

#### » Rapid Facts

- » First discovered in 2017
- » Spread through
  - » Malicious e-mails
  - » Manual Infection
- » Rapid infections went up 200% between May and June 2019

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Rapid Ransomware Detections by Percentage Changes Jun 18 - Jun 19

**Consumer & Business Products** 



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## Troldesh Ransomware

#### » Troldesh Facts

- » Also Known As "Shade"
- » Been around for many years
- » Spread through malicious email.
- > Utilized compromised CMS platforms to host malware
- » Historically focused on Russia until 2018.





## Locky Ransomware

#### » Locky Facts

- » Offline since 2018
- » First appeared in 2016
- » Upgraded multiple times
- » Functionality to hide malware& better encryption

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All of your files are encrypted with RSA-2048 and AES-128 ciphers. More information about the RSA and AES can be found here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSA\_(cryptosystem) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced\_Encryption\_Standard

Decrypting of your files is only possible with the private key and decrypt program, which is on our secret server. To receive your private key follow one of the links:

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If all of this addresses are not available, follow these steps:

- 1. Download and install Tor Browser: https://www.torproject.org/download/download-easy.html
- 2. After a successful installation, run the browser and wait for initialization.
- 3. Type in the address bar: g46mbrrzpfszonuk.onion/
- 4. Follow the instructions on the site.

#### Locky Detections Feb 16 - Jun 19



## Cerber Ransomware

#### » Cerber Facts

- » First discovered March 2016
- » First Ransomware as a service
- » Most commonly seen ransomware of 2016
- » Dec 2017, five Romanian nationals were arrested.
- » Cerber went down shortly after that.





#### Cerber Detections Mar 16 - Jun 19

# PREDICTIONS



## The Ransomware of Tomorrow



## Increased use of manual infections

- » We've seen an increasing trend of manual attacks using ransomware
- » Manually disable security tools
- » Greater risk to attacker if they leave behind clues





#### Additional 'blended' attacks

- » We will see continued development of infection methods that work off each other.
- » Automated + manual infection attacks are far more successful

## Ransomware will continue to pair up other malware

- » Much like we've seen with Ryuk, Trickbot and Emotet
- » We are near the end of the 'single purpose' malware era.

## The Ransomware of Tomorrow



#### Additional development of infection venues

- » As we've seen with new exploits & malicious scripts over the last year
- » Infection venues will always be developed upon, to find a more effective way of attack.





## Consumer facing ransomware will vanish

- » Ransomware has shown it is far more powerful against organizations
- » Ransomware focused on consumer is likely to be replaced by adware, spyware or crypto miners.

## Ransomware use will continue through the year

- » The trend of using ransomware has become too popular to avoid
- » We will continue to see ransom attacks throughout the year
- » New approaches to security technology and/or proactive efforts by companies should slow this down.

## Conclusion

#### Ransomware is here to stay, at least for a while

- » Proactive protection is required
  - » Detection based on behavior
  - » Identification of valuable data to be better protected
  - » Establishment of company wide guidance on ransomware

#### » It's not about if, but when

- » There are many avenues for infection when it comes to organizational networks
- » Methods that have worked for decades continue to work (i.e. spear phishing)
- » Providing users with options to report suspicious e-mails is a good first step
- » Attacks are a case by case situation
  - » A single method for protection from ransomware may not be viable for all organizations
  - » Paying the ransom depends on the overall cost to the organization
  - » Getting back up and running is paramount



# Classroom time is maximized when your environment is protected



## The Educational Threat Landscape

Education Organization Overall Detections (June 2018–Aug 2019) Data has been normalized to identify trends


# Treasure Trove of Personal and Financial Data



#### STUDENT AND STAFF PERSONALLY-IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION



EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY PROVIDERS, VENDORS, OR THIRD-PARTY SUPPLIERS



FINANCIAL INFORMATION



PUBLIC COMMUNICATION CHANNELS AND THE SCHOOL SYSTEM







Securing the cloud



Segmenting networks



Enable secure remote work over Wi-Fi



Employee and student awareness training



Personal apps



BYOD policy



Incident Response plan

#### **Malware**bytes

# Malwarebytes: Addressing Today's Threat Landscape

### Malwarebytes: The Most Trusted Name in Security



## **Effective Solution Components**



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PREVENT Multiple Protection Layers

**RESPOND** Comprehensive Remediation D

**DETECT** Advanced Detection Techniques

## **Effective Solution Components**



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**DETECT** Advanced Detection Techniques

### Malwarebytes Endpoint Protection and Response



#### We Don't Just Find It. We Fix It.



EDR WITHOUT COMPLEXITY

**UNMATCHED THREAT VISIBILITY** 



COMPREHENSIVE ATTACK CHAIN PROTECTION



**#1 TRUSTED NAME IN REMEDIATION** 

## Protection, Detection, and Response Layers

#### **Granular Endpoint Isolation**

- Isolates endpoints to stop the bleeding
- Prevents malware from connecting to C&C
- Locks remote attackers out



#### **Thorough Remediation**

- Cleans up primary payload
- Detects and removes all dynamic and related threat artifacts
- Minimizes end-user impact



#### **Ransomware Rollback**

- Performs just-in-time backups of file changes
- Logs/associates changes with specific processes
- Rollback damage up to 72 hours



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