

TrendLabs 2016 Security Roundup: A Record Year for Enterprise Threats

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Threat Landscape in Review

2016 was an unprecedented year for cybersecurity, particularly for enterprises. Although there were considerable wins in terms of cybercriminal arrests-resulting in the drop in exploit kit numbers-an array of threats, which hit a record high, still caused billions of dollars in accumulated losses.

It was indeed the year of online extortion, with ransomware leading the charge. Over 200 new ransomware families triggered significant damages to a number of institutions worldwide. Business email compromise (BEC), likewise, raked in huge profits for cybercriminals while proving to everyone that social engineering is still very effective when targeting large organizations.

Vulnerabilities discovered in widely used platforms, including Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), also surpassed records in terms of volume. This left security researchers and malicious actors caught in a race to find weak points in a system first.

The biggest data breach in history was also reported in 2016. The event exposed issues in how some companies handle user data. Other organizations felt the effects of poor Internet of Things (IoT) security when the Mirai botnet surfaced and took down their servers. Banking threats also continued to develop, posing new challenges to the financial sector.

This roundup reviews the pertinent security stories of 2016 and aims to help enterprises determine what to expect in the months ahead and what security strategies they can adopt to stay protected.

Ransomware Spiked 752% in New Families in 2016

In a span of 12 months, the number of discovered ransomware families jumped from 29 to 247. This marks a 752% increase compared to the volume of ransomware families detected in 2015.

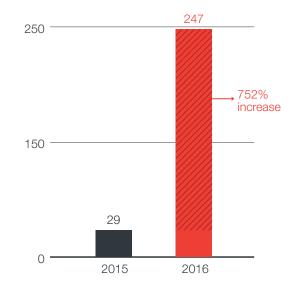


Figure 1. Number of newly added ransomware families, 2016

This record increase in new families can be a result of different of factors, the first being how effective ransomware is as a moneymaking scheme. Using ransomware, cybercriminals reportedly managed to rake in about US\$1 billion in 2016.¹ The whopping amount is the result of several affected enterprises still choosing to pay their attackers to have their data and assets decrypted and restored.

Although many organizations are advised not to pay the ransom and focus on creating backups, this is easier said than done. Many of 2016's new ransomware families were designed to target specific file types critical to businesses. These include tax return files, server files, virtual desktop images and the like. Database files that are used to manage pertinent business information have also become targets.²



Figure 2. Number of known ransomware families encrypting business-related files, 2016 NOTE: For the full list of ransomware families, refer to table 7 in the appendix.

Affected enterprises also had to withstand significant system downtime and corporate data loss. Despite not having any guarantee of getting their data back, many organizations still opted to give in to cybercriminal demands. In November, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency was asked to pay 100 bitcoins (approximately US\$70,000) after a ransomware attack locked their computers.³ VESK, a provider of hosted virtual desktops, paid approximately US\$23,000 to get the decryption keys that will restore all of their services.⁴ The New Jersey Spine Center paid an undisclosed amount after attackers encrypted electronic medical records, disabled their phone system, and even locked out staff members from accessing their backup files.⁵

Other factors driving the increase of ransomware families were the presence of open source ransomware and the introduction of ransomware-as-a-service (RaaS). Originally designed for educational purposes, open source ransomware like Hidden Tear and EDA2 were used by cybercriminals to target web servers and databases.⁶ The source codes for those ransomware strains have already been taken down after the reported abuse. RaaS also made it easier for rookie cybercriminals to utilize ransomware. Since RaaS is available in the underground, the service provides fledgling cybercriminals the necessary tools to run their own extortion campaigns.⁷

Among the ransomware threats we detected and blocked in 2016, spam remained the top ransomware vector, accounting for 79%. Since email has become the most common entry point for ransomware–either via malicious attachments or URLs found in the email–organizations should be able to utilize web and email gateway solutions. Possible ransomware threats can be prevented through effective monitoring of email traffic and filtering potentially unsafe URLs, attachments, and other malicious payloads.

CRYPRADAM

Encrypts files related to hosting a website

EMPER

Asks for 13 bitcoins, one of the highest at that time

CERBER

Incorporates various tactics such as use of Windows[®] scripting files and cloud platforms; first to introduce voice readout of a ransom note

CRYPSAM

Infects servers

PETYA

Overwrites Master Boot Record (MBR)

WALTRIX 2.0

Encrypts files and prevents access to desktop via lock screen

ZCRYPT

Spreads through USB dongles and flash drives

CRYPBEE

Uses malicious macros and compromised websites as infection vectors

STAMPADO

Threatens to delete one file every six hours of nonpayment. It threatens to delete all encrypted files after 96 hours of nonpayment.

MILICRY

Packages and sends gathered information as a .PNG file

DETOXCRYPTO 2.0 Uses a spoofed Trend Micro certificate

SMASHLOCK

Disables Task Manager, command line, and Registry Editor. It displays a series of message boxes including a timer and progress bar.

TELECRYPT

Uses Telegram channels (api.telegram.org) to communicate with its command and control (C&C) server

LOCKY

JAN

FEB

MAR

APR

MAY

JUN

JUL

AUG

SEP

OCT

NOV

DEC

Arrives as a macro embedded in spam attachment, a new method identified at that time

JIGSAW

Threatens to delete a number of files for every hour the ransom is not paid

WALTRIX

One of the first ransomware families in 2016 distributed via exploit kits

GOOPIC

Dropped by Rig exploit kit; gives users longer period for ransom payment before permanently encrypting data

MIRCOP

Disguises itself as a fake Thai Customs form. Instead of the usual ransom note, MIRCOP demands to be paid back, assuming affected users know how ransomware payment works. It also asks for more than 40 bitcoins in payment—one of the highest seen

CERBER 3.0

Is distributed by Magnitude and Rig exploit kits

ELFREXDDOS A Linux ransomware that is capable of launching DDoS attacks

COMLINE

First ransomware seen that uses command line to execute

SHOR7CUT Targets web servers

POPCORNTYM

Instructs affected users to spread the malware in exchange for the decryption key

GOLDENEYE

Connects to MISCHA and PETYA ransomware. This malware reboots the system which triggers the ransomware's encryption routine.

Figure 3. A timeline of noteworthy ransomware families, 2016

Reputation-based analysis should also be able to filter against web and file threats. Based on the number of ransomware-related detections, downloads from URLs that host ransomware or exploit kits distributing ransomware were at 20%, while detections from actual ransomware files were at 1%.

