



# **Global Internet Security Threat Landscape 2018**

**ITU Workshop on Advanced Cyber Security Attacks and  
Ransomware**

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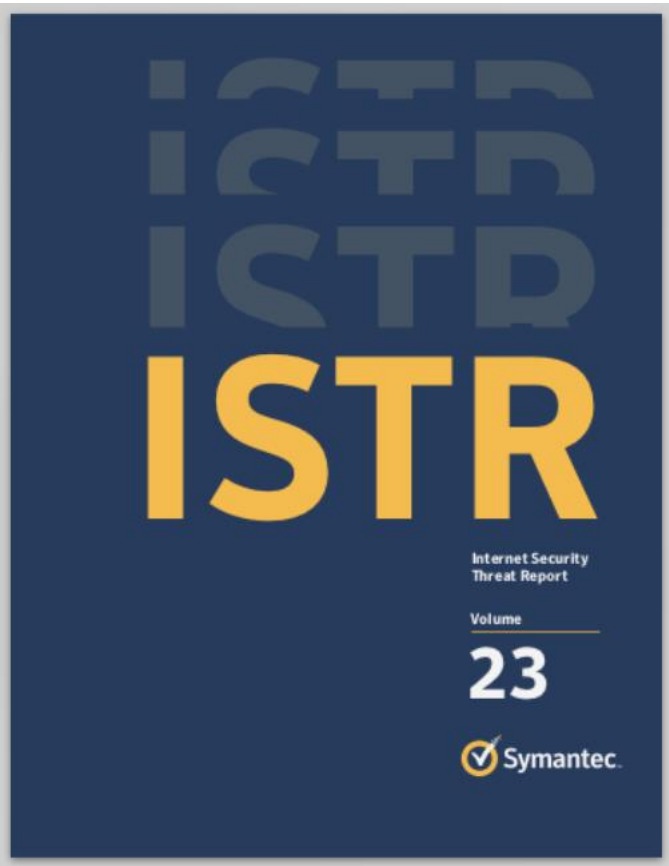
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# Threats



