

Threat Group Cards: A Threat Actor Encyclopedia

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Tool: PipeMon

Names	PipeMon
Category	Malware
Type	Backdoor
Description	<p>(ESET) In February 2020, we discovered a new, modular backdoor, which we named PipeMon. Persisting as a Print Processor, it was used by the Winnti Group against several video gaming companies that are based in South Korea and Taiwan and develop MMO (Massively Multiplayer Online) games. Video games developed by these companies are available on popular gaming platforms and have thousands of simultaneous players.</p> <p>In at least one case, the malware operators compromised a victim’s build system, which could have led to a supply-chain attack, allowing the attackers to trojanize game executables. In another case, the game servers were compromised, which could have allowed the attackers to, for example, manipulate in-game currencies for financial gain.</p>
Information	< https://www.welivesecurity.com/2020/05/21/no-game-over-winnti-group/ >
MITRE ATT&CK	< https://attack.mitre.org/software/S0501/ >
Malpedia	< https://malpedia.caad.fkie.fraunhofer.de/details/win.pipemon >

Last change to this tool card: 30 December 2022

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All groups using tool PipeMon

Changed	Name	Country	Observed
APT groups			

	APT 41		2012-Jul 2025	
	Earth Lusca		2019-Sep 2024	

2 groups listed (2 APT, 0 other, 0 unknown)

Source: <https://apt.eta.da.or.th/cgi-bin/listgroups.cgi?u=6e57fffd-aa82-4059-b3a3-9b8b8d2d834c>