Security solutions that are able to blend this kind of reputation technology with other anti-ransomware capabilities like whitelisting and application control, behavioral analysis, network monitoring, vulnerability shielding, and high-fidelity machine learning can better protect organizations while minimizing the impact on their computing resources. Endpoint application control, for example, allows users within the organization to access known good files while the rest go through filtering. This provides undisrupted access to safe content while limiting incidents of false positives. Machine learning, utilized during pre-execution and run time, can further provide more accurate detection.

As ransomware families continue to evolve and multiply, it is critical for enterprises to recognize this reality and help make their data security strategy stronger and more efficient.

BEC Scams Generate Hundreds of Thousands in Losses Across the World

BEC attacks are responsible for causing an average of US\$140,000 in losses for companies worldwide.⁸ Leoni AG, the fourth largest wire and cable manufacturer in the world, became a victim of a BEC attack when its Chief Financial Officer (CFO) was tricked into transferring about US\$44.6 million to a foreign account.⁹ Scammers also swindled approximately US\$330,000 from the local council of Brisbane in Australia after they posed as one of the council's suppliers.¹⁰ SS&C Technology also lost US\$6 million to a BEC scam that forced the company to temporarily take its operations offline.¹¹

BEC scams have spread in 92 countries. Those most affected countries include the United States, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Japan, and India. The map below shows all the affected regions in 2016.

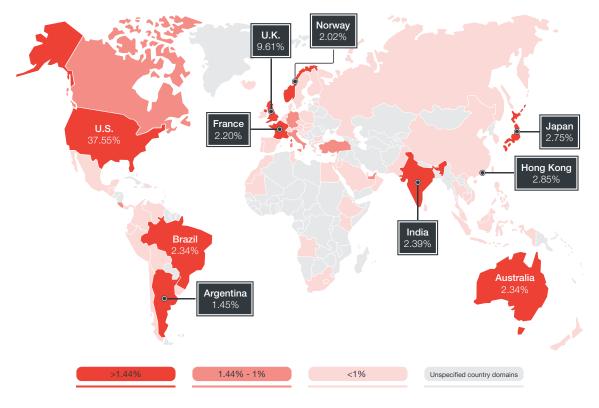


Figure 4. Countries with the most number of companies affected by BEC, 2016

In the latter part of the year, cybercriminals ramped up their campaigns with CEO fraud schemes, a type of BEC scam wherein cybercriminals impersonate a CEO or any executive who can authorize fund transfers. Cybercriminals used this technique when they targeted 17 healthcare institutions in the United States, 10 in the United Kingdom, and eight in Canada in just two weeks.¹² These institutions included general and teaching hospitals, specialty care and walk-in clinics, and even pharmaceutical companies.

Since BEC scams heavily rely on social engineering, there's great weight on the human factor. The more staff members—from a CEO to a rank-and-file employee—are aware of how BEC works and how to identify it, the more equipped an organization will be to defend against this threat. Fraudulent wire transfer requests usually require urgent action from the targeted employee. And so it is important for everyone to scrutinize and double-check transfer details first. Recognizing phishing emails, in particular, and being wary of clicking on any links can also reduce the chances of being at the mercy of cybercriminals.

When processing confidential emails, it is also recommended to manually enter the email addresses of the concerned parties instead of just relying on the provided default addresses. Manually typing addresses from a contact list will help ensure that correspondences and wire transfers are indeed legitimate. Having another efficient method of verifying a fund transfer, such as phone verification, will also help reduce the risk of processing a fraudulent request.

Since most types of BEC emails don't involve a malware payload, traditional email solutions that tend to only detect malicious behavior won't be able to stop these kinds of scams from landing inside an employee's inbox. Organizations are recommended to have web and email gateway solutions that don't only have anti-spam and anti-phishing capabilities but also context-aware social engineering attack protection features, which are capable of inspecting email headers and other social engineering tactics used in BEC attacks.

Adobe Acrobat Reader DC and Advantech's WebAccess Have the Most Number of Vulnerabilities

In 2016, Trend Micro and the Zero Day Initiative (ZDI) (with TippingPoint) discovered a record high of 765 vulnerabilities (including 60 zero days)—an increase from 714 in 2015. Of the 765 total, Trend Micro researchers independently discovered 103 vulnerabilities, while ZDI found 678. Sixteen vulnerabilities are common to both.

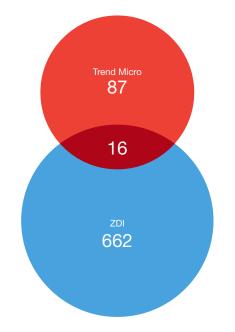


Figure 5. Number of vulnerabilities discovered by Trend Micro and ZDI, 2016

Product	Number of Vulnerabilities
Advantech WebAccess	109
Adobe® Acrobat® Reader DC	89
Apple [®] OS X [®]	52
Android	52
Foxit [®] Reader	49
Adobe Flash®	38
Microsoft® Internet Explorer®	33
Microsoft Windows® OS	26
SolarWinds®	25
Microsoft Edge	22

Table 1.Trend Micro and ZDI (with TippingPoint) Top 10 applications based on number of vulnerabilities discovered in 2016

Most of the vulnerabilities were found in Adobe Acrobat Reader DC and Advantech's WebAccess (with 26 zero days). The former is an enterprise application that handles .PDF files, while the latter is used in SCADA systems.

Although Adobe Acrobat Reader DC saw no increase or decrease from its 2015 record, the application still had the most number of vulnerabilities compared to all other Adobe products. Adobe Flash noticeably had fewer vulnerabilities compared to last year's 67 vulnerabilities, which marks a 43% decrease. That number may continue to drop as more browsers are disabling Flash by default and are now migrating to HTML5.¹³ Despite that, the presence of Adobe Flash zero-day vulnerabilities¹⁴ still leaves outdated systems vulnerable to attacks. For instance, an Adobe Flash zero day allowed attackers behind Pawn Storm to ramp up their spear-phishing campaigns against governments and embassies across the world.¹⁵

Meanwhile, Microsoft saw a 47% decrease in its vulnerabilities, with a total of 93 recorded vulnerabilities – down from the previous year's 175. While Internet Explorer still has the highest number of vulnerabilities among all Microsoft products, the total volume of the vulnerabilities found on the platform got significantly lower. From 121 recorded vulnerabilities in 2015, it came down to only 33, indicating a 73% decrease. There are a few factors which may have affected this drop. Apart from Microsoft offering bounty programs for bugs and vulnerabilities, the vendor has also been proactive in rolling out security patches. Instead of making individual bulletins for each patch available, Microsoft is pooling all the updates into a single monthly deployment.¹⁶ This streamlined approach is better at providing users with continued security.