Negligent Employee



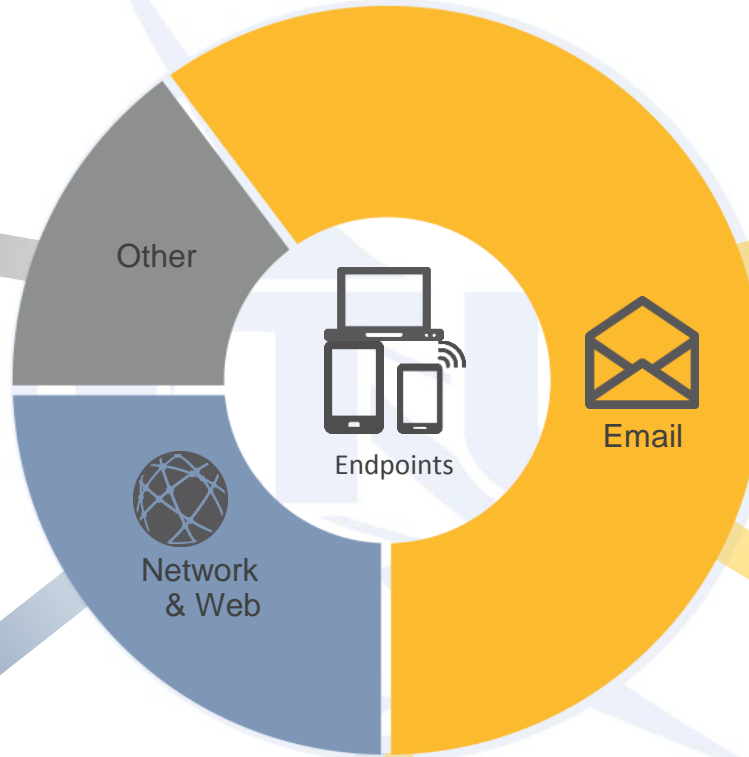
Spear-Phishing attacks



Advanced Malware



Spam



Other



Endpoints



Email



Network & Web



Malicious Websites



Ransomware



# Big Numbers

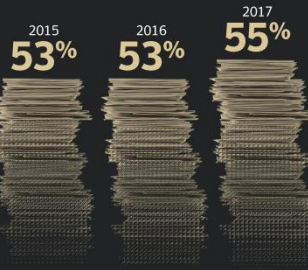
## Web Threats

**More than 1 Billion**  
Web requests analyzed each day  
Up 5% from 2016

**1 in 13**  
Web requests lead to malware  
Up 3% from 2016

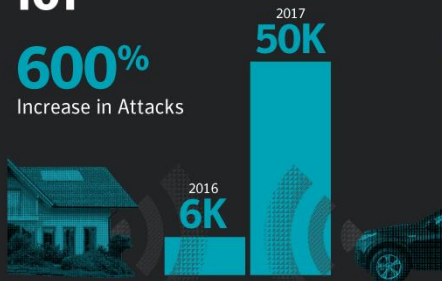
## Email

Percentage Spam Rate



## IoT

**600%**  
Increase in Attacks



## Vulnerabilities

Overall increase in reported vulnerabilities

**13%**

## Malware

**92%**  
Increase in new downloader variants

**80%**  
Increase in new malware on Macs

**8,500%**

Increase in coinminer detections

## Ransomware

**5.4B**

WannaCry attacks blocked

**46%**

Increase in new ransomware variants

## Mobile

Number of new variants

2016  
**17K**

2017  
**27K**

**24,000**

Average number of malicious mobile apps blocked each day

Increase in mobile malware variants

**54%**

**29%**

Increase in industrial control system (ICS) related vulnerabilities

# Some Key Findings

- **Cryptojacking Attacks Explode by 8,500 Percent**
- **Implanted Malware Grows by 200 Percent, Compromising Software Supply Chain**
- **Mobile Malware Continues to Surge**
- **Business-Savvy Cyber Criminals Price Ransomware for Profit**
- **Majority of Targeted Attackers Use Single Method to Infect Victims**

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# Crypto Jacking Predictions



## BOTNETS

Distributed mining, either through conventional botnets of malware-infected computers and IoT devices or browser-based coinminers, hosted on websites.



## TARGETING ORGANIZATIONS

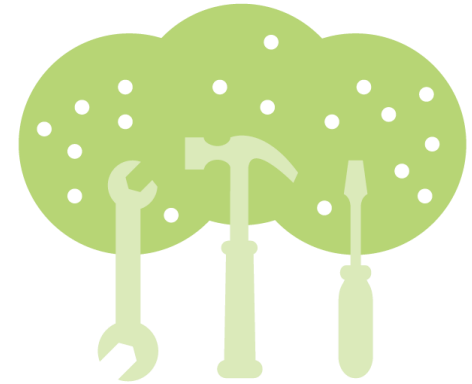
Targeting of corporate or organizational networks in order to harness the power of servers or supercomputers.



## CLOUD HIJACKING

Cloud services offer the possibility of high-powered mining. This has a possible financial impact on cloud customers where they pay based on CPU usage.

# Living off the Land



## Definition: Living off the land

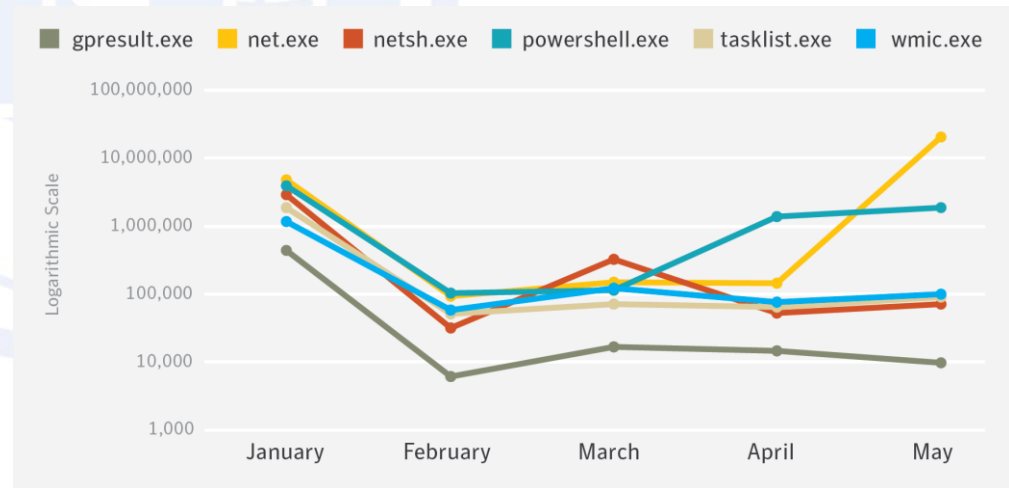
Only pre-installed software is used by the attacker and no additional binary executables are installed onto the system