Vendor	Product	2015 vs. 2016	
Microsoft		47%	▼
	Internet Explorer	73%	▼
	Office®	53%	▼
	Windows	26%	▼
	Edge	2,100%	
	MSXML	100%	▼
	Chakra	100%	
	.NET	100%	
	Reader	100%	
	Windows Media® Center	100%	
0Days		17%	▼
Android		206%	

Vendor	Product	2015 vs. 2016	
Adobe		8%	▼
	Flash	43%	▼
	Acrobat Reader DC	0%	
	Acrobat Pro DC	133%	
	Digital Edition	200%	
	Creative Cloud®	100%	
Apple		145%	
	iOS®	275%	
	OS X	189%	
	QuickTime®	57%	▼
	Safari®	175%	
SCADA		421%	

Table 2.Trend Micro and ZDI (with TippingPoint) discovered vulnerabilities 2015 versus 2016

The number of vulnerabilities found in Apple products, on the other hand, saw a considerable rise in 2016. There were 81 vulnerabilities in its products in 2016—a 145% increase from the 33 discovered vulnerabilities in 2015. Its desktop computing (OS X) and smartphone (iOS) products, both of which are used in enterprises, saw a 189% and 275% increase, respectively, in 2016. In October, attackers abused the iOS platform to replace a legitimate app in the App Store[®] with a malformed and enterprise-signed app. Through the repackaged and adware-laden apps, hackers were able to manipulate iOS's code signing process, and granted them access to a user's personally identifiable information (PII) and banking credentials.

Advantech's WebAccess had the most number of discovered vulnerabilities for 2016. These and other SCADA vulnerabilities can be leveraged to compromise critical components in industrial automation networks. Many essential services and utilities, like water and electricity, rely on SCADA so failing to secure these systems could lead to real-world risks. An example of which was the power outage caused by a malware called BlackEnergy. The attack was directed against a power grid, which left about half of the homes in a Ukrainian region with no access to electricity for several hours.¹⁸ For the list of other SCADA applications with discovered vulnerabilities, refer to Table 5 in the Threat Landscape in Review section.

As for mobile platforms, our data showed that Android vulnerabilities increased by 206% in 2016. A malware variant called DressCode allows attackers to gain access to internal networks every time devices with Trojanized apps are connected to them. At least 3,000 Trojanized apps were found in well-known Android markets and even Google Play.¹⁹

Knowing that there are a number of vulnerabilities on SCADA systems allows the private and public sectors to develop an efficient security framework before attackers can find ways to exploit them. Initiatives like ZDI (founded by TippingPoint) can help in this aspect. ZDI rewards security researchers for responsibly reporting vulnerabilities in various products and platforms. After these vulnerabilities are disclosed, vendors create and deliver the patches.

System administrators should make it a habit to apply security patches once they're made available. In the absence of official vendor fixes, they can use virtual patching is an interim solution that will help protect systems from possible zero days.

Mirai Botnet's Massive DDoS Attack Elevates IoT Security Conversation

Previously, attacks on IoT devices have only been proofs of concept (PoCs). Smart watches²⁰ and smart light bulbs²¹ were some of the connected devices that were repeatedly hacked by researchers to demonstrate how, with the right tools and methods, IoT devices can be exploited. All of these hacks have been isolated cases; none of which have been replicated on a massive scale.

During the last quarter of 2016, attackers—through the use of the Mirai botnet—targeted DNS provider Dyn with a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack.²² Attackers hijacked approximately 100,000 vulnerable IoT devices such as security cameras to be part of a botnet.²³ The large-scale attack against Dyn, which caused packet flow bursts of up to 50 times higher than its normal volume, forced various websites and services to go offline for several hours. Some of Dyn's clients include Twitter, Reddit, and Spotify.

Other reports of actual IoT device hacking also surfaced in recent months. FLOCKER ransomware on smart TVs, for example, pretends to be a law enforcement agency and accuses its victims of crimes they did not commit. After displaying the warning, FLOCKER locks the device and demands US\$200 worth of iTunes[®] gift cards.²⁴ Another incident left residents of two buildings in Finland out in the cold after a DDoS attack took the buildings' environmental control systems down.²⁵

These recent attacks should serve as a wake-up call to enterprises. Attackers can now use IoT to attack an organization from within or from the outside. Vulnerable IoT devices and systems inside a network can either be used as entry points for further attacks or they can be manipulated to disrupt operations. And whether or not organizations currently use IoT technology, they are still susceptible to business-halting outside threats like Mirai. End users should know that not all smart devices are built with security in mind. This makes users, therefore, responsible in securing their devices until all manufacturers implement robust security. Some of the first steps toward maintaining security are to change passwords frequently and to keep a device's firmware up-to-date. IoT devices are often sold with default passwords, and neglecting to change passwords is already a case for potential abuse. For enterprises, implementing stronger IoT security policies within organizations is a good start. They should also complement this by securing all the devices connected to their system.

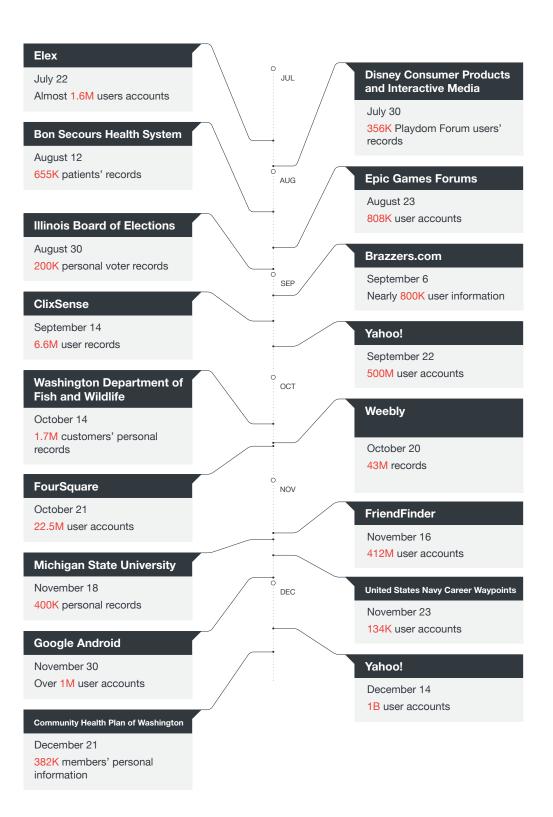
In the long run, the responsibility of providing IoT security lies heavily on the manufacturers. After all, not every user could be expected to be fully aware of the risks involved in an attack. Securing communication protocols and devices' software development kits (SDKs) can protect against potential exploits, privacy intrusions, and malware infections that can lead to DDoS attacks.

Biggest Data Breach in History Underscores Responsible Disclosure of Companies

Reports of a company suffering from a data breach are no longer a surprise. Time and again, we have seen how organizations—from education systems²⁶ to healthcare institutions²⁷—can become a victim of data breaches.

For instance, the recent Yahoo breach brought the issue of responsible disclosure to the fore. Yahoo has been under a lot of scrutiny for the late disclosure of an August 2013 data breach that exposed over 1 billion of their users' accounts—including names, dates of birth, email addresses, MD5-hashed passwords, and phone numbers.²⁸ This makes it the biggest data breach in history. The recent disclosure came three months after the company reported a separate breach in September, which involved 500 million accounts.

Yahoo was severely criticized for the way they handled user information and for the time it took them to disclose the breaches. The magnitude of this breach raised concerns and questions on users' data security. Such an event emphasized how a company's policies in securing customer data have an effect on their reputation. The crux of the matter is that companies are responsible for their customers' data and should make it a priority to be accountable to them. Responding to data breaches not only entails getting to the bottom of the intrusion, but it's also about informing customers as well. When Leoni AG was scammed out of millions of dollars, the company released a statement shortly after on their site. The statement includes details of the fraudulent activity, the extent of the impact, and how they responded to the attack. Doing so affirms an organization's commitment to protecting their customers' data and privacy.



Note: Of the data breaches with more than a hundred thousand records stolen, hacking was found to be the most common method. Additionally, reported data breaches in the U.S. reached an all-time record high in 2016, increasing by 40% over the 2015 figures.²⁹

Figure 6.Timeline of data breaches, 2H 2016

Data from privacyrights.org

Enterprises should have security solutions with breach detection systems that will allow them to monitor network traffic across all ports, spot any irregularities, and prevent attackers from infiltrating systems. Custom sandboxing can also provide enterprises the ability to analyze malware, detect any C&C activity, and identify other hacking techniques used in data breaches. Additionally, deploying machine learning techniques allows quick and accurate identification of whether network content—be it files or behaviors—are malicious or not.

Angler Leaves the Scene with Other Exploit Kits Rising

By the third quarter of the year, the once dominant Angler exploit kit disappeared. Following the arrest of 50 cybercriminals on June 2016,³⁰ Angler detections dwindled and ceased to exist. Since then, attackers switched to other exploit kits to up the ante.

The Neutrino exploit kit picked up the pace by distributing CRYPMIC, WALTRIX, and CERBER 4.0 ransomware.³¹ However, by September, there were lower access numbers of Neutrino as it dropped out of active circulation in the underground and moved to cater to select clientele.³² The Rig exploit kit also took advantage of Angler's absence when it distributed CERBER,³³ LOCKY,³⁴ and MILICRY ransomware in a malvertising campaign.³⁵ The campaign abuses legitimate services such as Google Maps, Imgur, and Pastee to infect systems and lock files with ransomware.

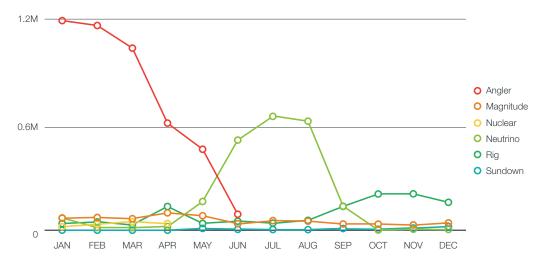


Figure 7. Number of access to exploit-kit-hosting URLs, 2016

Other exploit kits also had updates in their techniques. Bizarro Sundown was spotted in early October and was used to compromise sites and deliver two versions of LOCKY ransomware.³⁶ Sundown malware designers, on the other hand, incorporated steganography to hide their exploit code in seemingly harmless image files.³⁷

More exploit kits distributed ransomware in 2016. The recent variant of the notorious CERBER ransomware family, for example, was incorporated in several infection campaigns.³⁸ CERBER 4.0 emerged in early October and became popular to cybercriminals who wanted to use the malware in malvertising campaigns and to compromise sites. Neutrino, Magnitude, and Rig are three of the prominent exploit kits that delivered CERBER 4.0 in 2016. Compared to the time when Angler was in active distribution in 2015, 2016 saw a significant decrease in vulnerabilities included in exploit kits.

	Ransomware Delivered		
Exploit Kit	2015	2016	
	CRYPWALL	CRYPWALL	
	CRYPTESLA	CRYPTESLA	
Angler	CRILOCK	CRILOCK	
		WALTRIX	
		CRYPMIC	
	CRYPWALL	CRYPWALL	
	CRYPTESLA	CRYPTESLA	
Neutrino		CERBER	
Neutino		WALTRIX	
		LOCKY	
		CRYPMIC	
	CRYPWALL	CRYPWALL	
		CERBER	
Magnitude		LOCKY	
		MILICRY	
	CRYPWALL	GOOPIC	
	CRYPTESLA	CERBER	
		CRYPMIC	
Rig		LOCKY	
		CRYPHYDRA	
		CRYPTOLUCK	
		MILICRY	
	CRYPWALL	CRYPTESLA	
Nuclear	CRYPTESLA	LOCKY	
Nuclear	CRYPCTB		
	CRYPSHED		
		CRYPTOSHOCKER	
Sundown		LOCKY	
Sundown		PETYA	
		MILICRY	
Hunter		LOCKY	
Fiesta	CRYPTESLA		

Table 3.	Ransomware	families	delivered	by	exploit kits
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Figure 8. Exploits to specific vulnerabilities included in certain exploit kits, 2016

In 2015, there were a total of 17 recorded vulnerabilities that were included in exploit kits. By 2016, this number significantly dropped to five, marking a 71% overall decrease. Adobe Flash remained to be the product with the most number of vulnerabilities used by exploit kits. This number, however, decreased by 80% in 2016.