Fileless Attacks

Memory Only Attacks

Dual- Use Tools

Targeted Attack Groups





# Supply Chain Attacks

## 2017

## 2015

**APR** EvLog update compromised with malware

**MAY** Japanese Word Processor tool used to install malware

**JUN** XcodeGhost: Malware found in Apple dev environment

**DEC** Backdoor found in Juniper Networks firewall

## 2016

**SEP** S. Korean security software used to install malware

**OCT** Attackers hijack Brazilian Bank's entire DNS

**NOV** Ask Network Toolbar used to install malware

**DEC** Ask Partner Network updater used to install malware

**FEB** • Trojanized version of Yeecall Pro for Android used to RAT  
• Kingslayer campaign hijacks sysadmin software updates

**MAR** Adobe reader installer bundled with malware

**MAY** • Handbrake video tool used to install malware  
• Operation WilySupply compromises editing tool updates

**JUN** M.E.Doc updater used to distribute Petya/NotPetya

**JUL** ePrca pharmacy software installs backdoor Trojan

**AUG** • CCleaner tool injected with malware  
• Backdoor found in NetSarang server mgmt. software

**SEP** • Modified Python modules found on official repository  
• "ExpensiveWall" malware found in Android SDK

**OCT** Elmedia Player for OSX bundled with malware

**NOV** Bitcoin Gold wallet replaced with malware

**DEC** Wordpress Plugins used to install Backdoors



# Cybercrime Trends

## Ransomware

Detections stable at 1,242 per day in 2017 (-2%)  
Downloader detections increased by 92%  
46% increase in new ransomware variants  
Average ransom down to \$522 from \$1,070

## Shift to other attacks

To coin mining e.g. VenusLocker shifted from ransomware to crypto mining  
To financial Trojans e.g. Emotet activity increased by 2,000% in Q4