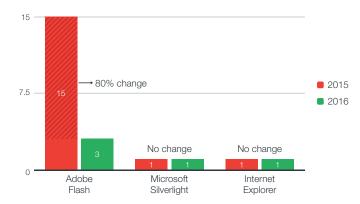


Figure 9. Number of specific vulnerabilities included in exploit kits 2015 versus 2016

Despite dwindling numbers in 2016, exploit kits still remained in the arsenal of many cybercriminals and attackers. Exploit kits still fit into malvertising, ransomware attacks, and other cybercriminal campaigns. The effectiveness of these kits against a platform or system is very much dependent on how secure or vulnerable it is. This is why the use of legacy systems puts enterprises at risk. It's always critical for organizations to keep their software and operating systems (OS) up-to-date with the latest security patches to ensure all they are protected from potential abuse.

Virtual patching can eliminate risk exposure by shielding vulnerabilities while an official patch is unavailable. Enterprises can look into this option for ease of deployment and better scalability without using up a lot of resources. Security solutions with high-fidelity machine learning can also help detect and block exploits in real time.

Bank Hacking Perseveres with Banking Trojans and ATM Malware Developments

With the use of malware and skimming cards, gaining quick profits from ATMs became easier for cybercriminals. ATM malware has been around for a while now, with the Skimer variant first observed in 2009. Since then, Skimer was recently updated to turn ATMs into skimming machines.³⁹



Figure 10. ATM malware families and their geographical origins⁴⁰

One of the primary reasons cybercriminals continue to use ATM malware is because many of the machines still run outdated operating systems like Windows[®] XP Embedded. This particular OS is vulnerable since Microsoft already ended support for it in 2016,⁴¹ meaning all systems running Windows XP Embedded may be susceptible to attacks since the vendor will no longer release security patches.

To diversify their attacks, cybercriminals continued to use different variants of ATM malware. Recently we discovered a bare-bones ATM malware called ALICE that had been in the wild since October 2014.⁴² What makes ALICE particularly noteworthy is that it makes no attempt to connect to other ATM-specific hardware, such as the machine's numeric pad, in order to empty an ATM's safe. It also has no elaborate install or uninstall mechanism. It works as soon the cybercriminal runs the executable in the target environment.

ALICE's design suggests that a cybercriminal would need to physically open the ATM and infect the machine by using a CD-ROM or USB. The criminal would then need to connect a keyboard to the machine's motherboard to execute the malware.

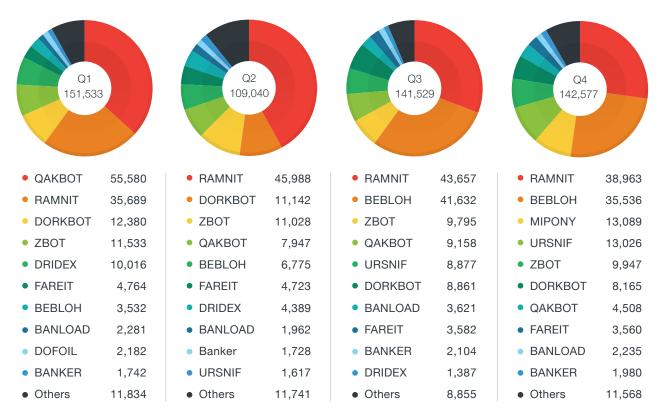


Figure 11. Top banking malware families, 2016

On the other hand, banking Trojans still shared the spotlight for banking-related threats. Earlier this year, QAKBOT detections reemerged after the malware authors of the DYRE/DYREZA banking malware were arrested.⁴³ By the second quarter of the year, however, the RAMNIT banking Trojan resurfaced with two new live attack servers and a new C&C server.⁴⁴ The banking Trojan's long period of silence, since the attempted takedown of RAMNIT servers in 2015,⁴⁵ ended when RAMNIT targeted major banks in the United Kingdom.⁴⁶ The banking Trojan also managed to maintain its presence toward the end of the year.

As ATM malware and banking Trojans continue to spread, banking institutions are responsible for guaranteeing the security of their systems by ensuring the physical security of their ATMs, updating operating systems, and devoting the time to regularly inspect and address any software vulnerabilities with equipment manufacturers. We also recommend implementing solutions that provide application control and whitelisting. Deploying such features will block the installation or usage of applications that are not included in the whitelist.

When it comes to the responsibility of securing online transactions, consumers also have a role to play. After all, they are also exposed to these banking-related threats every time they perform on-site and online banking transactions. Through the use of banking malware, for example, cybercriminals may gain access to a user's PII and credentials. Knowing this, users should regularly change banking-related passwords and/or PINs and remain vigilant when doing online transactions. Enterprises should also adopt endpoint machine solutions with advanced anti-malware protection and employ two-factor authentication on their sites to secure online banking sessions. Additionally, it is also recommended for bank users to secure various entry points such as web, file, and email.

Threat Landscape in Review

Over 81 billion threats were blocked by the Trend Micro[™] Smart Protection Network[™] in 2016, a 56% increase from the total number of blocked threats in 2015. This increase is largely drawn from the total number of email threats blocked throughout the year and is consistent with the growth of ransomware and BEC, which are both widely propagated through email or spam.

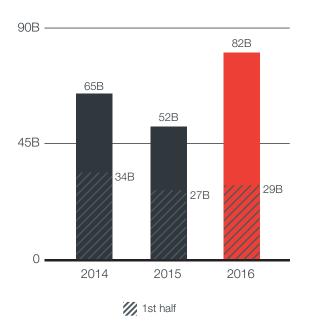
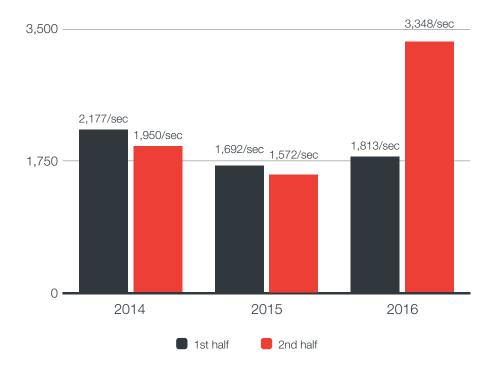


Figure 12. Overall threats blocked by the Trend Micro Smart Protection Network, 2016





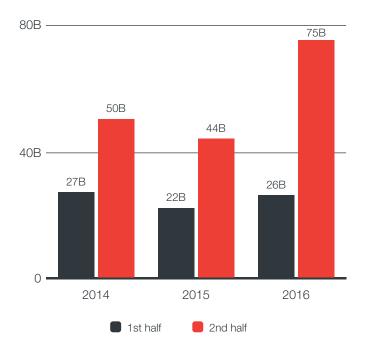


Figure 14. Number of email threats blocked, 2016

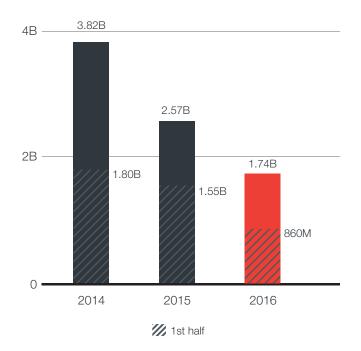


Figure 15. Number of malicious URLs blocked, 2016

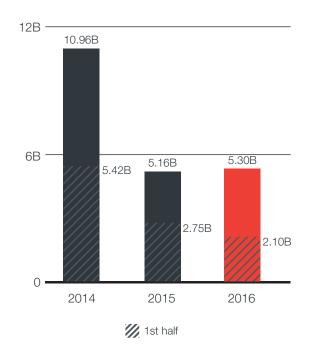
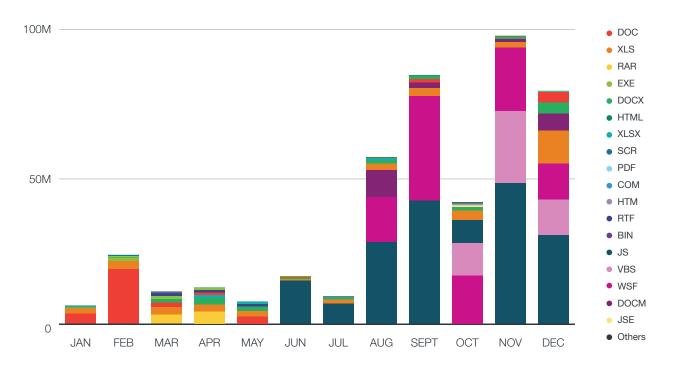


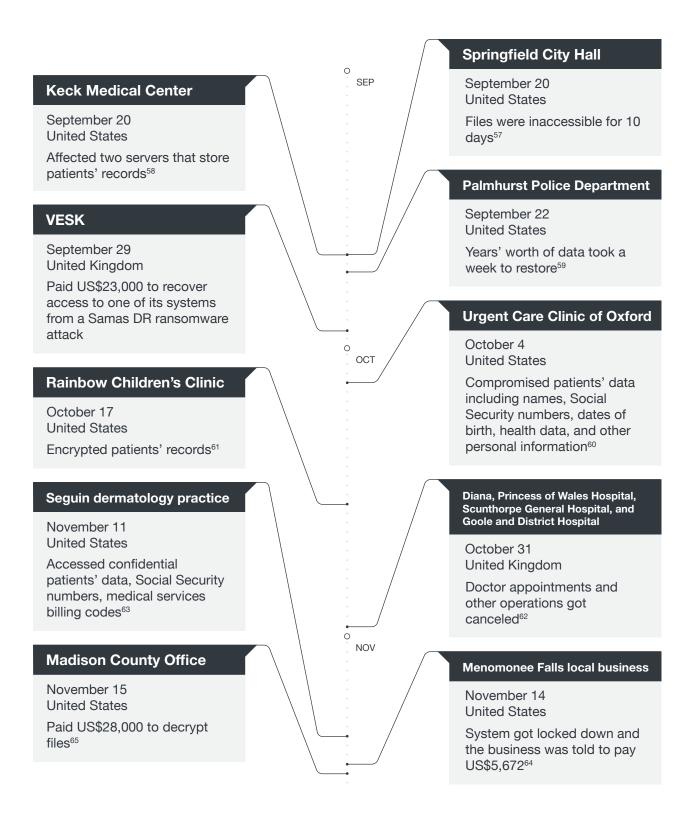
Figure 16. Number of malicious files blocked, 2016



The upsurge of JavaScript attachments in spam from the month of June is primarily caused by ransomware-related spam.

Figure 17. Top file attachments seen in ransomware-related spam according to file type, 2016 Note: The significant surge in JavaScript attachments in November was caused by NEMUCOD, a known ransomware dropper. LOCKY ransomware distributed via email also contributed to this surge.

University Gastroenterology July 11 United States Encrypted files from file storage system from an acquired practice ⁴⁷	O JUL	Woodbury County Office July 20 United States Encrypted 3,700 files without backup ⁴⁸
United States United Food and Commercial Workers Local 655 Pension Fund July 21 United States Potentially accessed information of current and former members of a union in Missouri. ⁴⁹		Marin Medical Practices Concepts July 26 United States Lost 5,000 patient records and 2 weeks' worth of backup ⁵⁰
New Jersey Spine Center July 27 United States Paid undisclosed amount of ransom to gain access to encrypted files ⁵¹	O AUG	Sarasota City Hall August 20 United States Shut down all computer systems for more than a day ⁵²
Appalachian Regional Hospitals August 27 United States Forced to do manual work due to locked-down system ⁵³		Kobe University September 7 Japan One of the PCs infected stored students' personal records ⁵⁴
The North Dakota Department of Mineral ResourcesSeptember 12 United StatesVictim was told to pay US\$350, but data was restored in 24 hours through off-site backup data55	SEPT	Yuba-Sutter Medical Clinic September 12 United States Disrupted operations due to limited access to data ⁵⁶