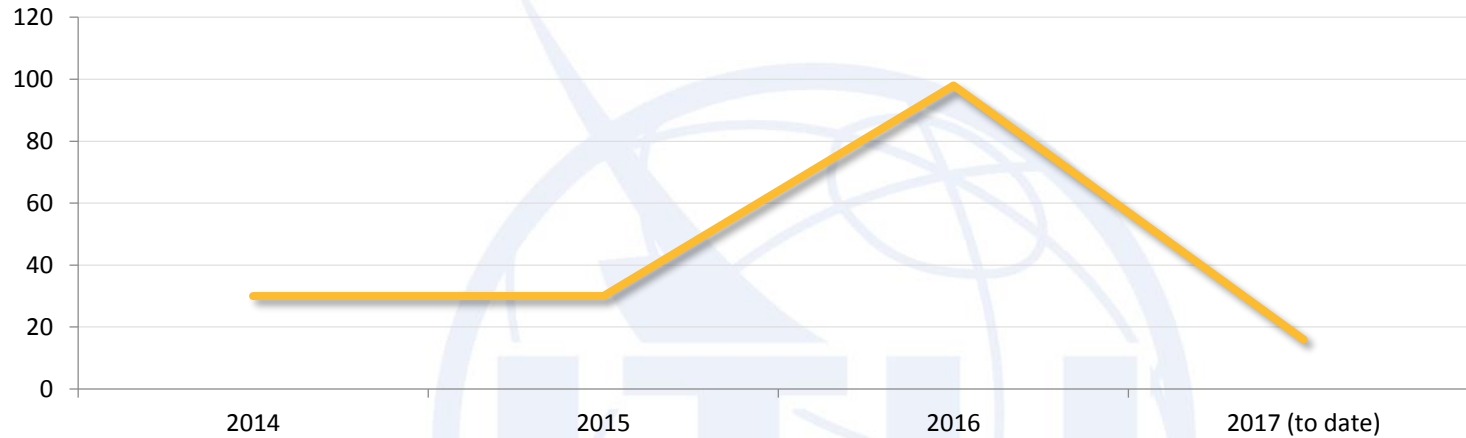


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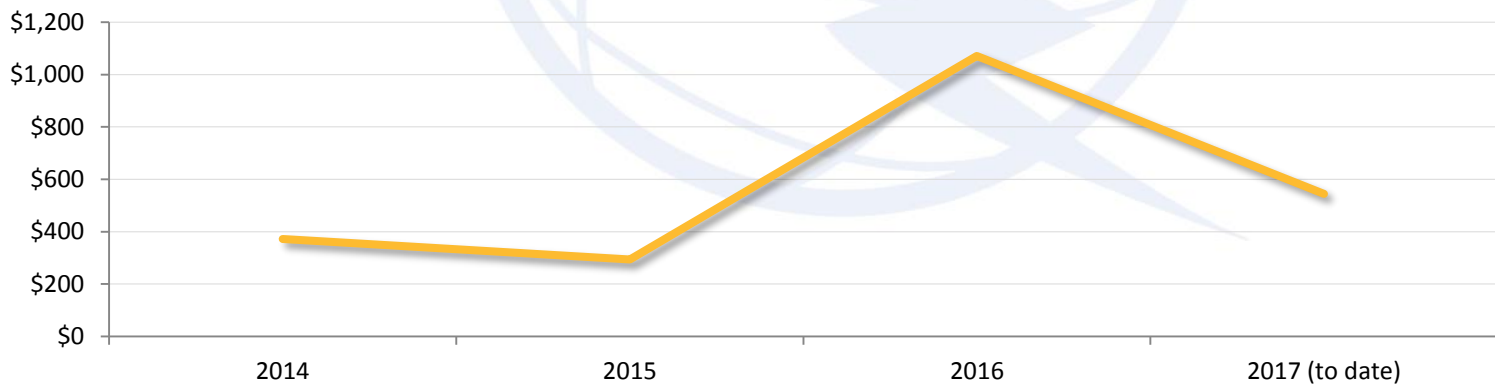


- The advent of worm-type ransomware is a new and highly disruptive avenue of attack
- Businesses in particular are most at risk to worm-type threats, which can spread in minutes across poorly secured networks
- Infection numbers are continuing to trend upwards, powered by the WannaCry and Petya outbreaks
- Average ransom appears to have stabilized at \$544, indicating attackers may have found their “sweet spot”
- The U.S. is still the country most affected by ransomware, followed by Japan, Italy, India, Germany, Netherlands, UK, Australia, Russia, and Canada

# Families

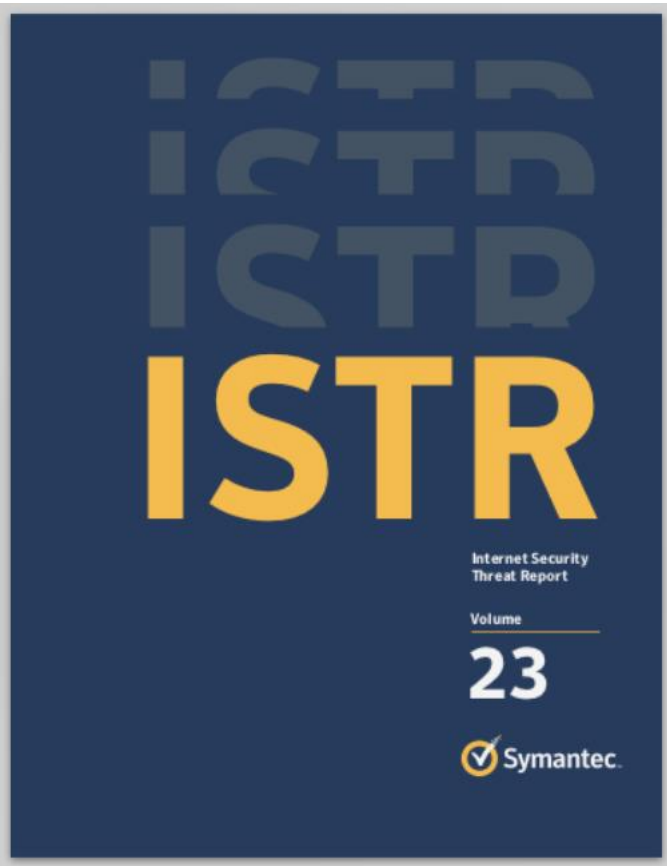


# Ransom



**34% - 64%**





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