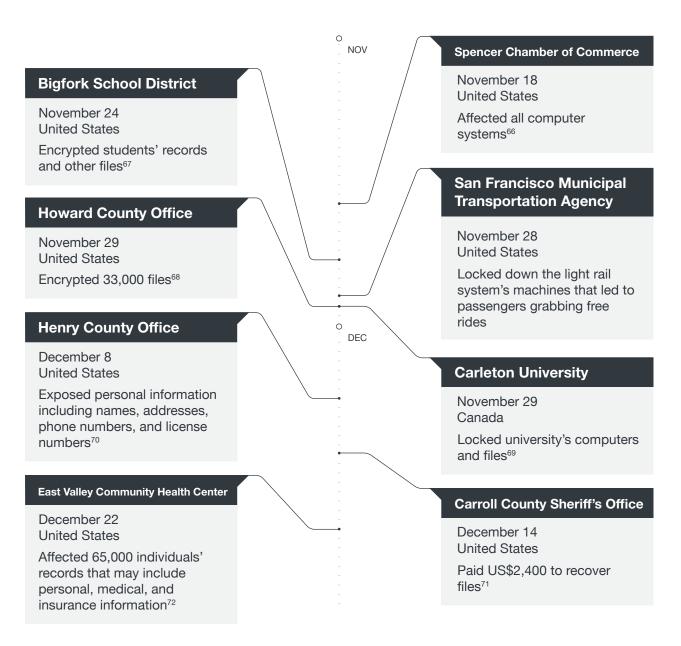


Figure 18. Ransomware incidents made public, 2H 2016

JAN	LECTOOL	EMPER	CRYPRADAM	MEMEKAP
JAN	CRYPNISCA	CRYPJOKER	CRYPRITU	
	CRYPGPCODE	CRYPHYDRA 1.0	CRYPDAP	CRYPZUQUIT
=EB	MADLOCKER	LOCKY		
	CERBER	CRYPAURA	KERANGER	TESLA
	MAKTUB	SURPRISE	PETYA	POWERWARE 1.0
/IAR	CRYPTOSO	COVERTON	CRYPTOHASU	KIMCIL
	CRYPTEAR 1.0	CRYPSAM		
	CRYPSALAM	CRYPTOHOST 1.0	XORBAT	JIGSAW
P R	WALTRIX	ZIPPY	EMPER 2.0	CRYPVAULT
	CRYPCORE	CRYPLIKI	CRYPALPHA	
	ROKKU	BRLOCK	CRYPMAME	SHUJIN
	AUTOLOCKY	MISCHA	WALTRIX 2.0	ENIGMA
1AY	SNSLOCK	BLOCCATO	TAKALOCKER	BADBLOCK
	ZCRYPT	ELFACRYPT	LOCKSCAM	DEMOCRY
	BUCBI	CRYPDAP	CRIPTODC	
	JIGSAW 2.0	WALTRIX 3.0	CRYPHERBST	CRYPEDA
	CRYPAGA	WALTRIX 4.0	GOOPIC	APOCALYPSE
	JSRAA	CRYPCUTE	CYPHERKEY	CRYPKEYIV
UN	CRYPSHOCKER	WHITELOCK	LOCKRVTN	JOKOZY
	MIRCOP	XORIST	BART	CRYPMIC 1.0
	SATANA	ZIRBAM		
	CRYPMIC 2.0	FAKELOCK	ALFA	ZIPTB
	RUSHTEAR	WALTRIX 5.0	JUSINOMEL	SANCTEAR
UL	HOLYCRYPT	STAMPADO 1.0	POWERWARE 2.0	NOOBCRYPT
	TILDE	JAGER	UYARITEAR	CRYPBEE
	BANKTEAR	BAKSOCUTE	VENUSLOCK	TELANATEAR
	CERBER 2.0	SHINOLOCK	LERITH	REKTEDA
	CRYPHYDRA 2.0	CRYPZXAS	POGOTEAR	CRYPTOHOST 2.0
	SHARKRAAS	CRYPTLOCK	KAOTEAR	FSOCEDA
UG	ATILOCKTEAR	DETOXCRYPTO 1.0	SCRNLOCKER	ALMALOCK
	PURGE	BART 2.0	WILDFIRE	DOMINO
	FANTOMCRYPT	CERBER 3.0	ELFREXDDOS	SERPICO
	CRYPMIC 3.0			
	CUCKTOX	RARVAULT	HDDCRYPTOR	CRYPTEAR 2.0
	KAWAIILOCKER	STAMPADO 2.0	CRYPY	EDALOCK
	ATOM	HIDDENTEARDEVMARE	HIDDENTEARBLACKFEATHER	FENIX
EP	JOKEMARS	EREBUS	DETOXCRYPTO 2.0	HORCRUX
	CRYPTTRX	PRINCESSLOCKER	STOPI	NULLBYTE
	MILICRY	CRYSIS		
	ENCRYPTILE	EDA2MASTERBUSTER	ESMERALDA	JACKPOT
	COMLINE	EDA2BLA	TENSEC	LOCK93
	CRYPTBTN	WILCRYPT	ANGRYDUCK	SHOR7CUT
	CLICKMEG	EDA2ANUBIS	EXOTIC	NUCLEAR
СТ	VENIS	ENIGMA	HIDDENTEARSHADOW	SONIDO
	COMCIRCLE	KOSTYA	HIDDENTEARAPT	CRYPTGO
	HADESLOCK	ALCATRAZ	HIDDENTEARNOTORIOUS	EDA2NOTORIOUS
	CRYPTOTROOPER	EDA2JANBLEED	KILLERLOCKER	LERITH 2.0

	MATRIX	CRYPHYDRA	PSHELL	CRYSIS 2.0
	CRYPSHED	HIDDENTEARDECRYPTOR	SPICYCRYPT	VINDOWS
	LOMIX	EDA2RUNSOME	RUNELOCKER	CERBER 5.0.1
	CERBER 5.0.0	CERBER 4.1.6	CRYPTASN1	HIDDENTEARHOLLY
	RARLOCK	CRYPTOWIRE	CHIP	HOTDEM
NOV	EXOSHELL	RANSOC	HAPPYLOCKER	PROTOBTC
NOV	CRYPTON	CITOXE	CRYPTOLUCK	SURVEYLOCK
	KARMA	HIDDENTEARHAPPY	PCLOCK	TELECRYPT
	AIRACROP	ILOCKED	HIDDENTEARFSOCIETY	CRYPAYSAFE
	HIDDENTEARCERBER	PAYDOS	ISHTAR	GREMIT
	SMASHLOCK	ZEROCRYPT	HIDDENTEARHCRYPTO	DXXD
	RAZYCRYPT			
	HIDDENTEARGUSTER	ADAMLOCK	BADCRIPT	HIDDENTEARKOKO
	BRAINCRYPT	DERIALOCK	SEOIRSE	FREROGA
	MFESTUS	DONATO	AYTEP	CRYPBLOCK
DEC	CRYPTORIUM	CRYPEXTXX	SCRLOCKER	LEVILOCK
	ANTIX	GOLDENEYE	POPCORNTYM	DESBLOQ
	CERBER 5.0.x	MICROP	EDGELOCKER	

Note: Ransomware families discovered in the first half of 2016 have been updated.

Table 4. New ransomware families seen, 2016

Vendor	Product name
ABB	DataManagerPro
Advantech	SUSIAccess
Advantech	WebAccess
Delta	Delta Industrial Automation
Eaton	ELCSoft
Ecava	IntegraXor
Fatek	Fatek Automation
IBHsoftec	S7-SoftPLC

Vendor	Product name
Panasonic	FPWINPro
Pro-face	GP-Pro EX
Rockwell Automation	RSLogix Micro Starter Lite
Schneider Electric	SoMachine HVAC
Siemens	SINEMA Server
Trihedral	VTScada
Unitronics	VisiLogic
We-con	Levistudio

Table 5. SCADA applications with discovered vulnerabilities, 2016

2015 Total	714	2016 Total	765
High:	37.96%	High:	37.12%
Medium:	60.22%	Medium:	61.44%
Low:	1.54%	Low:	1.05%

Note: While there is an increase in the number of vulnerabilities discovered and reported, most of the vulnerabilities are categorized as having Medium impact (according to the Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) rating). In addition, a very small percentage of the total vulnerabilities have no CVSS scores as of this writing.

Table 6. Trend Micro and ZDI CVSS stats

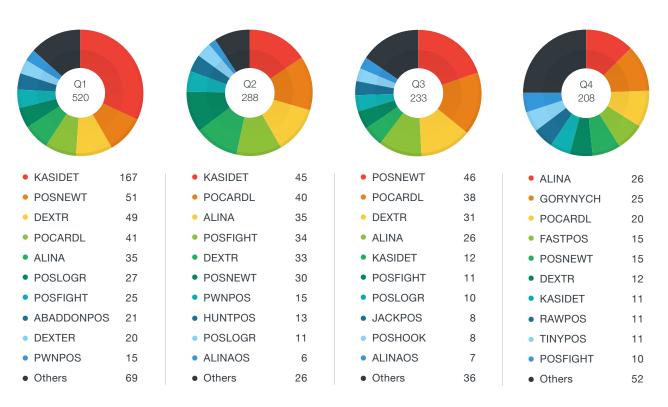


Figure 19. Top PoS malware families, 2016

	Database	Website	SQL	Tax	CAD	VD
SATANA	•			•	•	
BART	•	•	•			•
MIRCOP	•	•	•			
JOKOZY	•					
CRYPSHOCKER	•		•	•	•	
CRYPKEYIV	•	•	•			
CRYPCUTE	•	•	•		•	
JSRAA	•				•	
JIGSAW 2.0	•	•	•		•	
WALTRIX 3.0	•	•	•		•	•
CRYPEDA		•				
WALTRIX 4.0	•	•	•		•	•
XORIST	•		•		•	
CRYPMIC 1.0	•	•	•		•	•
CRYPMAME	•	•	•	•		
ROKKU	•	•	•	•	•	
AUTOLOCKY	•	•			•	
MISCHA	•	•	•		•	
WALTRIX 2.0	•	•	•		•	•
ENIGMA	•	•	•		•	•
TAKALOCKER		•	•			
BADBLOCK	•	•	•		•	
ZCRYPT	•	•	•		•	
ELFACRYPT	•				•	
CRYPDAP	•	•	•		•	
CRIPTODC	•		•	•	•	
CRYPTOHOST 1.0	•	•			•	•
XORBAT	•	•	•		•	
JIGSAW	•	•	•		•	•
WALTRIX	•	•			•	•

	Database	Website	SQL	Tax	CAD	VD
ZIPPY	•		•			
EMPER 2.0			•		•	
CRYPVAULT		•				
CRYPCORE	•				•	
CRYPLIKI	•		•	•	•	
CRYPALPHA	•	•	•		•	•
CERBER	•		•		•	
CRYPAURA	•	•	•		•	
KERANGER	•		•	•	•	
TESLA	•		•	•	•	
MAKTUB	•	•	•	•	•	
PETYA	•	•	•	•	•	
CRYPTOSO	•	•	•		•	
KIMCIL	•	•	•			
CRYPTEAR 1.0	•	•			•	
CRYPSAM	•				•	
CRYPGPCODE	•	•	•	•	•	
CRYPDAP	•	•				
MADLOCKER	•	•	•			•
LOCKY	•		•			
LECTOOL	•		•			
EMPER	•		•		•	
CRYPRADAM	•	•	•	•	•	
CRYPNISCA	•	•	•			
CRYPJOKER	•	•	•		•	
CRYPRITU	•	•	•		•	
SANCTEAR		•	•			
CRYPBEE				•	•	•
VENUSLOCK		•				•
REKTEDA		•	•			
POGOTEAR		•	•			

	Database	Website	SQL	Tax	CAD	VD
BAKSOCUTE		•			•	
ATILOCKTEAR		•	•			
SHOR7CUT		•				
LOCK93	•	•			•	
ISHTAR	•			•		
HIDDENTEARCERBER	•	•	•		•	
HIDDENTEARFSOCIETY	•	•	•		•	
HIDDENTEARHAPPY	•	•	•		•	
CRYPTOLUCK	•	•	•		•	
CRYPTON	•					
HIDDENTEARHOLLY	•	•				
EDA2RUNSOME	•	•	•		•	
HIDDENTEARDECRYPTOR	•	•	•			
HIDDENTEARKOKO	•	•	•		•	
CRYPMIC 2.0	•		•		•	
ALFA	•		•		•	
RUSHTEAR		•	•			
WALTRIX 5.0	•		•			•
HOLYCRYPT	•	•	•			
STAMPADO 1.0	•	•			•	
POWERWARE 2.0				•	•	
UYARITEAR	•				•	
HDDCRYPTOR						
JOKEMARS	•	•	•	•	•	
EREBUS	•	•	•	•		•
DETOXCRYPTO 2.0	•		•		•	
PRINCESSLOCKER	•		•		•	
DXXD	•		•			•
EDA2JANBLEED	•		•			

	Database	Website	SQL	Tax	CAD	VD
HADESLOCK	•		•		•	•
HIDDENTEARAPT	•	•	•		•	
KOSTYA	•					
HIDDENTEARSHADOW	•	•	•			
ENIGMA	•		•		•	
CRYPTBTN	•					
EDA2BLA	•	•	•			
ZEROCRYPT		•				
CRYPHYDRA	•	•	•	•	•	
PSHELL						
CRYSIS 2.0	•			•	•	
CRYPSHED		•			•	
SPICYCRYPT	•	•	•		•	
VINDOWS	•	•	•			
HOTDEM	•	•	•	•	•	
PROTOBTC	•			•	•	
CITOXE	•	•	•		•	
PCLOCK	•				•	
HIDDENTEARGUSTER	•	•	•			
SEOIRSE	•	•	•			
ANTIX	•	•	•		•	•
GOLDENEYE	•	•	•		•	
POPCORNTYM	•	•	•	•	•	•
MIRCOP	•	•	•			

Table 7. Business-related files encrypted by known ransomware families, 2016

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